

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 28, 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  
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Business Operations  
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 with item F changed to discussion instead of an action item.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karolyn Ferguson – secretary of the BCCHS Hall of Fame shared information on the scholarship fund and inductees for the 2019-20 year.

Anthony Pennock – shared information on the NEA-LGBT conference and presented the Board with a handout of additional information.

**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 September 9, special meeting, September 9, work session and September 23, regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of September 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley approved the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

### **REPORTS**

Monique Cheeks completed the first reading of Board Policy 2780, regarding the administration of medication by school personnel. The policy addresses the need for other contracted staff to dispense medication.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve BCPS Instrument Replacement in the amount of \$24,315 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Course Guidebook for Battle Creek Central High School.

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

**Motion passed 6 – 1**

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Kids Read Now Summer Reading Contract in the amount of \$63,756 to be paid from the United Way EGRAP grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the United Way 18-19 Year End Report.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- E. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Middle School Audio Visual Refresh in the amount of \$176,687 to be paid from the WKKF Grant to Digital Age Technologies.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- F. Discussion took place between the board members regarding the purchase of replacement of the security camera in the high school. Through Night Watch Security, we were able to secure the same number of cameras for about \$4900. After checking with capability, and getting the documentation that we would have a year warranty, I want to remove the original amount requested.

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Skilled Maintenance & Food Services Agreement. This is a three-year contract.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Construction Manager for Battle Creek Central High School's Healthcare Simulation Lab in the amount of \$24,000 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- I. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Architectural Services for Battle Creek Central High School's Simulation Lab in the amount of \$18,500 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- J. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Audit.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

**Motion passed 7 – 0**

- K. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 District Scorecard and Goals.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

**Motion passed 6 – 1**

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Carter stated that she had the pleasure of attending a meeting with several Ford NGL Superintendents from across the country who are working to transform their school districts through the implementation of career academies; and she thanked the Hall of Fame for the Spaghetti Dinner and the scholarship contributions to Battle Creek Public Schools.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Charlie Fulbright – Attended lights on afterschool event, planning to attend Friday's Adult Education graduation; Happy Veteran's Day; and don't forget daylight savings time.

Art McClenney – Kudos to our staff for all of the hard work – it is great to hear people on the outside speak positively about our school district.

Catherine LaValley - Volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity project on October 19; will attend Equity training with other BCPS employees and Board members; happy about the successful Hall Of Fame Spaghetti Dinner; will attend the BCPS Educational Foundation Dinner and encouraged the board to save the date for the next Hall of Fame dinner on April 25, 2020.

Jacqueline Slaby – attended Equity training and encouraged other staff and Board members to attend; Thanked the BCPS Hall Of Fame for all the great work; thanks to Anthony Pennock for the policy information shared with the Board; and would like to promote attendance at School Board meetings and encourage community to watch on access vision.

Karen Evans – attended the CASMBA meeting and had a great time.

Meeting adjourned – 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Kay Smith

Kyra Wallace  
Board Secretary