

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2016
Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Todd Stagner
Karen Evans
Nathan Grajek
Catherine LaValley
Rose Miller
Kellie Thomas

ABSENT

Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter - Superintendent
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Chad Osborn – Director, Facilities & Technology
Stephen Sestina – Executive Director, Human Resources
Lindsay Elizondo – Executive Director, Financial Services

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Stagner at 6:00 p.m. All board members were present except Art McClenney. Approximately 12 citizens and staff were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rose Miller made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Artist of the Month

Jan Cramer presented Ms. Abby Ardnt, 7th grader at Springfield Middle School, as the artist for the month of October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

W. Lindsay Wheeler – spoke regarding teaching genocide in the high school.

Toni Ardis – acknowledged positives regarding BCPS.

Kayanne Hummel – spoke of issues she had with Dean Transportation and the distance her 6 year old had to walk to get on the bus.

REPORTS

Finance and Physical Resource – Karen Evans says that everything that will be presented later in the agenda came before that committee and has been approved.

Board Policy – Kellie Thomas says that all policies have been reviewed and the committee is waiting for the final draft to return from the attorneys to present to the board.

Student Achievement Committee – Catherine LaValley says the committee met the first Monday. The committee was able to demonstrate the Read 180 and Do The Math programs. Mr. Seeley reported the 4th Quarter Priority Reports. Dr. Nuzzi spoke to the committee stating that an Advisory Board on Reproductive Health will be put together meetings twice a year. She also discussed other presenters at the meeting.

Fourth Quarter Priority Reports – Wes Seeley went over the priority reports that were presented in the board packet. He reminded the board that this report covers the months of June to August.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Stagner asked the board to consider approving the following consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the special and regular meeting, September 19, 2016
- b. Bills for the month of September 2016
- c. Personnel changes and recognition of retirees

Kellie Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Superintendent Carter asked the board to authorize her to negotiate the sale of the Washington Site. Mr. Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager of Battle Creek, discussed the project in more detail.

Karen Evans made a motion to give authorization to Superintendent Carter to negotiate the sale of the Washington site.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 - 0

- B. Superintendent Carter, on behalf of Student Services, asked the Board to adopt and approve the revised High School Student Handbook. The board members discussed wordings in a couple of the sentences are adjusted for consistency.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the High School Student Handbook for the 2016-17 school year.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Dr. Stagner mentioned that on page 24, there are some grammatical changes that should be made also. Drop off times for students should be looked at so that it standard (15 minutes prior) across all handbooks. A call-out will be sent to parents as well to let them know the handbook is available on the website.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- C. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the Alternate High School Student Handbook.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Alternate High School Handbook.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- D. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the Acceptable Use Policy. This policy was reviewed by Thrun Law Firm and our internal technology staff. This policy was also approved by the Policy Committee. This is for every employee; every student that uses BCPS technology.

Rose Miller made a motion to approve Acceptable Use Policy.

Karen Evans supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- E. Superintendent Carter asked the board to authorize the Director of Secondary Education to create an Advisory Board for the Sex Education, and be one of the required co-chairs of this Advisory Board. The reason that this is referred to as the Battle Creek Public Schools Sex Education Advisory Board is because the State believes that is it more broad than just Reproductive Health, so the correct terminology is Sex Ed Advisory Board. It is further recommended that the Director of Secondary, in this role of co-chair be authorized to secure the required positions for this advisory board and maintain the final state requirements.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the district designee, Dr. Deborah Nuzzi, to implement the Sex Ed guidelines.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- F. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve Cheryl Wells, Independent Contractor, for services rendered to Northwestern Middle School.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the services of Cheryl Wells for services rendered to Northwestern Middle School in the amount of \$40,000 from the 31-A, At-Risk Grant.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- G. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the purchase of site licenses from Academy Strides for the 21st Century Program for middle and elementary schools.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the purchase of site licenses from Academy Strides for the 21st Century Program in the amount of \$21,700 from the 21st Century Grant. This is a contract for one-year. It must be renewed on an annual basis.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- H. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the disbursement of the United Way Grants, totaling \$212,000, as follows:

Multi-Tiered Support Systems	\$60,000
Breakfast in the Classroom	\$32,000
Early Grade Reading Program	\$120,000

Karen Evans made the motion to approve the disbursement of the United Way Grants as presented.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- I. Wes Seeley asked the board to approve Plato Courseware Renewal. This software is needed for the Alternative High School and the Adult Education to deliver on-line instructions in core areas.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the renewal of Plato Courseware in the amount of \$10,350, coming from Section 107 Grant (\$2520) and General Fund (\$7830).

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- J. Chad Osborn asked the board to approve the additional amount of \$24,345 needed for the replacement of the elevator in the Administration Building. Last June the board

approved the replacement of the elevator in the Admin Building. The bid was higher than anticipated and an additional amount is needed.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the additional \$24,345 for the replacement of the Administration Building elevator to come from the Building and Site fund.

Nathan Grajek supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- K. Chad Osborn asked the board to approve the removal of the trench drain in the bus transfer station at Ann J. Kellogg. The asphalt is caving in and is becoming a hazard.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the removal of the trench drain in the bus transfer station at Ann J. in the amount of \$12,520 from the Building and Site Fund.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter thanked the all who attended the Gray and Pink football game in honor of a teammate with brain cancer. Also, Valley View is having a fundraiser through the end of October at Barista Blues. Proceeds will go the Humane Society.

Superintendent Carter read a resolution from Governor Snyder recognizing October as Principal month. She encouraged everyone to recognize and honor the principals of BCPS.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Attended the outstanding football game. It was awesome to see the team come together in support of their teammate. T-shirts were available for sale at \$15 each. The referees and the chain gang donated their pay for the evening to this family.

The BC Current is a newsletter started by a Social Studies teacher and students. It has relevant information and very nicely done. She also attended the NPC #3 and #5.

Karen Evans – The CASBMA Candidate Forum will be held at the ISD on Wednesday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Nathan Grajek –Really enjoys touring the schools and seeing what great things are happening.

Kellie Thomas – Attended opening day at Post Franklin. Hats off to the teachers on a job well done. Also, she invited the public to the marching band competition held this Saturday, September 24 at 2 p.m.

Rose Miller – in great support of the BC Current publication.

Dr. Stagner – The BCAMSC is having a blood drive Friday, October 21.

Meeting adjourned by President Stagner at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by *Gloria O. Wilkerson*