Members present: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin

Members absent: Todd

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.

The oath of office was administered to Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, 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); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); 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: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, 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 August 3, 2021 and the regular board meeting and closed session held August 16, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,066,721.23, bills in the amount of $3,443,207.03, and the treasurer’s report for month ending August 31, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the Agreement between the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education and Belleville Township High School District 201 for Transitional Education Services for 2021-2022, **exhibit 1**; further,

To approve the agreement between the Student Internship Agreement between the University of West Florida and Belleville Township High School District 201, **exhibit 2**; and,

To Approve the Undergraduate Internship Agreement between Eastern Illinois University and Belleville Township High School District 201, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Angela Walker addressed the board requesting to know when the mask requirement is going to be lifted.

Mr. Mertens and Dr. Lane reported on activities on their respective campuses.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the retirement request of Alphonso Daniel, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless to accept the resignations of:

Adam Gross, bus mechanic, and Brooke Bodendieck, West OO worker, effective August 27, 2021;

Russell “Rusty” Lisch, East Teacher Assistant, effective September 15, 2021;

Shondrake Foster, East Teacher Assistant, effective September 17, 2021; and

Debra Steppig, District Office Administrative Assistant, effective October 29, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Ms. Eckert moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the employment of Ken Hayden as the Operations Manager for the CTE Center. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the employment of Alicia Felton, effective September 7, 2021, and Walter Latinette, effective date TBD, as East permanent substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, to approve the employment of Al Sears as a temporary after-school Driver Education teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, to approve the following 6th assignment for first semester of the 2021-2022 school year:

East
Bethany Perry, Math
Julie Siebers, Business

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the list of Learning Lab assignments for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 4. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, to approve the employment of the following custodians:

West  Michael O’Donnell, effective September 13, 2021

East Matthew Cleamer, effective September 16, 2021

              Elvie Garner, effective September 20, 2021

              Brian Howard, effective September 27, 2021

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, 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: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mrs. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, 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: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon reported on alternative program enrollment numbers. On behalf of several parents, she expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education for providing an alternative program.

A public hearing on the proposed FY22 budget was held at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 20, 2021. The required notification was published in the Belleville News-Democrat, and the budget has been available for review since after the August board meeting. The district did not receive requests for copies of the budget prior to the hearing, and no public attendees were at the hearing.

Mr. Bilbruck reviewed district finances and compliance documents. The district is moving forward with refunding and working cash fund bonds for the new CTE center this evening. The bond pricing was favorable with low interest rates.
The results of our STAR assessment showed a decline in the reading levels of incoming freshmen. The district will collaborate with our teachers to find the best ways to support our students in need of reading intervention. Ms. Taylor reported feeder school articulation meetings started last week with 8th grade math teachers.

Dr. Mentzer reported that athletic and extracurricular activities have resumed on campuses. Teachers and staff have embraced changes to provide students the best education the district can. He provided updated drawings and facility usage plans for the CTE Center. The Facilities Committee will meet in the upcoming months as the project proceeds.

Dr. Mentzer reported the district was able to save over $637,000 restructuring bonds which will result in a direct savings to our taxpayers.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of approximately $9,460,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds to refund certain outstanding bonds of the District and $6,935,000 aggregate principal amount of working cash bonds to finance improvements for a new career vocational center; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, exhibit 7. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the resolution to designate the Superintendent of the District as an authorized signer for Belleville Township High School District 201, exhibit 8. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the FY22 budget as presented, exhibit 9. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the agreement between Belleville Township High School District 201 and Secretaries Council, Federation of Teachers Local 434 of the American Federation of Teachers, exhibit 10. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, second by Mrs. Brown, based on the evidence presented to the Board of Education during closed session, to expel student “A” from Belleville Township High School District 201 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Pursuant to the School Code, the student will be eligible to enroll in the Regional Office of Education Alternative Safe School Program if space is available; further, summer school will be offered to student “A”. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.