

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2021

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

5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Charlie Fulbright

Art McClenney

Nathan Grajek

Absent

Patty Poole-Gray

Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Mitch Fowler – Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

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, Special Programming & Literacy Services

Jeff English – Executive Director

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LaValley at 5:33pm. Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, Charlie Fulbright, Art McClenney and Nathan Grajek were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Blythe
39 Sycamore Avenue, Battle Creek
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Joe is the 2nd Vice Commander for American Legion Post 54.

Joe discussed the 2022 Michigan Boys State/Girls program opportunities which will be funded by the American Legion for Boys and the Auxiliary for Girls. The program teaches selected High School Juniors about the Government and topics like Legislative Sessions, Court proceedings, Law Enforcement and Recreational Programs. This program will run June 12th thru 18th, 2022.

Joe also discussed the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, the American Legion Teacher of the Year and 2021-2022 American Legion Scholarships and Programs for High School Students and the Community.

Handouts for all of the opportunities were provided to the Board Members.

President LaValley thanked Joe for the information and noted these are Honorable Programs.

Joe encouraged anyone interested in these opportunities to contact him.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the Work Session on August 9, 2021 and Regular Meeting on August 23, 2021
- C. Bills for the Month of August 2021
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Finance Report
- G. Styer-Fitzgerald Curriculum for Students with Cognitive Impairments on Certificate of Completion Pathway
- H. 21st Century Evaluation Contract

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

STARR Commonwealth Resilient Schools Training

Monique Cheeks discussed the STARR Commonwealth Resilient Schools Training.

The Board will vote on this item at the Work Session on October 11, 2021.

Calhoun County Health Department School Wellness Contract

Monique Cheeks discussed the Calhoun County Health Department School Wellness Contract.

The CCHD School Wellness Contract covers the six (6) Elementary Nurses in our buildings and is a one-year Contract.

The Board will vote on this item at the Work Session on October 11, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 Goals

Superintendent Kim Carter discussed the 2021-2022 Goals.

Superintendent Carter noted the Goals are already set and annually we create Strategic Priorities.

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities for Superintendent Performance.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

President Catherine LaValley requested that the Board Trustees receive a hard copy of the 2021-2022 Goals.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following comments:

- BCCHS Hall of Fame Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner is back. It will be on Tuesday, October 26th from 4:30-7:30 at Barista Blues. Take Out Only due to COVID. Tickets can be purchased from Fred Jones or Joe Blythe. This information will be shared on the BCPS Website.

- Congratulations to LaMora Park for winning the TrueSuccess Platinum Award of Excellence and were 1 of 4 recipients chosen. They were selected based on creativity, implementation, the application of tools and informal observations of connections made to TrueSuccess and its integration of the program into the school day. The LaMora Park Teaching Team did an amazing job of adding character education and social emotional learning into the school day and paving the way for our students to be not only college and career ready, but also community ready. Thank you to that Team for the work you are doing.

The TrueSuccess program is being implemented across the BCPS District and our Teams are doing an amazing job at creating community ready kids.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice President Kyra Wallace shared the following:

- Thru CIS Michigan, this week is Student Support Coordinators Appreciation Week and she felt it was important to acknowledge our CIS Team who support our schools. They are Stefan McCoy, Anastasha Outman, Ryan Payne, Zena Perry, Jennifer Williams, Lavinda Williams, Ashley Gilland, Jamie Wynn, Wendy Glass, Mariama Wurie, Melissa Butler, Monique Altman, Nyasha Wilson and Arial Laws. Thank you for your hard work for BCPS.

President Catherine LaValley commented we love our Student Support and CIS Team. She asked Board Members to waive their rally towels received tonight to acknowledge this Team.

- She hopes as a District that we take advantage of programs for our students that sponsor organizations and businesses make available because those experiences are great and to have those community partnerships want to come in is great and the purpose for Goal 5 (Active Partnerships with Our Community). She referenced this being programs like we heard about tonight the Michigan Boys/Girl State opportunities through the American Legion. She is aware of another program the Kellogg Company is anxiously waiting for a response about that will provide opportunities for BCPS, specifically for BCCHS.

Trustee Art McClenney commented as follows:

- He congratulated the students and staff for a successful Homecoming Week and also the Homecoming King and Queen.
- He was not at the last Board Meeting, but he heard Bobby Holley and Superintendent Kim Carter gave quite the performance at the Tailgate and that it was a successful Tailgate.
- Don't forget to vote on November 2nd for the Bond.

President Catherine LaValley commented as follows:

- Tonight is the last time she can remind the Community about the Broadband Survey which closes on Thursday, September 30th. The purpose of the Survey is to collect information about broadband access in Calhoun County.
- Wednesday is the MASB Awards Ceremony honoring former Board President Karen Evans and themselves for having earned the Learning Achievement Award.
- The Facilities Task Force is meeting this week on Thursday.
- She attended the BC Promise Zone Meeting last week. Terry Burleson moved to KCC and Patrick Chenault is the replacement. They heard about a very clean audit and the audit was adopted because it was due this week.
- She attended the BC College Access Network Board Meeting as a visitor. BCCAN is in negotiations with Legacy Scholar Donors. We have had this opportunity for 16 years. It provides scholarships for BCPS, Lakeview, Calhoun Community High School students. She reported the scholarship used to only be able to be used as last dollar funding and that is no longer a requirement. The Application process is being streamlined by reducing the paperwork to be completed by families and the scholarship will now provide funding for 62 credit hours, to be taken up to 5 years past Graduation, at KCC.
- Trustee Jacqueline Slaby asked her to remind all those in the County about the Trunk or Treat Festivities at NWMS on Saturday 10/2/21 from 4:00-6:00pm.
- We are in the last month as we move forward with the Bond Advocacy Committee. President LaValley asked all Board Members to let Patti Worden know a separate (personal) email address so they can receive weekly newsletters, current news updates and events and have the ability to access Bond Advocacy information by Wednesday, September 29th. She noted that all Board Members play an important role in the Bond.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07p.m.

Submitted by
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary