

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Board Work Session**

**November 12, 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room, Administration Building 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI**

**5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Art McClenney

Karen Evans

Catherine LaValley

Nathan Grajek

Kyra Wallace

Eric Jankowski

**Absent**

Jacqueline Slaby

**Present – Administration**

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Chad Osborn – Facilities Director

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Laura Ash – Executive Director, Financial Services

Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources

Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President McClenney at 5:31 p.m. All board members present except Jacqueline Slaby.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

**Motion passed 6 – 0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PRIDE AWARDS**

November pride awards were presented to April Jones, Jesse Mackenzie, Allison Adkins, Victoria Russell, Patrick Johnson, and Laura Ash.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Third Reading of Board Policy 1300 – Monique Cheeks read Board Policy 1300 for the third time.

- Cereal City Science Update – Jeff English included in his discussion the four key performance initiatives for Cereal City Science. They are New Product – curriculum re-written to NGSS standards; Support – establish a customer-facing support organization; Revenue – sales growth through multiple channels; and Scalable Model – ensure business is scalable and profitable.
- Kindergarten Success Program – Dr. Chandra Youngblood explained that the goals of the Kindergarten Success Program, formally known as ROAR are 1. To reduce academic summer slide from preschool or provide an accelerated preschool experience for those with no experience; to increase foundational literacy skills of entering kindergarten students through extended year opportunities (Strategic Goal 1); and to increase parent and community engagement (Strategic Goal 5).
- District Improvement Plan – Wes Seeley presented the District Improvement Plan. This included Goals – the desired results for all students; Objectives – measurable improvements in the goal area; Strategies – the researched-based actions to be implemented to achieve the objective; and Activities – the specific programs and steps to be used to support the implementation of the strategy.
- Battle Creek Central Chromebooks – Wes Seeley stated that Battle Creek Central High School request to purchase additional Chromebooks and charging carts to support the increased needs in its intervention classes. The cost is approximately \$32,000 and will be paid from BCCHS Title I funds.
- Middle School STEM Naming – Deborah Evans stated that the Superintendent authorized the implementation team to act as lead committee for the School naming. A district wide survey was administered through the transformation newsletter via email. The following list was established:
  - ✓ Battle Creek STEM Innovation Center
  - ✓ Battle Creek 3D STEM (Discovery, Dream, Design)
  - ✓ Battle Creek Bearcat STEM Academy
- Coil Replacement (McQuiston) – Chad Osborn explained to the board that the coil for the heating unit in the McQuiston Center was bad and needed to be replaced. This was deemed an emergency as there would not be any heat without it being replaced. They elected to go with the five day build price as that would take roughly two weeks by the time the coil was built, shipped and installed. The cost is \$12,525 and will be paid with the sinking fund to Allied Mechanical Services.
- Elementary Magnet Program – Dr. Anita Harvey along with Principal Brandon Phenix explained the concept of the new Elementary Magnet Program. It was 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.
- STRIDE Academy – Larry Manley, Jr. stated that STRIDE Academy is a web-based online learning platform that differentiates instruction for students. The program is used in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program to personalize academic content for students. The cost is \$20,000 and will be paid from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community learning fund.

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION INCREASES**

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the employee compensation increase of 2% effective November 12, 2018 at a total cost of \$122,909.01.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

President McClenney asked for a roll call vote.

Trustee Grajek – Y                      Trustee LaValley – Y                      Trustee Jankowski – Y  
Trustee Wallace – Y                      Vice President Evans – Y                      President McClenney – Abstain

**Motion passed 5 – 1-0**

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Carter read a letter from a Lakeview student who wanted to raise money for school supplies and share with the teachers of BCPS.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Catherine LaValley – Thanked Kyra and Eric for facility name usage idea; thanked Nathan for reminder of salary steps; attended the 6<sup>th</sup> grade STEM meeting; attended NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner; toured Dairy Farm with Calhoun County Farm Bureau; attended the MASB Building a Better Michigan Conference; kept abreast of the what was happening with the football team – congratulations to staff and the athletes; attended BCPSEF meeting – homecoming tailgate was a success; will attend Valley View’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade camping experience; would like to say congratulations to the district staff who will receive the well deserved compensation increase.

Nathan Grajek – Excited about Fremont opening and what it will be doing.

Eric Jankowski – Attended MASB Leadership Conference; attended Veteran’s Tribute at Valley View; pointed out the World Culture Class at SMS – exceptional class; sitting with a board member from another district at the MASB Conference who volunteers at Post-Franklin – she wanted to pass on that the building has changed and wanted us to know we are doing a great job; spent time with SMS at the OEC.

President McClenney – Congratulation to our football team on a tremendous season; to the students and families – I’ve heard nothing but wonderful things about the conduct of BCPS – this is the second time we’ve gotten a complement about our conduct; attended the MASB conference; there was an individual in our district who gave a presentation specifically speaking about our district (Kafalay), we need to get him to speak to our district; congratulated Mrs. LaValley on her re-election; I also called Mr. Grajek and Ms. Gray and welcomed her to the board; attended the NAACP dinner and congratulated Ms. Wallace for a job well done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

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*Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary*