

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
June 28, 2021

Miller Stone Conference Room, 77 Capital Avenue NE, Battle Creek
Immediately following the Budget Hearing

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright
Jacqueline Slaby
Art McClenney
Nathan Grajek

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent
Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager
Rhonda Potts - Executive Director
Pat McCann – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources
Wes Seeley – Director of Grant, Federal Programs and Adult Education

Absent – Administration

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi, Director, Secondary Education
Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Mitch Fowler, Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Jeff English – Executive Director

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LaValley at 5:38pm. Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, Patty Poole-Gray, Charlie Fulbright, Jacqueline Slaby, Art McClenney and Nathan Grajek were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Agenda as presented.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDERATION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to go into Closed Session to discuss Superintendent Evaluation at 5:40pm.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

CONSIDERATION TO RECONVENE

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to Reconvene at 7:47pm.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

President Catherine LaValley noted there was lengthy discussion in Closed Session about the Superintendent Evaluation. It went well and the Board appreciates everyone's patience.

President LaValley reported the Superintendent Evaluation result was 92% which means Highly Effective.

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Superintendent Evaluation.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

President Catherine LaValley shared the Superintendent Contract will begin on July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. The Board made the addition of an Annuity for Superintendent Carter, along with merit pay and a 3% wage increase.

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Superintendent Contract.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the Work Session on May 10, 2021
Regular Meeting on May 24, 2021 and Special Meeting on May 24, 2021
- C. Bills for the Month of May 2021
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Finance Report
- F. BCCHS World and US History Curriculum Resource Adoption
- G. Renaissance Learning Year 5 Renewal
- H. Dreambox Renewal
- I. Flyleaf Decodable Reader Supplemental Program for Post-Franklin
Foundations of Engineering Curriculum Resource Adoption
- J. NWEA License Renewal
- K. 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

There was brief discussion about the number of items on the Consent Agenda and it being encumber some that the Board doesn't vote on each item separately. It was noted all of these items were previously discussed and presented earlier this month.

President Catherine LaValley mentioned it was excellent to see the recognition of our BCPS Retirees in the local Shopper.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Legislative Advocacy Report

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby reviewed the Legislative Advocacy Report.

President Catherine LaValley thanked Trustee Slaby for her Report, noting the Board appreciates receiving this information.

2021-2022 Communities in School (CIS) Contract

Monique Cheeks discussed the 2021-2022 Communities in School (CIS) Contract in the amount of \$654,644.00 with funding from a split between the WKKF Grant/Title I funds.

Monique introduced Evan McCoy from the CIS who shared a presentation about the CIS services.

The Board will vote on this matter at the Work Session on July 12, 2021.

Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds

Superintendent Carter discussed the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds.

She recommended the Board approve the District's ability to apply for a Preliminary Qualification of Bonds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Art McClenney left the meeting at 8:50pm.

OEC Kitchen Renovation

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the OEC Kitchen Renovation in the amount of \$476,377.00 with the funding source being the Food Service Excess Fund Balance.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

2020-2021 General Fund Final Budget Amendment

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Final Budget Amendment.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

2020-2021 Supplemental Fund Final Budget Amendments

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2020-2021 Supplemental Fund Final Budget Amendments.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

2021-2022 Preliminary Supplemental Fund Budgets

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2021-2022 Preliminary Supplemental Fund Budgets.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

2021-2022 Board of Education Meetings

President Catherine LaValley discussed the 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting List, adding we are approving this now because it is the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2021-2022 Board of Education Meetings as presented.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

There was brief discussion about the Board Planning Calendar and the topics for each meeting. It was noted this calendar is based on a calendar year.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Resolution for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Resolution for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter extended appreciation and thanks to the staff working in Summer programs. She noted it has been a long, rough year, but we have amazing educators showing up this Summer to deal with the interrupted learning students have experienced. She also gave thanks to all the individuals working in all areas, like Food Service, CIS, 21st Century, etc.

Superintendent Carter thanked the Board for the specific and intentional feedback received during her evaluation, noting she appreciates looking at the opportunities to grow and improve. She closed by saying she looks forward to working alongside the Board to make a world of difference for students.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright commended Mr. Seeley and the Adult Ed Staff for the amazing Graduation he attended last week. There were 18 Graduates and they did a wonderful job. Thank you to the entire Adult Ed Staff for what they do. As Dr. Harvey would say, "Great Things Are Happening in BCPS".

President Catherine LaValley commented as follows:

- She also attended the Adult Ed Graduation on June 22nd and the outdoor signed welcome Graduates and their families for a special evening. She thanked Treasurer Fulbright for the reminder about the number of Graduates and also noted DENSO provided refreshments for the celebration following Graduation.
- She briefly attended the Community Meeting held at Washington Heights Methodist Church. It was moved inside due to the weather and good conversation took place.
- She thanked MASB Dr. Rod Green and the Board Trustees for all the collaboration and good conversation about Superintendent Carter's evaluation and contract.
- She attended the BCCHS Career Academies Advisory Zoom on June 13th.
- She appreciates BCPS Superintendent Carter and the Contract the Board provided was to let her know she is appreciated. In this uncertain year, our District was guided by hard work, love and outstanding effort in a time that was chaotic and messy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Submitted by
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary