

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

May 20, 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
Art McClenney

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Slaby
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright

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 President Karen Evans at 5:31 p.m. All board members present except Jacqueline Slaby, Patty Poole-Gray and Charlie Fulbright. There were an additional 16 staff and community members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction of removing item III Artist of the Month.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VERONA MEN’S CHORUS

Verona Men’s Chorus performed for the board, staff and community members present. What an awesome job they did. Please congratulate them when you see them.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition – Catherine LaValley recognized Della Uekert for being one of the nominees for being an Outstanding Women in Business at the Battle Creek Business Excellence Awards.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Monique Cheeks and Rebecca Bolden presented the May attendance award to NWMS for reducing their absenteeism by 14%. Congratulations.

SCHOOL FINANCE RESOLUTION

Superintendent Carter read the Resolution for the School Finance Research Collaborative in support of adequate funding for Michigan Schools.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to support the above named resolution.
Art McClenney supported the motion.

President Evans called for a roll-call vote.

Trustee Wallace – Y
President Evans – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee McClenney – Y

Motion passed 4 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

- A. BCPS Adult Education – Dr. Deborah Nuzzi gave an update on the Adult Education Program.
- B. Monique Cheeks read, for the second time, Board Policy number 5345 and 5350 as it pertains to the Outdoor Education Center.

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 April 8, work session, and the April 22 regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of March 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Art McClenney made a motion to approve New Level Sports using the Wilson Street property for their Urban Garden.

Kyra supported the motion.

Motion failed 0 – 4

Art McClenney made a motion to authorize Superintendent Carter or her designee to begin negotiations with New Level Sports for the use of the Wilson Street property for their Urban Garden.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 - 0

- B. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the contract with the Battle Creek Police Department for the 19-20 school year in the amount of \$90,000 to be paid from the general fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- C. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Academies of Nashville 2019 Study visit in the amount of \$37,720 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Cereal Middle School NGSS Units in the amount of \$15,969.12 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- E. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Revised Math Expression Curricular Resource purchase in the amount of \$43,706.41 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

Although the trustees approved this motion, Trustee LaValley had considerable concerns regarding the amount of the revision.

- F. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Revised Journeys Curricular Resource purchase in the amount of \$38,175.37 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the LaMora Park kitchen upgrades in the amount of \$48, 512.29 to be paid from the Food Service Excess Fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 - 0

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Security Grant – Public Address Systems in the amount of \$158,103.59 to be paid from the General Fund and the Security Grant. Service will be provided by the SVT Company.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- I. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Fremont International Academy Lead Base Paint Abatement from Rightway Remediation in the amount of \$76,600 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- J. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Fremont International Academy Abatement Change Order in the amount of \$36,900 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- K. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Ceiling Insulation from Elite Companies in the amount of \$73,000 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- L. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the out of state Battle Creek Central Band field trip to be taken April 5 – 11, 2020, so they can begin to fundraise.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

- M. Catherine LaValley made a motion to vote to support Candidate Durwood Booher and Kenneth Ponds to serve for the next six years on the CISD Board of Education.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

President Evans called for a roll call vote.

Kyra Wallace – Y; Catherine LaValley – Y; Art McClenney – Y; Karen Evans – Y

Motion passed 4 – 0

- N. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Board Policy 5345 and 5350.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent stated that she was glad that the board could have dialogues and debates concerning our district – just wanted to thank everyone for being able to have those conversations in a transparent manner to allow our public to really understand what we are thinking about as we make decisions; wanted to celebrate those students who went to the forensics competition; celebrated the Verona's Men's Chorus and Trustee LaValley for inviting them to the board meeting;

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Kyra Wallace– It is always great to witness the students of the Forensics tournament in Mackinaw as I served as a chaperone; reminded the board that the BCCHS theatre is presenting Hair Spray, May 24, & 25; acknowledged the Finance Office for allowing her daughter to complete an internship there.

Catherine LaValley – Attended the empty bowls celebration which is a partnership with BCPS and the Food Bank of South Central Michigan; enjoyed the farm animal’s open house at the Outdoor Education Center.

Art McClenney – Acknowledged the senior class who went to Chicago. It looked like they had a good time and looked like they conducted themselves as young men and young women – so congratulations to the senior class.

Karen Evans – that being said, meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary