Members present: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Members absent: None

Also present were: Superintendent Brian Mentzer; 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.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, 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); 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: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the minutes from the special board meeting and closed session held June 1, 2021, and the regular board meeting and closed session held June 21, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,096,975.02, bills in the amount of $3,901,382.87, and the treasurer’s report for month ending June 30, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Dr. Mentzer presented the draft fall 2021 plan for all students to attend in person every day. The district has made efforts to lower class sizes and maintain social distance. Parents are asked to keep students at home if they are exhibiting symptoms of sickness. Per CDC guidelines, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, nor are they subject to quarantine guidelines. For all others, masks are strongly encouraged. Unvaccinated individuals are subject to quarantine guidelines. Masks remain mandatory while on school buses and in the health offices.
Dominic DiVittorio, Kim Novak, Julie Gettys, Christina Bastilla, Joe Glant, Dr. Gail Meese, and Angela Walker addressed the board during public participation regarding mask requirements for students in the fall.

Mrs. Warren reported on the Cultural Proficiency Framework Academy for local administrators and the fall 2021 training for staff.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to accept the retirement request of Cyndi Oberle-Dahm, Belleville West Social Studies Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year; and Nancy Bergman, District Office Administrative Assistant, effective June 30, 2026. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant to accept the following resignations:

Gary Gordon and David Devine, teacher assistants, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and
Cheryl Tindall, Belleville West nurse, effective July 2, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the employment contract of Joe Rujawitz, Assistant Principal, exhibit 1, as presented. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the employment of the list of night school certified staff for first semester of the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 2. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the employment of the list of Teacher Assistants for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 3. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.
Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to employ the employment of the list of Office Occupation workers for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 4. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the list of changes to co-curricular and volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 5. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the list of changes in transportation personnel, at-will bus drivers, and food service personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 6. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon reported that summer school was a success on both campuses with over 1,000 students enrolled.

The end of year fund balance is over the previous fiscal years. There has been a significant amount of ESSER funds flowing to school districts because of Covid relief legislation. The State of Illinois currently owes the district about $950,000. The district received the first property tax distribution payment on July 9.

The district held its first ever “Summer Experience” for incoming freshman which was attended by approximately 150 students. The program was designed as an orientation and a skills boost.

Ms. Taylor reported several new services are being added this year including a captioning service for hearing impaired and Telelanguage, an on demand language translation service and sign language interpreting.

The district continues to work on school planning for the upcoming school year. At this time, sports and extra-curricular activities will resume a normal schedule in the fall.

The district received and responded to three Freedom of Information act requests this month.
Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for transportation services with Belleville District 118, exhibit 7; Wolf Branch, exhibit 8; Pontiac William Holliday, exhibit 9; Grant, exhibit 10; Belle Valley, exhibit 11; High Mount, exhibit 12; Whiteside, exhibit 13; and Red Bud, exhibit 14; from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue working cash fund bonds of Township High School District Number 201, St. Clair County, Illinois and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law, exhibit 15. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the proposal from McGraw Hill to purchase Civics textbooks and materials in the amount of $120,116.85 as presented, exhibit 16. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, second by Mr. Todd, to approve the first reading of the board policy updates. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.