

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Work Session

December 10, 2018

Miller Stone, 77 Capital SW, Battle Creek, MI 49107

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Art McClenney
Catherine LaValley
Nathan Grajek
Kyra Wallace
Karen Evans

Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Financial Services
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Chad Osborn – Director, Facilities, Maintenance & Technology
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Art McClenney at 5:30 p.m. All board members present
Trustee Jacqueline Slaby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Dion Warren-Evans is November Artist of the Month. If you see Dion in the halls of Battle Creek Central, please offer your congratulations.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

Monique Cheeks presented Valley View with a plaque in recognition of being the building with the highest attendance through the month of November. The second grade team at Valley View was given classroom supplies for having the highest number of students in attendance.

SOJOURNER TRUTH PRESENTATION

Kimberly Holley, Director of Sojourner Truth Institute partnered with Willard Library to donate two children books to all elementary schools about the life and legacy of Sojourner Truth in honor of the Sojourner Truth Day in the State of Michigan, November 26. It is the hope of the Institute that all students are educated about Sojourner Truth’s advocacy for freedom, human rights and equality, and inspired by her courage and determination to make a difference in the lives of others.

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION

All though all fall sports are important, Football, Soccer and Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized for having an outstanding year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the October 8 work session and October 22 regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of October 2018
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

VACANT BOARD SEAT PROCESS

President McClenney stated to be in compliance with the State of Michigan, the current members must select a new board member within 30 days. Nathan Grajek, wanting to be considered to remain on the board, will abstain from this voting process. Each board member will submit three questions to President McClenney by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. He will compile a list of ten questions for the board to ask the candidates during the December 17 board meeting.

BOARD POLICY 1300 – REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Monique Cheeks asked the board to approve Board Policy 1300 – Remote Participation.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve Board Policy 1300 – Remote Participation.

Nathan Grajek supported that motion.

After discussion, President McClenney called for a roll-call vote.

Trustee LaValley – Y	Trustee Evans – Y
Trustee Grajek – Y	Trustee Wallace – Y
President McClenney – N	

Motion passed 4 – 1

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve Christian Manley as the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the administrative appointment of Christian Manley as the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

BCCHS CHROME BOOKS

Superintendent Carter stated that Battle Creek Central High School requests to purchase additional Chrome books and charging carts to support the increased needs in its intervention classes. Math 180, Read 180, Do the Math, and other online based computer programs are currently being used at BCCHS in its intervention classes and Rtl classes. The increased use of computer-based supports in these classes has produced a need to purchase additional computer devices.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the purchase of 108 Chrome books and three charging carts in the amount of \$32,000, to be paid with the Battle Creek Central High School Title I funds.

Kyra Wallace supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

COIL REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Carter stated that the coil for the heating unit in the McQuiston Center was bad and needed to be replaced. It was deemed an emergency as there is no heat in the McQuiston Center without the coil being replaced. The cost of the coil was \$12,525 paid with the Sinking Fund.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the replacement of the heating coil in the McQuiston Center in the amount of \$12,525 to be paid with the Sinking Fund.

Kyra Wallace supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

ELEMENTARY MAGNET PROGRAM

Superintendent Carter stated that it is proposed that Fremont Elementary reopen in the fall of 2019 as a new International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme candidate school for students in grades pre-K through grade 2.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to reopen Fremont Elementary school in the fall of 2019 as a new International Baccalaureate school.

Karen Evans supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

STRIDE ACADEMY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Superintendent Carter stated that BCPS is the recipient of two 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grants. These grant funds allow our district to operate before and after school programming in nine buildings. The 21st CCLC is intended to provide students with support through academics and enrichment programming. Our programs do not all have the support of certified teachers at all sites, but we have students in need of academic support. STRIDE Academy provides

differentiated instruction for each individual that uses the program, which in turn allows us to meet the students where they are.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the STRIDE Academy Contract renewal in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers cost fund.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

MATH EXPRESSIONS COACHING

Dr. Chandra Youngblood stated that Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) professional services provide a partnership coaching model. During year 1 implementation, HMH provided four rounds of 24 days total of this support which resulted in a large impact in teacher practice and student achievement. HMH has prepared a revised coaching contract for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. This work is an extension of year 1 implementation to provide support to K-5 teachers as they continue to implement Math Expressions in order to implement a workshop model, and actively engage students to ultimately impact student achievement.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve Math Expressions Coaching in the amount of \$49,840 to be paid with the WKKF funds.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

REPORTS

- A. **Outdoor Education Center** – Jeff English and Amy Cherry presented the three-year plan for the OEC. They stated that the OEC is operating at a deficit, with a limited set of aged programs and staffing resource capacity limited to implementation of existing programs and managing day-to-day needs of the camp. To achieve a sustainable model as outlined in the OEC 3-Year plan, an additional short-term contracted resource is needed to develop new programming. The District currently receives indirect costs from the Cereal City Science at the end of each school year in the amount of roughly \$45,000. The District will use a portion of these funds to offset the cost of this expenditure for the Outdoor Education Center.

The current OEC program offering and customer base will not support the cost of operating the camp without funding from BCPS and/or public private grants. Based on an in-depth study by PSC, Inc. inkling BCPS members [2014], a Sustainable Plan was presented that incorporates several perspectives, including modifying/expanding programming.

- B. **2018-19 Enrollment Report** – Monique Cheeks stated that during the 2016-17 school year, Fred Ignatovich, a demographer with StanFred Consultants in Okemos, provided the district with enrollment projections for the next several years. In the first year of our District Transformation, we outpaced these projections by 128 full time equivalent students. While we are disappointed to lose even one student, we are pleased to report that BCPS again outpaced these projections, this year by more than 300!
- C. **Second Reading – MS STEM Naming** – Dr. Anita Harvey presented for the second time, the recommendation for the board to select a name for the new STEM middle school. The list includes Battle Creek STEM Innovation Center, Battle Creek 3D STEM (Discover, Dream, Design) and Battle Creek Bearcat STEM Academy.

- D. **First Reading – Elementary Magnet School** – Dr. Anita Harvey stated that as a result of the approval to open a new elementary magnet school, the board is asked to act on policy 4750-R by selecting a name for the school. This name will be used for our school identifier application, signage, all subsequent marketing/branding, and communication materials necessary for the opening of this new school. It is recommended that the board select a name for the renaming of Fremont school. The committee offered Fremont International Academy, Fremont Academy, or Fremont Magnet School.
- E. **Academies of Nashville Spring 2019 Study Visit** – Dr. Anita Harvey said that Ford Next Generation Learning Career Pathways are the focus for transformation at Battle Creek Central High School. As we embark upon this transformation, we would like to ensure we build a strong foundational understanding of the Career Pathways structure and the intricacies of implementation. We would like to send a team of 14 staff members to the Academies of Nashville Fall Study Visit in March 2019. The team would include 2 Board of Education members, BCSP Superintendent, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, BCCHS Principal, BCCHS Gold Academy Principal, BCCHS Counselor, BCEA Union President or Representative, and four BCCHS teachers. The cost is \$24,480 to be paid from the WKKF fund.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter thanked the coaches for the work that they do with our students especially how they go above and beyond to build our students for success which extends well beyond the field; reminded families that SEED Award applications are available. The banquet will be held on May 5, 5 p.m. at BCCHS; and thanked the Hall of Fame committee for all the work they do. They Hall of Fame banquet will be held on April 27, 5 p.m., at BCCHS.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Tonight’s presentations were awesome; reminded the board of the 82nd Annual Celebration of the Band Follies to be held January 11 & 12, at 7 p.m.; shared the new BC Regional Historical Museum calendar.

Karen Evans – Was able to see the new screech owl at the OEC – very cute.

Art McClenney – Glad to hear about the happenings of the OEC and had a chance to promote the District on the Kitchen Table with Tino Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary