

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 25, 2019**

**Fire Place Room of the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI**

**5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Karen Evans  
Charlie Fulbright  
Catherine LaValley  
Art McClenney  
Patty Poole-Gray  
Jackie Slaby  
Kyra Wallace

**Present – Administration**

Kim Carter – Superintendent  
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education  
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services  
Cheryl Johnson – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources  
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations  
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation  
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:30 p.m. All board members present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda as written with asterisks placed by item H and I under new business as these are items that require a vote.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the October 14, work session and October 28 regular meeting,
- C. Bills for the Month of October 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

## **REPORTS**

LaMora Park Update - Angela Morris provided an update for LaMora Park Elementary. The update provided school information, demographics, academic status, existing school partners, and achievements.

Kindergarten Success Program Report – Dr. Chandra Youngblood reported on the Program stating that this is our signature program for our rising Kindergartners. The program is designed to minimize summer slide, improve literacy and increase engagement. The program has grown in popularity as well as enrollment each year.

Elementary Summer School Report – Dr. Youngblood reported that the Bearcat Summer Bridge program is held at Valley View Elementary, open to eligible BCPS Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students with less than 25 school year absences. All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students accepted regardless of attendance.

Secondary Summer - School Report – Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Monday-Thursday for six weeks at BCCHS. Enrichment through academics occurred first each day followed by enrichment through activities and field trips. Focus Middle School – Fill the gaps in math and reading, focus for High School – Credit Recovery.

Second Reading, Board Policy 2780 – Monique provided the second reading of Board Policy 2780 – Administration of Medications by School Personnel.

Leading for Equity Moment – Catherine LaValley provided a Leading for Equity Moment. Promoting equity means taking responsibility for what matters to us. It requires will, skill, knowledge, capacity as well as social and emotional intelligence. Mrs. LaValley encouraged all Board members to share equity being demonstrated when you have been out in our school buildings

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the appointment of Charles Lipsey to the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Board Policy 2780.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Beyond School Conference in the amount of \$20,058.97 funding source 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- D. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Valley View Steamer Replacement in the amount of \$14,123.17 funding source Food Service Fund.

Jackie Slaby supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- E. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve Adult Education Computers in the amount of \$15,000 funding source Adult Ed 107 Grant.

Jackie Slaby supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- F. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Phone System upgrade in the amount of \$35,161.63 funding source General Fund.

Jackie Slaby supported the motion

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Read 180, Math 180, System44, and Coaching Support in the amount \$154,946.19 funding source WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- H. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve Middle School Chrome book in the amount of \$69,462 funding source WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- I. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Middle School Chrome book Cart Purchase in the amount of \$12,653.04 funding source WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Thank you to our summer program staff for a wonderful job. Please check out the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Exhibit at Kingman Museum, thank you to local businesses that supported our students in mock interviewing, would like to celebrate the Math Club on their success and to the hard work of the staff. Happy Thanksgiving!

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Charlie Fulbright – Attended November 1, Adult Ed Graduation, thank you to Denso for contributing the cake. On December 7, BCPS will receive a Pride Award for being a great ally to the Community. On the day after Thanksgiving dinner will be providing at First Congregational Church all are invited.

Art McClenney – Congratulations to Board Member Charlie Fulbright for completion of his Board of Educational classes making our Board certified. Kudos to our staff for all of the hard work – please keep our students in your thoughts during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Catherine LaValley – Observed Veterans Day with Valley View students, essays were written and four student essays were chosen. Attended Adult Education Graduation, thank you to Denso for their continued support, attended October 30, NWMS Band Concert, OEC visit with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Patty Poole-Gray – thank you to Superintendent Carter and Dr. Anita Harvey for the work done with NWMS.

Meeting adjourned – 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Kay Smith

Kyra Wallace  
Board Secretary