

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

October 11, 2021

Board Room at the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kyra Wallace

Patty Poole-Gray

Charlie Fulbright

Jacqueline Slaby

Nathan Grajek

Absent

Catherine LaValley

Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Mitch Fowler – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Special Programming & Literacy Services

Dr. Anita Harvey, Director, District Transformation

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Rhonda Potts - Executive Director

Pat McCann – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Wes Seeley – Director of Grant, Federal Programs and Adult Education

Absent – Administration

Jeff English – Executive Director

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace at 5:34p.m. Kyra Wallace, Patty Poole-Gray, Charlie Fulbright, Jacqueline Slaby and Nathan Grajek were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Students Representatives to Board of Education

Superintendent Kim Carter discussed the Student Representatives to the Board of Education and shared the process for their selection.

Ms. Imani Jones was nominated as the WK Prep Student Representative.

Ms. Alayna Asberry was nominated as the BCCHS Student Representative.

Superintendent Carter advised the Student Representatives will join the Board at the Regular Meeting on Monday, October 25th.

Vice President Kyra Wallace commented it is very exciting the Board will have Student Representation.

Literacy Tutor Protocol Materials

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi discussed the Literacy Tutor Protocol Materials.

Dr. Nuzzi noted there is a change in the amount requested and she advised it should be up to \$49,000.00 rather than up to \$50,000.00.

There was discussion about the RAG Funds being used for this expense and if we were guaranteed to receive RAG Funds. Dr. Nuzzi RAG Funds are conditional, not a definite, however if the RAG Funding didn't come through she believes perhaps there is another funding source available to cover this cost.

Facilities Management Strategic Advisory Services

Rhonda Potts discussed the Facilities Management Strategic Advisory Services regarding custodial, lawn care, landscaping and athletic field maintenance shortfalls the District is currently experiencing and Blue Skyre Facilities Strategic and Advisory Services collaborating with us to recommend a target operating model.

HMH ThinkCentral Renewal

Dr. Chandra Youngblood discussed the HMH ThinkCentral Renewal.

She reported the ThinkCentral License expired in 2020, but due to COVID, Houghton Mifflin extended the license for one year at no cost.

This renewal is for two (2) years.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on October 25, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

STARR Commonwealth Resilient Schools Training

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the STARR Commonwealth Resilient Schools Training in the amount of \$76,015.00 with the funding source being ESSER Funds.

Trustee Nathan Grajek supported the Motion.

Motion passed 4 – 1.

Calhoun County Health Department School Wellness Contract

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Calhoun County Health Department School Wellness Contract in the amount of \$438,762.80 with the funding source being ESSER Funds.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Literacy Tutor Protocol Materials

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Literacy Tutor Protocol Materials in the amount of up to \$49,000.00 with the funding source being RAG Funds.

Trustee Nathan Grajek supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Facilities Management Strategic Advisory Services

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Facilities Management Strategic Advisory Services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 with the funding source being the General Fund.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 4 – 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following information:

- Transportation Update – she is pleased to report Dean has hired 6 new drivers who are in training. The training does take time, so we anticipate this having an impact on our routes until after the Thanksgiving Break. We will continue to source and hire drivers and she encouraged anyone who may be interested to check out our social media page.
- The BCCHS Hall of Fame Scholarship Fundraiser will be on Tuesday, October 26th, from 4:30-7:30pm for a Spaghetti Dinner. The Hall of Fame has been an amazing supporter of BCCHS students and accessing college education. Superintendent Carter encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket and enjoy a night they don't have to cook dinner.
- October is National Principal's Month. She asked that everyone reach out and thank a Principal for all that they do and how they came through for the District when COVID hit. She added our Principals are always there when we need them and she thanked our BCPS Super Heroes for their service in Leadership roles.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby shared that today is Happy Indigenous People Day and she wanted to make sure the Board recognized that at their Meeting tonight. She discussed the partnership opportunities with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and thanked this group for all they do in our Community and the resources they provide for students and families.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm.

Submitted by
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary