

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2019
Fire Place Room of the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI
5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Charlie Fulbright
Kyra Wallace
Jacqueline Slaby

Board Members absent

Art McClenney
Patty Poole-Gray

Present – Administration

Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations
Kimberly Carter – Superintendent
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services & Pupil Accounting
Cheryl Johnson – Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:34 p.m. All board members were present except Patty Poole-Gray and Art McClenney. There were an additional 17 staff and community members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction of adding item F, Consideration to approve the 2019-20 District Goals.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Yother –Post Foundation – invited the board to attend the student silent auction and dinner at the Riverside Country Club on Saturday, September 28, 5 – 9 p.m.

Karolynn Ferguson – Representing the Hall of Fame Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22 at 5- 7:30 pm at Barista Blues. The cost is \$15.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)

- B. Minutes of the August 12, special meeting, August 12, work session and August 26, regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of August 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update
- G. 2019-20 BCCHS Course Catalog
- H. 2019-20 BOE School Assignments

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

REPORTS

- A. BC CAN PRESENTATION – Laura Zallé from the Battle Creek College Access Network discussed with the board their mission, vision, and what they want to accomplish. Their vision is to establish a college-going culture by nurturing and guiding students of all ages with support and resources to make education after high school a reality. Their mission is to be committed to providing relentless community leadership to connect students to college and career opportunities for a brighter future.
- B. 2019-20 THEORY OF ACTION/GOALS – Superintendent Carter presented to the board the 2019-20 Theory of Action and Goals.
- C. 2018-19 21ST CENTURY EVALUATION RESULTS – Deondra Ramsey discussed with the board the evaluation results of the 21st Program for the 18-19 school year.
- D. 3RD GRADE READING LAW – Dr. Chandra Youngblood discuss specifics about the 3rd grade reading law. She stated that in 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed a law that requires schools to identify learners who are struggling with reading and writing and to provide additional help. The law states that third graders could repeat third grade if they are more than one grade level behind beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. TRAUMA-INFORMED GUIDEBOOK – Superintendent Carter passed out and discussed the trauma-informed guidebook that teachers and administrators has been working on for at least two years and is now in a format to discuss with the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Leading for Equity Professional Learning in the amount of \$35,100 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5- 0

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase of 30 Ipads and 1 cart for the 4th and 5th grade Reach Program in the amount of \$30,468.45 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve sending 14 staff members to the Illuminate DnA Usher conference on November 21-22, 2019 in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount up to \$19,000 to be paid from the 21H Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the contract with Truth and Titus Collective in the amount of \$21,000 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- E. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 21st Century 2019-20 Evaluation Contract with IEval in the amount of \$31,500 to be paid from the 21st Century Grant funds.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- F. Catherine LaValley made a motion to postpone the approval of the 2019-20 Theory of Action/Goals until the October meetings. This will give Superintendent Carter time to address some of the concerns/ideas presented by the board during the Reports section of the meeting.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Moss – President of Hall of Fame. He stated that he saw a wad of gum on the floor at the high school and showed it to the custodian. The custodian went into the bathroom to get some paper towel to get up the mess. He stated that there was no paper towel in the bathroom and walked away. Mr. Moss found something and picked the gum up himself. He wanted to know who's oversees the custodial staff to ensure they are doing what they are supposed to do.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter stated to the board that communication has gone out to the staff and families concerning the EEE situation; BCPS is working with other Calhoun County districts to adjust outdoor athletic events to end before dusk. This week the homecoming activities have changed. The Bearcat Olympics that would have been held this evening is canceled. Macho Volleyball has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday in the gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Powder Puff football will be held at 5 p.m. in CW Post Stadium; and on Friday, the parade line up will be at 4 p.m. with the parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. and it will go around the track. Kick off of the football game will begin at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Invited the board to the Harvest Fest at the OEC on October 13; attended the Marching Band invitational on last Saturday; on yesterday, went to the OEC to welcome 5th graders and their families; reiterated the invitation to the principals that Trustee Slaby stated two weeks ago for them to attend our board meetings; the next CASBMA meeting will be October 24; and on April 29, at Homer High School, the MASB dinner will be held at 6 p.m.

Charlie Fulbright – Public thanked Art Van for providing goodie bags to the teachers during the tailgate between BCCHS and BC Lakeview.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary