

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

July 22, 2019

Fire Place Room of the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI

5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Charlie Fulbright

Art McClenney

Patty Poole-Gray

Kyra Wallace

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Karen Evans

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations

Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations

Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President LaValley at 5:33 p.m. Attempts were made to connect Trustee Slaby via teleconference. There were an additional 18 staff and community members present.

A roll call vote was taken for attendance.

Trustee Poole-Gray – Present

Trustee Wallace – Present

Trustee Fulbright – Present

Trustee McClenney – Present

Vice-President LaValley – Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction of adding item V. – Board of Education, Self-Evaluation discussion.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Art McClenney made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Trust Fund / Comerica (written only the report)

B. Minutes of the June 10, special meeting, June 17, special meeting and the June 24 regular meeting

C. Bills for the Month of June 2019

- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Financial Update
- F. 2019-20 Student Code of Conduct
- G. 2019-20 WK Preparatory High School Student Handbook
- H. 2019-20 Middle School Student Handbook
- I. 2019-20 Elementary Student Handbook

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

BOARD OF EDUCATION SELF-EVALUATION

After much discussion, it was decided that the self-evaluation will be put on hold. The subject will be revisited in January, 2020.

REPORTS

- A. Secured Vestibule Project – Laura Ash stated that the district received the Security Grant from the Michigan State Police Department which included building five secured vestibules for Ann J, Dudley, LaMora Park, Post Franklin and Northwestern Middle School. The vestibules will create a secured area in the entry of the building for visitors to be authorized to gain entry to the building. The cost of this project is \$281,073.45 to be paid from the Security Grant and the Sinking Fund.
- B. NWMS Partitions and Ceiling Tiles – Laura Ash stated that the district budgeted funds in the WKKF grant to cover the cost of updating the partitions in four student restrooms at NWMS. The existing size will be kept but the update of the partitions and fixtures will upgrade the look of the restroom. The cost of this project is \$24,295.28 and will be paid from the WKKF grant.
- C. Read/Math 180 Purchase – Wes Seeley stated that Battle Creek Central High School, Northwestern Middle School, and Springfield Middle School all use Math 180 and Read 180 as intervention programs in their reading and math intervention classes. Each year, there are recurring fees, online student and teacher licenses, student and teacher instructional materials, and professional development and coaching costs. The total costs of these services are \$114,913 to be paid from BCCHS, NWMS and SMS Title 1 and 31A budgets.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the new Chief Human Resource Officer, Cheryl L. Johnson.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

- B. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the 9th Grade Academy Principal, Tyler Gilland.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- C. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the position of NWMS Dean of Culture and Climate.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- D. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the purchase of Chromebooks for WK Prep in the amount of up to \$40,000 to be paid from RAG funds. Actual funds turned out to be \$38,590 for all 200 Chromebooks and charging carts.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- E. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the position of Calhoun ISD Technology Coordination in the amount of \$138,040 to be paid from the General Fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- F. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the middle school audio/visual system in the amount of \$16,475 to be paid to Communications by Design from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- G. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Fremont Audio/Visual System in the amount of \$20,426.06 to Feyen Zylstra to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5- 0

- H. Art McClenney made a motion to approve Communications and Public Relations support with Fenton Communications for three years in the amount of \$1,350,000 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- I. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve Marketing, Branding, and Advertising support with Burrell Communications for three years in the amount of \$800,000 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

- J. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the marquee for BC STEM Innovation Center in the amount of \$24,400 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- K. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the Fremont Kitchen restoration in the amount of \$119,670.08 to be paid from the Food Service Excess fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- L. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Secured Vestibule Project in the amount of \$281,073.45 to be paid 75% from the Security Grant and 20% from the Sinking Fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- M. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve NWMS partitions and ceiling tile upgrade in the amount of \$24, 295.28 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- N. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve Read 180/Math 180 Interventions in the amount of \$114,913 to be paid from BCCHS, NWMS and SMS Title 1 and 31A grant funds.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter thanked the staff for a successful Miranda Park Party; reminded the board to visit Valley View on July 25 to see what Bearcat Summer Camp is about at 5:30 p.m.; on July 26, the KSP breakfast at Post Franklin at 8 a.m.; reminded the board and the community that the first day of school and the Challenge 5 kickoff is August 21; the community walk is August 13; and we have Eric Thomas for August 19 Career Designation Day!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Kyra Wallace– Welcomed the two new Administrators on the new endeavors.

Art McClenney – Liked the new location for the Miranda Park Party.

Charlie Fulbright – Thanked BCPS for supporting the Pride Parade and handed out pamphlets with the BCPS advertisement in it.

Catherine LaValley – Enjoyed the pictures and press at the Miranda Park Party; plan to attend the Promise Zone meeting the fourth Thursday of July (July 25); stated that Awareness to Action meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11-12:30 on the 3rd floor of the Jack Pearls building.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary