

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

September 24, 2018

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

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans

Nathan Grajek

Eric Jankowski

Catherine LaValley

Board Members Absent

Art McClenney

Jacqueline Slaby

Kyra Wallace

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Laura Ash – Executive Director, Business Operations

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources

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 Vice-President Evans at 5:30 p.m. All board members present except President McClenney, Kyra Wallace and Jacqueline Slaby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 4 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Ardis – Bearcat Pride

Elizabeth Insley – Spoke on three different concerns

Dr. Sharon Yaskulski – Career Events

REPORTS

2018-19 District Theory of Action – Superintendent Carter presented her goals for 2018-19. These include implementing culturally responsive, rigorous tier-1 instruction; use of student-centered support structures; implementing high-quality professional learning and effective collaboration structures; and use of effective communication protocols. These will be measured in the form of a scorecard.

District TOA Scorecard – Mitch Fowler presented the scorecard that supports the 2018-19 district theory of action.

Board Policy 1300 – First Reading – Monique Cheeks read the new Board Policy 1300 regarding Remote Participation at Board Meetings.

President McClenney arrived at 5:50 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Art McClenney made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Minutes from August 13 Work Session and August 27 Regular Meeting;
- B. Bills for the Month of August, 2018
- C. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- D. Membership Report
- E. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the revised NEP Contract in the amount not to exceed \$232,560 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Nathan Grajek supported the motion.

President McClenney called for a roll-call vote.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- B. Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve the Battle Creek Police Department – Police Liaison contract in the amount of \$85,964 to be paid from the General Fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the External Evaluator Contract with IEval in the amount of \$31,500 to be paid from the 21st Century funding source.

Art McClenney supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Kindergarten Kindle Plan in the amount up to \$45,000 to be paid from the WK Kellogg Early Childhood grant.

Art McClenney supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- E. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the district-wide computer purchase in the amount of \$325,345.50 to be paid from the WKKF grant (\$290,000) and the general fund (\$35,345.50).

Art McClenney supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- F. Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the Outdoor Education Center's Lodge and Dorm Renovations in the amount of \$235,380 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- G. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the replacement of WK Prep's Kitchen Water Heater in the amount of \$14,801.31 to be paid from the Food Service Excess fund balance.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- H. Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the purchase of Whiteboard Panels for Ann J Kellogg in the amount of \$14,800 to be paid from the General Fund.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- I. Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve two central office staff and one instructional leader from each building to the 2018 Illuminate Education User Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$14,000 to be paid from Title II funds.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

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

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- K. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Joint Task Force for Educational Equity (JFTEE) representatives as Art McClenney, 1st; Karen Evans, 2nd; and Nathan Grajek as the alternative.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulated the soccer team, girls swim team, girls volleyball team, boys football team, who are the division leaders right now, on jobs well done. Tonight the football team will have a fundraiser at BW3's where 20% of your purchase will help them; the BCCHS homecoming is Friday, October 5; the

BCPSEF will host a tailgate for \$30 – proceeds benefitting the scholarship fund – 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the high school; count day is October 3 – Challenge 5 campaign (no more than five absences for the year).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Thanked Trustee Wallace for attending the PD in Nashville which explains her absence on this evening; attended the Volleyball match on September 15 where the lady bearcats beat Athens; attended the swim meet in Coldwater; glad to see the new Athletic Director accessible; BCCHS football players volunteer to help the City Rec with flag football; has tickets available for the BCPSEF tailgate; thanked Superintendent Carter for the board notes as well as the radio spots regarding the Challenge 5 campaign; discussed the CASBMA dinner on October 24.

Nathan Grajek – Attended the NPC 4; glad to see that the city commission recognizes September as reading month.

Art McClenney – Glad to see that the BCPS image is moving in the positive direction; congratulations to the students on the swim team, the football team, and soccer teams; looking forward to homecoming; invited the community to the board meetings; and congratulations to the BCPS band.

Karen Evans – Attended the parent advisory meeting – encouraged parents to attend especially those with students transitioning from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary