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

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.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, that a closed session be called at 6:01 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); and student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, 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. Todd, to approve the minutes from the special board meeting and closed session held September 9, 2021, the regular board meeting and closed session held September 20, 2021, and the special board meeting and closed sessions held September 28, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,972,425.78, bills in the amount of $4,647,091.53, and the treasurer’s report for month ending September 30, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the 2021-2022 Dual Credit Partnership Agreement between Southwest Illinois College and Belleville Township High School District 201, exhibit 1; further,

To approve the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement with the Swansea Police Department and St. Clair County States Attorney, exhibit 2; and,
To approve the Illinois State University Teacher Education Placement Agreement, *exhibit 3.*
Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Angela Walker addressed the board regarding the mask requirement.

Dr. Lane recognized East students, Connor Barnsley, Carly Dahm, and Lydia Kohlenberger, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

Ms. Peggy Burton presented the Exemplary School Library Award to Belleville East librarian, Laura Byrne, and Belleville West librarian, Tiffany Droege.

Mr. Mertens and Dr. Lane reported on activities on their respective campuses including band competitions, theatre productions, and upcoming parent teacher conferences.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein to accept the resignation of Gabrielle Flanigan, Belleville East Science Teacher, effective September 22, 2021; and Kourtney Chism, Belleville East Teacher Assistant, effective September 30, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the leave of absence of Donna Holliday, teacher assistant, for one year effective September 16, 2021; and the leave of absence of Lisa House, teacher assistant, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year effective October 5, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve Johnathan Marchbanks as the Family Assistance Program (FAP) Instructor, effective September 22, 2021, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Mrs. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the employment of Tanisha Gore, Belleville West LPN, effective October 26, 2021, and Shaka Hempen, Belleville East LPN, effective October 25, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the employment of the list of additional teacher assistants for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 4. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve Hailey Lanterman as a Belleville East volunteer dance coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the list of changes in Transportation personnel and at-will bus drivers, exhibit 5. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the substitute teacher pay rate of $110 per day plus TRS and $120 per day for teachers retired from TRS. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Gannon reported night school has the largest enrollment since she began administering the program due to the number of students in credit recovery. Staff does a great job monitoring students.

Mr. Bilbruck reviewed district finances noting Fund 20 (O & M) expenditures include over $1 million for the closing of Kings Point property. He met with Bill Dixon from Rice, Sullivan earlier this evening to discuss the completed audit. The district had a great audit this year with only one finding.
Ms. Taylor reported on special education enrollment, remote learning, and new course proposals. Last year due to Covid, the District was permitted to utilize eLearning/remote days in lieu of emergency days. This year, the district is required to develop a specific eLearning plan, conduct a public hearing and have approval of the Board of Education prior to utilizing a remote learning day. A public hearing will be scheduled, and the Board will be asked to approve the eLearning Plan at next month’s meeting.

Dr. Mentzer reported that schools were disrupted on Thursday due to a social media threat. Although the threat was not directed at our community, threats must be taken seriously.

The Facilities Committee met at 5:00 pm this evening to review the design of the new CTE facility. A preliminary financial projection should be available next week. The project’s first bidding will be out before the November board meeting. Dr. Mentzer has been communicating and meeting with teachers and other educators who have similar programs to make sure we have the outcome we want.

The district will begin the process of updating the Strategic Plan, which will involve the Board of Education, parents, students, staff, and the community.

The district received and responded to two Freedom of Information Act requests.

The Facilities Committee met at 5:00 pm this evening.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the updated administrative procedures as presented, exhibit 6. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the purchase of two driver education vehicles as presented, exhibit 7. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve new courses for 2022-2023, Health Skills and African-American Literature, as presented, exhibit 8. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Facilities, Finance, and Curriculum committee meetings will be scheduled next month.
The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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