

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

March 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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Evans at 5:31 p.m. All board members present except Jacqueline Slaby and Art McClenney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda with the revision of adding a new IV. Winter Attendance Recognition and moving all of the other roman numerals down one, current IV become V, etc.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5– 0

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Tianna Boswell, 8th grade student from Northwestern Middle School is February's Artist of the Month. If you see her, please offer congratulations!

WINTER ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Dudley Elementary for receiving the Winter Attendance Recognition Award. On count day, Dudley had 99% of their students present! This resulted from the hard work put forth by the Family Advocate, Zena Perry, who personally picked up students so that would be present in school on this day. Again, congratulations for a job well done!

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Management and Oversight of the Superintendent Workshop – President Evans shared with the board the information she received from attending this workshop. She encouraged the board to attend the next workshop in October.

Asbestos Abatement Contract- Chad Osborn stated to the board that with the re-opening of Fremont, the classrooms and gymnasium are in need of asbestos abatement before the installation of a new drop ceiling, LED lighting and floor tile. It is recommended that the board approve Rightway Remediation for asbestos abatement in the amount of \$59,800 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

Fremont Building Upgrades- Chad Osborn stated to the board that a request for proposal was completed to install a drop ceiling, drop-in LED lighting, and new floor tile in Fremont International Academy. Three bids were received for the electrical component, two bids were received for the drop ceiling, two bids for the flooring, and one bid for the general contractor. It is recommended that the board approve Elite Construction for the building upgrades in the amount of \$187,000 to be paid from the sinking fund.

Facility & Technology Plan Review – Chad Osborn presented the board with a PowerPoint presentation outlining what upgrades have taken place with the area schools and what updates will happen in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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

- A. Trust Fund / Comerica (written only the report)
- B. Minutes of the February 4 rescheduled regular meeting from January 28, February 11, work session, February 12, special meeting, and February 25 regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of February 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Patty Poole-Gray supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2019 Summer Slide Program in the amount of up to \$73,395 to be paid from the United Way EGRAP fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve thirteen classroom units at Post Franklin to be added to the building management system by ControlNet in the amount of \$11,000 to be paid from the Sinking fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- C. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the revised contract for GCA in the amount of \$1,896,347.00 to be paid for by the general fund.

Catherine LaValley approved the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- D. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to revise and refine the 9-12 ELA curriculums in the amount of \$48,600 to be paid from the Michigan Department of Education grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- E. Patty Poole Gray made a motion to approve the Spanish curriculum and consulting support for Fremont International Academy by Calico Spanish and Spanish for Kids in the amount of purchase of \$15,801 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- F. Charlie Fulbright made a motion to approve the asbestos abatement contract with Rightway Remediation in the amount of \$59,800 to be paid from the sinking fund.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the building upgrades at Fremont International Academy by Elite Construction in the amount of \$187,000 to be paid from the sinking fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the ISD 2019-20 general fund budget.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

President Evans called for a roll-call vote.

Trustee Poole-Gray – Y

Trustee Wallace – Y

Trustee LaValley – Y

Trustee Fulbright – Y

President Evans – Y

Motion passed 5 – 0

- I. Catherine LaValley made a motion to support the Springfield Middle School’s Out-of-State field trip to Washington DC. There will be 17 students and three adult chaperone’s attending and no cost to the district.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter congratulated the two business teams qualifying for the National JA Titan competition to be held in May; invited the board and the community to attend the Hall of Fame Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Barista Blues on tomorrow (March 26). Seating times are 5:15 and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15; encouraged the continued support of Governor Whitmer educational budget.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Patty Poole-Gray – Had a great time and humbled that Dudley held a Patty Day in her honor; read to kids at Verona; attended the New Level Sports event and thanked Superintendent Carter and Dr. Harvey for being present to answer questions.

Kyra Wallace– looking forward to reading at Post Franklin this week; congratulated Dudley STEM for the 99% attendance on count day.

Catherine LaValley – Enjoyed reading at Verona, attended Valley View parent council meeting; last Wednesday was a volunteer guide at the Bronson Health Care with BC Can; attended the Adult Ed graduation; will attend the Spaghetti Dinner at Barista Blues tomorrow; and will be at Post Franklin this Thursday to read to the students.

Charlie Fulbright – Will be at Post Franklin reading event this Thursday and they still need volunteers so if anyone would like to read to the students, please show up at Post Franklin; March is also Women's History Month so he saluted all of the awesome women in the room.

Karen Evans – Will be reading at Post Franklin this Thursday morning; on April 24, we have the Calhoun Area School Board Member's Association awards dinner where four of our board members will be recognized: Jacqueline and Kyra will receive their Certified Board Member award, Catherine will receive her Award of Distinction, President Evans will receive the State of Data Award; Patty Poole Gray has completed her certification board member but it was not completed in 2018, so she will be recognized next year; and May 4 is the board retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary