

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

October 22, 2018

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

5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Nathan Grajek
Eric Jankowski
Catherine LaValley
Art McClenney
Kyra Wallace

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Chad Osborn – Director, Facilities & Technology
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 6– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karolyn Ferguson – Hall of Fame

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Justine Lick, 3rd grade student from AJK was October’s Artist of the Month.

REPORTS

Board Policy 1300 – Second Reading -Monique Cheeks provided the 2nd reading of Board Policy 1300 regarding Remote Participation at Board Meetings.

Teacher and Administrator Evaluation- Mitch Fowler reviewed the comprehensive approach used for teacher and administrator evaluation for BCPS.

Attendance Improvement Plan-Superintendent Carter gave an overview of the Attendance Improvement Plan. The Plan is designed to improve chronic absenteeism with a goal of creating academic success by reducing absenteeism.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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

- A. Minutes from September 10 Work Session and September 24 Regular Meeting;
- B. Bills for the Month of September 2018
- C. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- D. Membership Report
- E. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve the opening of a STEM Middle School Academy for the fall 2019-20 school year.

Karen Evans supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- B. Nathan Grajek made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract up to \$275,000, funded by the WKKF grant, for a partnership with Ford NGL implementing phases 2-5 of the Community Roadmap process to establish Career Academies at Battle Creek Central High School.

Eric Jankowski supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- C. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the Financial Audit for 2017-18 as presented.

Catherine LaValley approved the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- D. Karen Evans made a motion to approve the United Way Grant as presented in the Board packet for year 2017-18.

Nathan Grajek supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- E. No vote, Item E sent back to the Committee

- F. Eric Jankowski made a motion to authorize Laura Ash to sign closing document as it relates to the sale of South Eastern.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- G. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve Karen Evans as delegate for the MASB Annual Conference with Catherine LaValley as the alternate.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 - 0

CONSIDERATION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss BCPA Negotiations.

Nathan Grajek supported that motion.
Closed session began at 6:35 p.m.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 6:43 p.m.

- B. Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the BCPA contract.

Eric Jankowski supported the motion.

Motion passed 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulations to the Football Team for winning a playoff spot. They will face Thornapple-Kellogg this Friday. Congratulations to the coaching staff who continue to go above and beyond. We appreciate the hard work.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Attended at MASB Regional meeting at KRESA. Each Board member will receive a link from the Legislative team and she asked Board members to participate Mrs. LaValley attended Lakeview School Board meeting and Artoberfiesta at the Art Center. Very happy for the Bearcat victory and glad to see news Channel 3 coverage. Requested more front-page coverage for the team.

Nathan Grajek – Attended the NPC 4; glad to see Calvin Williams representing WK Prep. Mr. Williams received lots of support from the community and would like to thank the staff for a wonderful job.

Art McClenney –Very happy with the increase in scholarships by the Hall of Fame Committee. Congratulations to our Football team for going to the playoffs, also had an opportunity to eat with the team at Clara’s, glad that the city of Battle Creek is partnering in our Challenge 5 plan. Happy with the positive feedback on Facebook. Invited the audience to attend our Board meeting in person,

Karen Evans – Attended the Sephora Latino Dinner and donated candy to the NHS Trunk or Treat event.

Kyra Wallace – Attended Communities in School planning meeting and is happy with the level of commitment that the school district has in bringing forth this model.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Kay Smith

Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary