

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

June 24, 2019

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

5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright

Board Members Absent

Art McClenney
Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

BUDGET HEARING

Laura Ash the information for the approval of the L-4029 tax rate. The district levied the same millage rate as the 2018-19 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y Trustee Wallace – Y Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y Trustee Slaby – Y President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

- A. Attendance Works Contract – Superintendent Carter stated that in an effort to leverage excitement and interest generated by the Bearcat Health Committee to disrupt absenteeism, the committee seeks to partner with Attendance Works to develop and implement an action plan capitalizing on the support of the community. The amount will not exceed \$45,000 and will be paid from the WKKF Grant, year 3.
- B. Ann J Pipe Insulation – Laura Ash stated that the district is currently in the process of removing the old pipe insulation at Ann J Kellogg Elementary on all of the cold water lines. The cost to replace and reinsulated the pipes will be \$91,600 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.
- C. 2018-19 State of the District – Superintendent Carter presented a power-point outlining the State of the Distinct for 2018-19.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

- Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - A. Trust Fund / Comerica (written only the report)

- B. Minutes of the May 4 board retreat, May 13, work session, and the May 29 regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of May 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update
- G. AO Jones Scholarship Applicants

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – A	President Evans – Y

**Motion passed 5– Yes
1 – Abstention**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – A	President Evans – Y

**Motion passed 5– Yes
1 – Abstention**

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the System 44 for 120 licenses in the amount of \$87,320.46 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – A	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 5– Yes; 1 – Abstention

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the elevator upgrade at Ann J. Kellogg Elementary in the amount of \$105,000 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6-0

- D. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve MS STEM Innovation Center Café Tables in the amount of \$19,116.68 to be paid from the Food Service Fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6- 0

- E. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement books in the amount of \$12,257.50 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6- 0

- F. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the Communities in Schools contract in the amount of \$559,644 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6-0

- G. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Innovation Zone Professional Learning in the amount of up to \$40,000 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6-0

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the BCCHS business lab refresh in the amount of \$18,810.84 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

- I. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the district audio/visual equipment in the amount of \$20,900 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

- J. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the Attendance Work Contract in the amount of up to \$45,000 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

- K. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Chartwell’s Food Service – 5 Year Award contract in the amount of \$3,201.986 to be paid from the Food Service Fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

L. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve L-4029 tax rate.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

M. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase of secure window film in the amount of \$321,456 to be paid from the General Fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

N. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase Pipe Insulation for Ann J. Kellogg Elementary in the amount of \$91,600 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

O. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Best Estimate Final General Fund Budget.

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6–0

P. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Best Estimate Final Food Services budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray - Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
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Trustee Fulbright – Y

Trustee Slaby – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- Q. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Best Estimate Math & Science Center/Cereal City Science Final Budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y

Trustee Wallace – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee Fulbright – Y

Trustee Slaby – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- R. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Best Estimate Final WKKF Grant Fund Budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y

Trustee Wallace – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee Fulbright – Y

Trustee Slaby – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- S. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Preliminary General Fund Budget.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y

Trustee Wallace – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee Fulbright – Y

Trustee Slaby – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- T. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Preliminary Food Services Fund Budget.

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y

Trustee Wallace – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee Fulbright – Y

Trustee Slaby – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- U. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Preliminary Math & Science Center/Cereal City Science Budget. OEC was added to this budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- V. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Preliminary WKKF Grant Fund Budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

- W. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Preliminary Custodial Special Service Fund Budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Roll call vote

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y	Trustee Wallace – Y	Trustee LaValley – Y
Trustee Fulbright – Y	Trustee Slaby – Y	President Evans – Y

Motion passed 6 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter stated that she attended the joint board meeting and appreciates the work the four districts are doing around equity; attended the Middles Cities Education Association meeting which is the urban district alliance (BCPS, Bay City, Beecher, Benton Harbor, Dearborn, East Pointe, Ecorse, Ferndale, Flint, Garden City, Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Mt. Clemens, Mt. Pleasant, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Niles, Port Huron, River Rouge, Saginaw, Southfield, Van Dyke, Waterford, Wayne-Westland, Westwood, and Ypsilanti); it was interesting to meet with like peers to work on similar issues. What came out of that meeting was a reminder of the need to advocate with our local representatives around the budget. The House has come out with a budget, the governor has her budget and the impact that it has had on our teacher shortages and the declining enrollment across the state. Additionally, we shared ideas on what we can do about retention and recruitment. We talked about the Read by Grade 3 legislation that is coming our way. As of right now, we are looking at mandatory retention for a portion of 3rd graders, but it is important that families know that they can

opt-out with a parent request. It is not automatic retention, and we have to do a good job in making sure that our families know that they have the ability to opt-out of retention especially because we know that retention is not the best thing for all students. We learned about the new kindergarten assessment. There is a kindergarten assessment coming that is mandatory from the State of Michigan. It takes about an hour to assess each student, and we have no opportunity to not do this. The MDE does not agree with this; however, it has been put in place by our legislator. This is another thing that we need to advocate for because it will take a lot of time away from teachers.

Superintendent Carter was part of the all American cities team who went to Denver to compete. There were 20 finalists; of the 20 were 10 gold medal winners and the city of Battle Creek is a gold medal winner and is now an all American city. Congratulations to all the people who were involved with that.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Charlie Fulbright– Attended the Juneteenth celebration; remind everyone about the Meet Up Eat Up program that is happening around Battle Creek; and attended the MASB Conference in Traverse City on Finance and Budget.

Jacqueline Slaby – Reminded the board that this coming Saturday (June 29) is Family Day hosted by VOCES and held at the Burma Center, 765 Upton Avenue, 1 – 5 p.m.

Catherine LaValley – On the Facebook page, it spoke of the 6th Grade STEM summer camp, is it happening in the new classrooms at the high school? Thanked Kim for attending and helping BC become an all-American city; thanked Jacqueline for joining us this evening; thanked Kim for the AIR report.

Karen Evans – Attended the Adult Ed graduation; we had our first graduate from Denso so that was very exciting to have a relationship with them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary