

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Work Session

August 12, 2019

3rd Floor Board Room, Administration Building 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI

Immediately following the Special Meeting

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Charlie Fulbright
Art McClenney
Jacqueline Slaby

Absent

Patty Poole-Gray

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Financial Services

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:44 p.m. All board members were present except Patty Poole-Gray. There were an additional 11 staff and community members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda as approved.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

- A. WK Prep High School Tracker – Dr. Deborah Nuzzi stated to the board that in order to transform WK Prep to the Arena Model, there needs to be a school tracker created and in place for staff and students to use of the optimum leaning and motivation. The cost of the High School Tracker is \$30,000 and will be paid from the WKKF Grant.
- B. BCCHS Science Textbooks – Supt. Carter stated to the board, on behalf of Christian Manley, that with a shift to new science standards, our high school needs updated textbook resources to

adequately address the Next Generation Science Standards. The cost of the science books is \$32, 111.63 and will be paid from the WKKF Grant.

- C. 2019-20 Nurses Contract – Monique Cheeks stated to the board that the district has partnered with the Calhoun County Health Department to provide not only designated health centers but also to provide school wellness program nurses to serve as school nurses. The nurses provide a wide range of health services to our students and also provide our district with Medication Administration training as well as other health related trainings. The cost of the contract is \$119,474.71 to be paid from the General Fund.
- D. 2019-20 – Battle Creek Central High School’s Student Handbook – Monique Cheeks presented the 2019-20 BCCHS Student Handbook to the board.
- E. Outdoor Education Center Business Plan Update – Jeff English stated to the board that the three year business plan outlines the opportunities and sets direction for reinvigorating and expanding the programming and facilities at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center (OEC). He stated that the plan will incorporate restoring existing facilities, expanding facilities and programming, and modify/expanding the Camp to support a financially sustainable model and instructional programming for the future. He discussed the Program Pricing Model as well as the Forest Stewardship Plan.
- F. Reaffirmation of BCPS Sexual Education Curriculum– Dr. Deborah Nuzzi stated to the board that when a public school entity in Michigan elects to teach sexual education, it is required by Michigan Department of Education for an every-two year review and Board of Education reaffirmation to occur. In compliance with this law, the BCPS Sexual Education Advisory Board was reconvened in the Sprint of 2019 to review the curriculum, communication plan and reaffirm that the curriculum choices approved meet the needs of our students as defined by the MiPhy Survey and the National Sexuality Education Standards. There is no cost associated with the reaffirmation.
- G. Battle Creek Promise Zone Report – Trustee LaValley discussed the Battle Creek Promise Zone report and passed out to the board members and discussed a copy of the History of Taxable Value table and scholarships available under the Promise Zone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter welcomed the Administrators and staff who are returning and will be attending a dynamic Summit on Thursday and Friday. Thursday, the guest speaker will be B. Kefele and on Friday, the guest speaker will be Pam Allyn. Each day will begin at 8 a.m. Superintendent Carter invited the board to attend; also thanked all the staff that organized 72 workshop sessions and 56 different presenters; back; tomorrow is the annual Community Walk which will begin at 5 pm at the Miller Stone building. This year, we will be riding school buses that will take four teams into different neighborhoods welcoming students back and greeting families; Opening Day ceremony will take place on Monday, August 19 at 8 a.m. in the WK Auditorium; Designation Day will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the BCCHS gymnasium with Dr. Eric Thomas as the guest speaker and open to the public; and on Saturday, October 19, BCPS is scheduled for a habitat build, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. More information will be provided as it is received. Great things are happening at Battle Creek Public Schools!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Charlie Fulbright – There is a back to school clothing event at 1st Congregational Church today, tomorrow and Thursday, from 2 – 6 p.m. Vouchers are available at Charitable Union; will attend the MASB Conference this week end and will only have three left before my certification!

Karen Evans – Welcomed Trustee Slaby back; will also attend the MASB Conference this week end in Bellaire.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary