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

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. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Wanless, that a closed session be called at 6:30 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) 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, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held October 18, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the salaries in the amount of $5,069,066.38, bills in the amount of $4,286,831.84, and the treasurer’s report for month ending October 31, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the amended 2021-2022 District Calendar, exhibit 1; further,

To approve the new Belleville West clubs and activity accounts, Mu Alpha Theta, exhibit 2, and Belleville West Table Tennis Club, exhibit 3; further,

To approve the Letter of Understanding with Metro East Counseling and Belleville Township High School District 201, exhibit 4; and
To declare the list of equipment as surplus, **exhibit 5**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Angela Walker addressed the board regarding the mask requirement.

Mr. Mertens recognized West students, Gabe Kurfman, Ayden Thurnau, and Noah Layman, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments. Gabe Kurfman’s mother accepted the certificate on his behalf.

Dr. Mentzer reported that November 15 is School Board Members Day in Illinois. He thanked the board members for their continued service and commitment to our district and the community.

Mr. Mertens and Dr. Lane reported on activities including band competitions, theatre productions, and the Veterans Day celebrations held on their respective campuses.

Dr. Warren reported on the Racial Equity Committee, an upcoming book study, and cultural proficiency training. Dr. Warren has been working with Belleville West administrators to develop a restorative plan for students returning to campus from disciplinary issues. The district is hopeful this plan will help students form relationships.

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

Kevin McFarland, Belleville West Teacher Assistant, effective October 29, 2021

Tallis Lowery, Belleville East Custodian, effective October 25, 2021

Adam Siekmann, Belleville East Custodian, effective October 22, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Wanless moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to employ the list of night school staff for second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, **exhibit 6**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
Nays: None
Mr. Wanless moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to employ the list of updated 6th assignments for first semester of the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 7. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to employ the list of additional teacher assistants for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 8. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the employment of Greg Fortin as a mechanic for Belleville Schools Transportation Services effective November 1, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Brown, Eckert, Eiskant, Todd, Wanless, Lampkin
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 9. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Wanless moved, seconded by Mr Todd, to approve the list of changes in at-will bus drivers and food service personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, exhibit 10. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Gannon reported on parent-teacher conferences at the Alternative School. A majority of the conferences were new students to this year’s program. She also invited the board and administration to the Alternative School Thanksgiving lunch on Tuesday.

Mr. Bilbruck reported on district finances and the proposed 2021 tax levy. The district was able to reduce the tax rate for next year by restructuring bonds, requesting additional funds in some areas, and reducing funds in other areas.
Mr. Bilbruck discussed the Health Life Safety proposal for roof maintenance, tuckpointing, and HVAC work to be completed next summer. The request is being submitted earlier than normal to secure project materials.

Ms. Taylor reported on special education enrollment, the virtual teachers’ institute, and the district’s eLearning plan, which allows the district to utilize an eLearning day in lieu of closing school for a snow day.

Dr. Mentzer reported the district’s website and social media presence is being updated to highlight the great things happening in District 201. The CTE facility design has been finalized, and budget numbers should be available next week. The district will be working to align the curriculum for the CTE programs to provide students with the best opportunities possible.

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

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the Health Life Safety projects for summer 2022 in the amount of $2,190,894.57 as presented, exhibit 11. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the District’s eLearning Program, exhibit 12. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Secretary