Members present: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Members attending remotely: None
Members absent: None

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. Lampkin 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); sale or purchase of securities, investment, or investment contracts, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(7); 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); and pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held February 8, 2021 and the special board meeting and closed session held February 12, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,414,366.59, bills in the amount of $2,603,108.60, and the treasurer’s report for month ending February 28, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None
Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the 2021-2022 district calendar, exhibit 1, and to approve the amended 2020-2021 district calendar, exhibit 2. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Judge Cruz provided information to the board during public participation on behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Their chapter has chosen to incorporate service to our youth and develop a networking relationship with the Greater St. Clair County area schools including District 201 as part of their community service. Informational packets regarding 4 - $1,000 scholarships being offered will also be sent to the schools.

Mr. Mertens and Dr. Lane reported on student activities and sports, academic intervention days, and SAT testing.

Dr. Mentzer recognized board members, Pat Watkins and Carol Eckert, for their service to the Board of Education and presented each of them with a plaque. Mr. Watkins is concluding his four year term as a Board Member, and Carol Eckert is finishing her two year term as Board President.

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Lampkin, to approve the resignation of Jacob Campbell, Social Studies teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the employment of Michele Robinson, Belleville East School Psychologist, for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Miranda Kuchta, School Psychologist, for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None
Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Kristal Dennis, Assistant Principal Administrative Assistant, effective March 17, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, 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, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the 6th assignment in Health Occupations for Kaitlynn Buettner; 6th assignment in Remote Algebra for Matt Nimmons; and the lunch hour learning lab assignment for Doug Schieppe for 2nd semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of changes in 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, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon was pleased to report that eleven Alternative School students have returned to in-person instruction and are passing their classes as a result of attending classes on one of the Academic Intervention Days. These days have made a positive impact on the students.

Mr. Bilbruck reported district finances are still trending with last year's. We are expecting the final property tax distribution in the near future. The district is seeking cyber security insurance quotes and will have a recommendation next month.

ISBE announced that only juniors, and seniors who did not test in October, will be required to take the SAT on April 13. The writing portion of the SAT has been waived this year. The district was given the option to wait until the fall to administer the Illinois Science Assessment.

Ms. Taylor provided data on MDRs and initial special education referrals.
Dr. Mentzer reported the district will maintain the current educational setting for this year. Almost 600 students attended the Academic Intervention Days. We are currently offering two evening learning labs for students and will soon be adding a third. The district is currently working on plans for summer school and next school year. Dr. Mentzer noted that one year ago yesterday the administration worked all weekend in preparation for the school closure due to COVID.

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a taxable tax anticipation promissory note of Township High School District No. 201, St. Clair County, Illinois, in a principal amount not to exceed $8,000,000; authorizing the execution and delivery of a line of credit agreement; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, exhibit 5. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the Resolution to adopt the Teachers’ Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan, exhibit 6. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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