

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

February 25, 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
Kyra Wallace
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Slaby
Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
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
Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Evans at 5:30 p.m. All board members present except Jacqueline Slaby and Art McClenney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Alicia Alvarez, 8th grade student from Springfield Middle School is February’s Artist of the Month. If you see her, please offer congratulations!

PRIDE AWARDS

Pride awards were given to Anne Brubaker-Stagner, Cathy Connor, Niesha Brown, Antoinette Randolph, Nicole Vaughn, Mary Horn, Sandra Brunner, and Larry Manley, Jr. for their outstanding contribution to the students of Battle Creek Public Schools. Congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Autumn Felder – Invited the board to the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on March 8, 6 p.m. in the BCCHS commons. Again this year, over 30 students will be inducted.

REPORTS

ABM Custodial Transition – Craig Wall from ABM presented the board with an Integrated Facility Services Report for Battle Creek Public Schools.

Battle Creek Central Elevator Lock- Chad Osborn stated to the board that the high school students are using the elevator without permission causing concerns within the building for staff members to monitor. It is recommended to install a security system on the elevator. This will cost \$13,167.92 and will be paid from the Superintendent's WKKF grant.

Fremont Kitchen Restoration- Since Fremont has been closed, the license for the kitchen was not renewed with the health department. To reopen the building, upgrades are needed to bring the kitchen up to code with the health department. Due to the small size of the kitchen and the fact that the area needs to be remodeled for licensing, we would like to expand the kitchen area so we can use proper equipment and have room for storage. The cost of the project is \$408,756.08 to be paid from the Food Services Fund Equity.

Mid-Year Progress towards Goals – Superintendent Carter discussed the mid-year goals and how they align with the six goals to greatness.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Trust Fund / Comerica (written only the report)
- B. Minutes from January 14 Work Session
- C. Bills for the Month of January 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the installation of an overhead garage door at Cereal City Science to be completed by the Overhead Door Company for a cost of \$11,950 to be paid from by the Math & Science Center Building and Site fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase of furniture for the STEM Innovation Center up to the amount of \$534,582 to be paid for by the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- C. Patty Poole-Gray made a motion to approve the purchase of furniture for Fremont International Academy in the amount of \$346,800 to be paid for by the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley approved the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the purchase of System 44 Licenses from Houghton-Mifflin for Ann J Kellogg at the cost of \$43,660.23 to be paid from Ann J Kellogg Title I funding.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- E. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks and 12 charging stations for Valley View Elementary in the amount or \$88,970 to be paid from Valley View's Title I fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- F. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the participation of Springfield Middle School's staff at the Model School Conference in Washington on June 23-27, 2019 in the amount of \$13,670 to be paid from Springfield Middle School's Title I funding.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the proposed general fund budget revision.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve Knightwatch installing access control on the elevator at Battle Creek Central High School for the amount of \$13,167.92 to be funded by the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- I. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the renovations of Fremont International Academy's kitchen by Schweitzer in the amount of \$408,756.08 to be funded by the Food Service Equity Fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- J. Catherine LaValley made a motion for the board to support Dorothy Dilsaver as the MASB representative for Region 6.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion. President Evans called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Poole-Gray – Yes
Trustee Fulbright – Yes

Trustee Wallace – Yes
President Evans – Yes

Trustee LaValley – Yes

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Gray – Thanked the board members for coming out to support the NAACP Quiz Bowl. He brought extra t-shirts for those who wanted them.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter thanked those students who worked hard on the National Honor Society Soul Food Dinner and because of a personal conflict, she was unable to attend; appreciates the Board members who support the activities at our schools.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Patty Poole-Gray – Attended the Heritage Bowl – it was like playing Jeopardy. I enjoyed the fact that it was sponsored by the NAACP and that it was a very diverse group of student participants. Attended the family night for the Reach Program at the Math and Science Center and enjoyed watching the families work together to unlock those boxes.

Catherine LaValley– Reminded board members that there is still time to purchase the Hall of Fame banquet tickets; thank you to the board members who support the Hall of Fall ad; enjoyed the quiz bowl; thanks to the Shopper News who published the winners; attended the play the next day after the Quiz Bowl; passed out the brochure from Grace Health detailing those things that can be found in our health centers; attended the Health Center advisory committee meeting – one of our challenges is getting the consent forms signed so students can use the Health Centers; enjoy the National Honor Society dinner and their program.

Charlie Fulbright – Commended finance team and board for approving the inclement weather payments – received many messages praising us and the finance team for thinking of them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary