

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Budget Hearing**

**June 22, 2020**

**Meeting held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15**

**Zoom identification number Meeting ID: 824 4040 7409**

**5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Karen Evans

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Patty Poole-Gray

Charlie Fulbright

Jackie Slaby

Absent

Art McClenney

**Present – Administration**

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Deborah Nuzzi, Director, Secondary Education

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Laura Ash – Executive Director

Cheryl Johnson – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources

Charles Lipsey – Director, Facilities and Operations

**Absent – Administration**

Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations

Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

Wes Seeley – Coordinator of State/Federal Programs & Grants

Jeff English – Executive Director

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:30pm. Karen Evans, Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, Patty Poole-Gray, Charlie Fulbright and Jackie Slaby were present. Art McClenney was absent.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Vice President Catherine LaValley to approve the agenda as presented.

Trustee Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

## **BUDGET HEARING**

Laura Ash discussed each year the Board adopts the budget for the next year and discusses assumptions made and taxes collected. There is not a specific presentation, just comments.

The purpose of the Budget Hearing is to educate the community on what the District will hold in tax collections for the Summer and Winter of 2021, which are:

- General Fund - 18 mills, with 9 mills collected in the Summer and 9 mills in the Winter.
- Building Sinking Fund – 2 mills, with 1 mill collected for Summer and 1 mill for Winter.
- Debt Retirement (Payment of Bonds for BCCHS Renovations) – 4 mills, with 2 mills in the Summer and 2 in the Winter.

Laura Ash indicated each year she reads the amount of taxable values in the District. This year the values are up .157% and the taxable value is \$737,227,372. This is a slight increase from the prior year.

Laura Ash reported the other item we go through is the next year's General Fund Budget. For the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget, Laura reported the following things were taken into consideration:

- 18 mills were used for the tax levy assumptions.
- A \$700 reduction for the Foundational allowance.
- A reduction of 150 students for membership, not knowing what Fall holds for student counts.
- The District honored all compensation agreements for bargain unit members.
- The District honored contracts and compensation in place for 2021.
- We know the hard cap allowance for health insurance so that was budgeted in. There was a slight increase in dental health, life insurance and the retirement percentage.
- Increased utility costs for school year.
- We tried to right-size the teaching staff numbers. Each year there are vacancies, we reduced 10 positions. There were no lost jobs, the right-sizing was for positions not filled.

Laura Ash noted with that and, as indicated in the report to the Board, the budget looks like we have almost a \$1.8 million deficit for June 30, 2021. Taking that from the Fund Balance leaves an Ending Fund Balance of \$6,451,187 which is at 12.31% and is not in violation of the Board requirement of an 8% Fund Balance.

Laura Ash asked if there were any questions and none were asked.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn the Budget Hearing by Vice President Catherine LaValley.

Treasurer Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Submitted by  
Patti Worden

Kyra Wallace  
Board Secretary