

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

July 25, 2022

**Board Room at the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI
5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Charlie Fulbright

Absent

Art McClenney

Jacqueline Slaby

Nathan Grajek

Patty Poole-Gray

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Dr. Amira Mogaji – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Jeff English – Senior Executive Director, Business Operations

Brenda DeMott - Business Manager

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Dr. Anita Harvey, Director, District Transformation

Sherry Figueroa, Executive Director, Human Resources & Labor Relations

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services and Pupil Accounting

Mitch Fowler- Director, Technology, Student Data, and Innovation

Nathan Hunt, Communications Manager

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LaValley at 5:34 pm. Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, and Charlie Fulbright were present.

There was a Virtual Introduction of the Voces Interpreters for tonight's meeting.

President Catherine LaValley read aloud our Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to adjust agenda based on lack of members present. The Agenda was adjusted to remove the Consent Agenda Items, hear Discussion items and Reports & Recommendations. No New Business will be voted on.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION

Ford NGL Report

Ford NGL report was given by Jane Heiple. Battle Creek Central Career Academies will be proceeding to Phase 5 for 2022-23.

BCPS Handbooks

1. Code of Conduct
2. Athletic Code of Conduct
3. Elementary Student Handbook
4. Middle School Student Handbook
5. STEM Innovation Center Student Handbook
6. Battle Creek Central High School Student Handbook
7. WK Kellogg Preparatory High School Student Handbook
8. Adult Education Student Handbook

BCPS Handbooks were presented by Monique Checks. Board members offered comments as each handbook was reviewed.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Teacher Workroom, Office space,

And Ancillary Copier/Printer Service Contract

Mitch Fowler discussed the recommendation for Teacher Workroom, Office space, and Ancillary Copier/Printer Service Contract Not to Exceed \$125,000 annually with General Funds as the Funding Source.

Investment Custodian Partner

Jeff English discussed the Investment Custodian Partner recommendation.

Lease Termination-BCPS Wilson School Site

Jeff English discussed the Lease Termination- BCPS Wilson School Site recommendation.

OEC Foundation Waterproofing Cost Overage

Josh Bowman discussed the recommendation for OEC Foundation Waterproofing Cost Overage in the amount of \$12,529.30 with the Sinking Fund as the Funding Source.

Communities in Schools Contract

Monique Checks discussed the recommendation for the Communities in Schools Contract in the amount of \$729,644 with Title Funds as the Funding Source.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anntanique Asberry
60 Miller Ave
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Anntanique spoke on the truancy process and that she feels it is unjust and needs to be rethought. She stated she is currently going to truancy court for her 6 year old daughter. She does not feel that the steps needed to be taken in accordance with Michigan law were not taken and she did not receive the proper communication. Anntanique stated there was a discrepancy between the number of days reported that her daughter misses and what was in Skyward when she checked personally. She understands that attendance is important and takes responsibility for not getting her daughter to school more but life happened and there were times when she was unable.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following comments:

- She would like to send Condolences to the family and friends of Chris Williams, a 2022 graduate that recently lost his life. Her thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- Come out and join us for a Healthy Living Carnival at Battle Creek Central High School Thursday July 28th from 11am to 4 pm.
- Secondary Bearcat Blast summer learning showcase is also Thursday July 28th at Battle Creek Central starting at 10 am.
- Thank you to Communities in Schools
- Thank you to the staff for working hard to provide quality summer enrichment for our students. And a special thank you to Dr. Nuzzi for
- Our EL team recently put together and delivered materials to our EL students
- Lastly, the first day of school is August 24th. We will begin with a half day of learning. The school year calendar is available on the website and will be mailed soon.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Charlie Fulright shared the following comments:

- Thanks to Battle Creek Public School for being the only district to participate in the Pride parade.
- July 26th at 4pm is the cut off to run for a seat on the Battle Creek Public Schools Board

President Catherine LaValley shared the following comments:

- President LaValley spoke about the Grand Valley State University summer camp 7th graders had the opportunity to attend. She discussed the great experience the students received at the camp running from July 11th to July 15th.
- She had the opportunity to attend the Brass Band of Battle Creek concert on July 15th and really enjoyed the experience. Six BCC students participated in a week long camp leading up to the concert.
- Brass Band of Battle Creek also put on a camp for middle school students and performed Wednesday July 20th in Marshall.

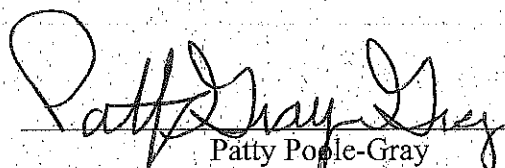
- Saturday July 23rd she attended the Family carnival at Washington Heights Church with Rise Corporation. It was a fun time with a car show, great food and fun rides for students on a beautiful windy day.
- August 2nd is the Michigan primary election. Millages to vote on are the 911 millage, renew the veterans millage and Calhoun County Rehabilitation Center millage.
- President LaValley opened the discussion of important business that needed to be voted on in the meeting. She threw out the option of Board Members coming early for their scheduled retreat for a special meeting to vote on the agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

President LaValley adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm..

Submitted by
Coweta Smith

Minutes Approved: _____


Patty Pople-Gray
Board Secretary