Members present: Barton, Eiskant, Eckert
Members attending remotely: Lampkin, Sauerwein
Members absent: Todd, Watkins

Also present were: Superintendent Brian Mentzer, Assistant Superintendent Dustin Bilbruck, Director of Alternative Education Andrea Gannon, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Melissa Taylor, Director of Human Resources and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Marshaun Warren, Principal Josh Lane, and Principal Rich Mertens.

The meeting link was provided to individuals who requested to attend the meeting remotely.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, that a closed session be called at 6:31 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or office of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); purchase or lease of real property by the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10); pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and discussion of the minutes of a meeting that was lawfully closed under OMA, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

The board returned to open session at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held January 11, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,156,396.53, bills in the amount of $9,144,846.51, and the treasurer’s report for month ending January 31, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the amended 2020-2021 district calendar, exhibit 1. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Marlene Astor addressed the board during public participation regarding cultural proficiency training.

Mr. Mertens and Dr. Lane reported on the return of student activities and sports, academic intervention days, and school wide registration.

Mrs. Warren reported the Racial Equity Committee is finalizing the next professional development for faculty and staff. The committee is being trained in the Cultural Proficiency Framework this semester, and will support staff beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. A monthly newsletter will be distributed to keep staff aware of the committee’s work and to share resources to support teachers.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the retirement request of Royann Touchett, West bookstore manager, effective April 30, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Janna Owens as a Belleville East Speech Language Pathologist for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Valaree Logan as a Belleville West School Psychologist Intern for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve Jeff Heidorn for a 6th assignment in Self-Contained ED at Belleville East for second semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of Learning Lab assignments for second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, exhibit 2. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of changes to Co-Curricular and Volunteer Coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, exhibit 3. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of changes in transportation personnel and at-will bus drivers for the 2020-2021 school year, exhibit 4. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment contract of Josh Lane, Principal, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment contract of Richard Bass, Associate Principal, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment contract of Malcolm Hill, Associate Principal, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Eckert
Nays:  None

Mrs. Gannon reported on enrollment at the Alternative Programs, ELL testing, and the Running Start Program. Additional night school classes are being offered to assist students who failed first semester. This will offer them the opportunity to recover credit before summer school.

Mr. Bilbruck reported district finances are comparable with last year. The State of Illinois continues to make both state aid and mandated categorical payments. The board will be asked to approve a resolution to establish a line of credit next month.

Ms. Taylor reviewed items in her report including special education enrollment and state testing. The SAT assessment, mandated state testing program, is scheduled on April 13. There is not an online option.

Dr. Mentzer was pleased to report that our area was moved to Phase 4 last Thursday, which allowed for the return of some extra-curricular activities. He discussed the spring plan and summer school. He has been in regular communication with the St. Clair County Health Department regarding vaccinations for employees.

The School Board met in closed session to conduct its semi-annual review of closed session minutes that have not been released for public inspection. The closed meeting minutes, or portions thereof, from the following dates no longer require confidential treatment:

- July 20, 2020, exhibit 5
- August 17, 2020, exhibit 6
- September 21, 2020, exhibit 7
- October 19, 2020, exhibit 8
- November 16, 2020, exhibit 9
- December 14, 2020, exhibit 10

The need for confidentiality still exists as to all remaining closed meeting minutes to protect an individual’s privacy or the District’s interests.
Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the board’s semi-annual review of unreleased closed meeting minutes and to release for public inspection those minutes, or portions thereof, that the Board identified as no longer needing confidential treatment. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to accept the proposal from Cengage Learning for the purchase of Big Ideas Math: A Bridge to Success Algebra 2 textbooks and materials in the amount of $108,160.00. exhibit 11. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Lampkin, to approve the new Belleville East Club, Esports Team, exhibit 12. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the new Belleville East Club and activity account, Tri Music Honor Society, exhibit 13. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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Secretary