

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

September 9, 2019

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

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter - Superintendent
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Business Operations
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Cheryl Johnson – Executive Director, Human Resources
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 7:05 p.m. All board members present. There were 11 staff and community members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item A and begin with item B as A moving down the agenda.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Wilkins – STEM Innovation Center

REPORTS

- A. Presentation of the 2019-2020 Battle Creek Central High School Course Catalog – The intent of the Course Catalog is to give students, parents and counselors an opportunity to help students plan their careers. The Course Catalog also includes a list of scholarship specifically for our Battle Creek Central graduates. This is also a solid foundation for the creation of our 2021 course offerings catalog. The catalog will be available online on the website for BCCHS.

- B. Leading for Equity Professional Learning – Proposal to send two groups of 8 educators for a total 16 to attend the Leading for Equity Institutes October 2019 and February 2020. Battle Creek Public School teams have participated in this Institute in the past and found it to be valuable both personally and professionally.
- C. 4th/5th REACH Technology – To further the experiential learning occurring in the 4th and 5th REACH program, iPads and a changing cart would allow students to gain mobility with their robotics programming as well as the opportunity to learn the Swift programming used for macros.
- D. Illuminate DnA User Conference – Proposal to send 2 central office staff and 12 instructional leaders to the 2019 Illuminate Education User Conference in Grand Rapids, November 21st and 22nd.
- E. Truth & Titus Collective – This proposal is for Battle Creek Public School teachers to engage in learning sessions focused on equity. The Institute will be broken into two different tracks, introductory and advanced. Each track will hold 8 three hour TTI sessions, every month starting in October and ending in May.
- F. President Evans distributed Board of Education School Building assignments for 2019:
 - McClenney – BCCHS, Springfield MS
 - Evans – WKK Prep, OEC
 - LaValley – LaMora Park, Valley View
 - Poole-Gray – Dudley, Northwestern MS
 - Fulbright- Post Franklin, Fremont
 - Slaby – BCAMSC, STEM Innovation MS
 - Wallace – Ann J Kellogg, Verona
- G. Battle Creek Public Schools is the recipient of two 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grants. To be in compliance with the grant rules, we must hire a local evaluator for the grant. This local evaluator will be responsible for submitting all required data to the Michigan Department of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony Pennock – excited about teacher equity focus

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Thank you to staff for the early start to the school year, welcome to all new staff, and thank you to the ambassadors for participating in welcome back to school opening day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – attended BC Stem open house, will attend OEC preview.

Art McClenney – invited the community come out and see what the school board is doing.

Karen Evans – OEC preview, will attend Post Foundation fundraiser on September 28.

Jacqueline Slaby – happy with the new course catalog for BCCHS, wishes more principals and staff would attend Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Kay Smith

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary