

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
April 20, 2015
BCCHS – McQuiston Learning Center

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Todd Stagner
Scott Cubberly
Kellie Thomas
Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Nathan Grajek
Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Dr. Linda Hicks – Superintendent

Kim Parker-DeVauld – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Stephen Sestina – Executive Director of Human Resources

Marilyn Wieschowski – Executive Director of Financial Services

Monique Wells – Director of Student Services

Chad Osborn – Director of Technology

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Todd Stagner at 5:32 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately ninety-six citizens were in attendance including school personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Karen Evans to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Catherine LaValley.

Motion approved 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Finance and Physical Resources Committee Report

Art McClenney stated that the Food Service Renewal Contract was accepted by the State of Michigan. The contract was 248 instead of 6 which was originally thought. Dr. Stagner asked was it thousands. Art says yes, \$248,000. One contract for elementary school and one contract for middle school. Each contract over \$10,000.

Student Achievement Committee Report

Scott Cubberly said there were two presentations. One from Adult Education and Literacy by Sharlie Jones. She gave information about the success of the program that had been in existence for over 30 years. There are currently 267 people in the program working towards their GED. Miller Stone runs three class sessions, Monday – Thursday, 3-hour block sessions.

The second report from was Luke Perry, BCAMSC. He gave information about the current enrollment process for the upcoming year. All 22 slots are filled for the second time in the last two years. On May 27, the BCAMSC will host the Annual Research Symposium.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Kelli Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was supported by Catherine LaValley. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Motion approved 7 – 0

New Business

Consideration to Approve the 14-15 Budget Amendment

Marilyn Wieschowski presented the amended budget. Local revenue was increased by \$384,477. The increase is primarily due to WK Kellogg Grant that was received. State revenues increased by approximately \$728,000. This increase is from the Bilingual Grant and State's contribution to assist in covering the State Pension Plan. The increase in Federal Revenue of \$651,000 was from the SIG Grant. In regards to expenses, there were some large changes in instruction, added needs, and instructional staff. These changes were primarily due to the grants received in FY 2014-15, and where the funds needed to be used. The net excess revenue (expenditures) is projected to be a deficit of (\$242,146). There will a final FY2014-15 amended budget presented to the Board for approval in June 2015, as our revenue and expenses need to be within 10% of the actual year-end financial outcome.

Superintendent Comments

The goals in most of the school buildings is that of attendance. There is a partnership with Ann J and the Department of Human Services, called Pathways to Potential. This partnership encourages parents to make sure their student is at school on a regular basis. There are celebrations throughout the year to help keep encourage the students to attend daily.

The P.U.L.L. Team (Parents Ultimately Limiting Loss) held a canvassing event last Saturday. They focused on the Garrison Hill area. They went door-to-door for community engagement and asked questions about the thoughts of BCPS. Most were friendly, open and receptive.

Dr. Hicks attended the Hall of Fame dinner hosted at BCCHS. Former graduates came back to celebrate. It was well attended, very organized, and an overall very nice event.

Dr. Hicks highlighted the calendar for the remainder of the year. Friday, April 24, Carson Scholars Awards Program; Tuesday, May 19, Senior Recognition Program; Tuesday, May 26, High School Graduation; and Monday, June 8, ½ day, last day of school.

An estimate was received to have commissaries in all schools. A team will be put together to formulate a recommendation.

Board Member Comments

Catherine LaValley – Ditto to Dr. Hicks regarding the P.U.L.L. Team gathering. I brought the t-shirt as evidence. They were as bright as the sunshine. Great to hear comments. Met at Bernard Brown's house for debriefing. She also attended the Forensics Team fundraiser at Barista Blues. It was a spaghetti dinner with five different desserts. Bill Lapham is to be congratulated for doing a wonderful job with the Forensics Team.

Scott Cubberly – Echoed the comments of Dr. Hicks regarding the Hall of Fame dinner. Approximately 300 people had an opportunity to tour our building. The dinner was served by 16 students from the National Honor Society of BCCHS. It was great to hear about the great works of the Hall of Fame inductees. Thanks to the Hall of Fame committee for their hard work and outstanding job. The Hall of Fame committee was able to give out four scholarships instead of two.

Art McClenney – Happy that they brought the Hall of Fame dinner to BCCHS. I just want to give a special recognition to Carolyn Ferguson.

Kelli Thomas – Wanted to apologize for unprofessional outburst at the meeting held April 13. She wanted to especially apologize to anyone who may have been offended.

Karen Evans – She attended the OEC Trail Race, but did not race. She was able to talk to some of the staff member. She attended the CASBMA dinner held at Marshall High School. Ms. Evans also noted that Mr. Cubberly's daughter was a Hall of Fame Scholarship recipient.

Nathan Grajek – Participated in the OEC Trail Race. He also spoke with staff members and had a good time.

Dr. Todd Stagner – Spoke about the April 17 Blood Drive at BCCHS. Enough blood was donated by students and faculty to save 600 lives.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.