

**BATTLE CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
January 21, 2012
8:30 a.m.
Board Room – School Administration Building**

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
William Burton
Susan Buckley
Todd Stagner
Steve Hoelscher
Art McClenney
Scott Cubberly

Present – Administration

Dr. Linda Hicks – Superintendent

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 8:37 a.m. All board members were present. No citizens were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Motion approved 7 – 0

DISTRICT PROPERTY

Superintendent Hicks led the discussion about what to do with each of the district's vacant buildings. No decisions were made regarding any of the buildings. Board members requested that Superintendent Hicks contact the district's attorneys about whether the board had to follow a specific procedure for accepting offers for selling any building. There were no specific requirements for how the board could sell any facilities if they chose to do so.

CONSIDERATION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The board convened in closed session at 11:22 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Mr. Cubberly, to go into closed session to discuss the Dr. Hicks' performance evaluation.

Motion approved 7 – 0

At 11:38 a.m. the board reconvened in open session for lunch.

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Mr. Cubberly, that the board reconvene in

open session for lunch.

Motion approved 7 – 0

The board convened in closed session at 11:56 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Mr. Cubberly, to go into closed session to continue discussion about Dr. Hicks' performance evaluation.

Motion approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 1:33 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Hoelscher, supported by Mr. McClenney, to reconvene in open session.

Motion approved 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hicks is considering have some of the leadership at the math/science center help with the transition to the new organization. It would last for a couple months. No decision has been made.

The REACH bus situation at Northwestern Middle School has been resolved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Art McClenney is going to speak to students at Urbandale Elementary on 17 February 2012 about what it takes to be successful and a "hero."

Dr. Stagner mentioned the need to continue the necessity of right-sizing the district based on past/future enrollment, demographics, etc.

Karen Evans wants all board members to read the same book at the same time. Dr. Hicks has ordered a copy of the book for each board member. A possible goal is to have each board member read a chapter of the book and report on it to the rest of the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.