

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

September 13, 2021

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

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Patty Poole-Gray

Charlie Fulbright

Jacqueline Slaby

Nathan Grajek (arrived at 5:53p.m.)

Absent

Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Mitch Fowler – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Rhonda Potts - Executive Director

Absent – Administration

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

Dr. Anita Harvey, Director, District Transformation

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Pat McCann – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources

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

Jeff English – Executive Director

MINUTES

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

President LaValley heard from Trustee Grajek and he will be joining in a few minutes.

President LaValley read our Mission Statement aloud.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Agenda as presented.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Tino Smith
50 Spencer Street
Battle Creek
(317-777-0327)

Dr. Smith indicated he was coming to the Board on behalf of Kingdom Builders Worldwide to share their interest in the Washington Street property. He shared they would like to create a prototype or duplicate some of the work they've done on the East side of town to service more people in the community.

Dr. Smith thanked the Board for their time.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Styer-Fitzgerald Curriculum for

Students with Cognitive Impairments on Certificate of Completion Pathway

Tammy Robinson discussed the Styer-Fitzgerald Curriculum and the need for this Curriculum for Students with Cognitive Impairments on the Certificate of Completion Pathway.

This Curriculum is designed for K-12 students and can go to age 26. Tammy noted the State of Michigan is the only State that educates special needs students to the age of 26.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on September 27, 2021.

21st Century 2020-2021 Evaluation Report

Larry Manley, Jr. discussed the 2020-2021 Evaluation Report for 21st Century.

Nathan Grajek arrived at 5:53pm.

21st Century 2021-2022 Evaluation Contract

Larry Manley, Jr. discussed the 2021-2022 Evaluation Contract for 21st Century.

This Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on September 27th.

DISCUSSION

2021-2022 Goals

Superintendent Kim Carter discussed the 2021-2022 Goals.

There was considerable discussion about the 2021-2022 Goals, with Board Members sharing their thoughts on items to be included.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following information:

- We are continuing to work through transportation issues and continue to have hiring needs. She encouraged anyone interested in becoming a bus driver to visit our website or Facebook page. Pay is between \$18 - \$21 per hour, depending on your level of experience, plus benefits.

She encouraged anyone having transportation issues and in need of support to contact their school office. We have a CIS support individual at each building. Families are also encouraged to reach out to their Building Principal.
- We are hiring for several support staff positions that can also be found on our website.
- She is very proud of the work that has been happening over the last few weeks.
- She thanked the community for their continued support.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright shared the following:

- This Friday, September 17th, is the Back to School Tailgate from 5:00-7:00p.m. at the Spirit Field and sponsored by the Battle Creek Public Schools Education Foundation. In partnership with the teachers and secretary union, the Education Foundation will be starting a Bernadette Gordier Scholarship Fund, in recognition of her 50+ years of service to the BCPS District. Individuals can donate by going to the BCPS Education Foundation website or in-person at the event. The Tailgate is right before the BCCHS and Lakeview Football game.
- Last week he attended the Health Fair at Post-Franklin and had a great time. There was free food, fun programs and free vaccinations.
- He wanted to echo what Superintendent Carter said about bus drivers and also lunch helpers at Post-Franklin. He encouraged anyone interested to reach out.
- Wednesday is the 1st day of Hispanic Heritage Month - Happy Month to them.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby shared the Bond Committee will be passing out swag and yard signs at the Back to School Tailgate for anyone interested in showing their support for the Middle School Transformation Bond that will be on the Ballot this November 2nd. The Bond Committee is excited to welcome the community.

President Catherine LaValley shared the following:

- She attended the BCPS Grace Health Meeting that was held virtually on September 1st and sent the Minutes to Board Members for their information.
- She gave a reminder about the Broadband Survey to address internet and broadband needs for Calhoun County. The deadline for the Survey is September 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

President LaValley adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.

Submitted by
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary