 Members present: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless  
Members absent: Lampkin  
Also present were: Superintendent Brian Mentzer; Assistant Superintendent Dustin Bilbruck, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Melissa Taylor; Director of Alternative Education Andrea Gannon; Director of Human Resources and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Marshaun Warren; Principal Josh Lane; and Principal Rich Mertens.  
A public hearing was held to receive public comments on the proposal to sell not to exceed $7,910,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of creating, re-creating or increasing the working cash fund of the District and that all persons desiring to be heard will have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto. Mr. Bilbruck opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: The sale of these working cash bonds is expected to serve as the primary source of capital for the construction/renovation of the Kings Point facility as the District’s new CTE, Vocational, and Alternative Education Center. Early estimation of costs on the project place our desired scope of work between $6 million and $7 million dollars. This scope of work…plus contingency and cost of issuance make up the “not to exceed” amount of $7.91 million.  
Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, that the hearing be adjourned at 6:02 pm.  
Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, that a closed session be called at 6:03 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, investments, or investment contracts, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6); further, discussion of the minutes of a meeting that was lawfully closed under OMA, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21), and placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.  
Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless  
Nays: None  
The board returned to open session at 7:00 pm.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held July 19, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.
Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,089,690.87, bills in the amount of $4,405,809.65, and the treasurer’s report for month ending July 31, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the School Psychology Internship Placement Agreement between the University of Missouri-St. Louis School Psychology Program and Belleville Township High School District 201, exhibit 1; and

To approve the agreement between the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education and Belleville Township High School District 201 for the 2021-2022 Stay-In-School Program, exhibit 2. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Dr. Mentzer reviewed the Safe Return Fall 2021 plan noting the recent change that requires all students to wear masks per the Governor’s Executive Order, ISBE, and IDPH. He also reported the district has employed additional social workers on each campus to better provide student wellness and counseling services as students transition back to campus. The district has made efforts to lower class sizes and socially distance students to the greatest extent possible to limit exposure.

Erica Ferrar, Michael Cortese, Emily Walker, and Angela Walker addressed the board regarding the fall 2021 plan requiring all students to wear masks.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to accept the retirement requests of:

Tony Thompson, Belleville West Special Education Coordinator,

John Lodle, Belleville West English Teacher, and

Sally Stephens, Belleville West Physical Education Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year; and

Richard Meister, Belleville West Custodian, effective August 1, 2025. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.
Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless
Nays: None

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant to accept the resignation of Amanda Ramsey, Belleville West LPN, effective August 4, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to terminate Christopher Baker, Belleville East Maintenance Worker, effective July 26, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the employment of the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

Belleville West:
- Grace Bartlett, Social Studies Teacher
- Laura Hanlon, Social Worker
- Cierra Gifhorn, Registered Nurse
- Sheila Durlester, Registered Nurse, pending licensure

Belleville East:
- Scott Neufeld-Wall, Social Worker
- Michael Elafros, Special Education Teacher

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless
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
Nays: None
Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the list of 6th assignments for first semester of the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 4. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, 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  
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  
Nays:  None

The tentative FY22 budget is available, and a public hearing will be held on September 20. Kaskaskia Engineering Group submitted a proposal to facilitate design work and construction renovation for Phase 1 at Kings Point.

The district will administer the full SAT suite and juniors will take the science assessment this year. The state testing day for the SAT conflicts with our spring break so the test will be administered on March 23. The district will not be able to administer the SAT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 9 on the same day because the testing windows do not align.

An online tutoring service that provides on demand tutoring for students 24/7 will be available to students in the AVID program this year.

Dr. Mentzer reported there are many activities going on at the schools. Our staff met at the new CTE/Alternative School location for a brief open house/opening day meeting this morning. This was an opportunity for staff members to see the scope of the facility and recognize the district’s vision to meet students’ needs. The program will increase opportunities and access to job skills.

The district responded to one Freedom of Information Act request this month.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to adopt the resolution to approve the 2021-2022 Safe Return to School Plan for Belleville Township High School District 201, exhibit 7. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.
Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless
Nays: None

Mr. Wanless moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to adopt the resolution to increase student instructional time for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 8. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the agreement between Belleville Township High School District 201 and the Teacher Assistant Council, Federation of Teachers Local 434 of the American Federation of Teachers, exhibit 9. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to accept the proposal from Kaskaskia Engineering for Phase I of the Belleville Township High School District 201 Vocational/Academic School Professional Services, exhibit 10. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, second by Mr. Todd, to adopt the resolution authorizing interfund loans and permanent transfers, exhibit 11. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The School Board met in closed session to conduct its semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes that have not been released for public inspection. The closed meeting minutes, or portions thereof, from:

January 11, 2021, exhibit 12;
February 8, 2021, exhibit 13;
March 15, 2021, exhibit 14;
April 19, 2021, exhibit 15;
May 17, 2021, exhibit 16; and
June 21, 2021, exhibit 17;

no longer require confidential treatment. 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. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the board’s semi-annual review of unreleased closed meeting minutes, exhibit 18, 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: Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless
Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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President

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Secretary