

**BATTLE CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Board Room – School Administration Building**

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Present – Administration

Dr. Linda Hicks – Superintendent
Ruth Carr – Director of Student Services
Dr. Jeffrey Greene – Resource Development Coordinator
Deborah Gregory – Executive Director of Financial Services
Dianne Hatley – Personnel Manager
Tim Scott – Director of Facilities & Operations
Calvin Wade – Director of Human Resources

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Burton at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Karen Evans. Approximately 30 citizens and staff were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Motion approved 6 – 0

RECOGNITION OF STEVE HOELSCHER

Vice President Burton offered praise in recognition of the dedication of Steve Hoelscher to the Battle Creek Public Schools. He praised his devotion to the district and years of service and recognized his value as a member of the board of education.

Trustee Hoelscher thanked those in attendance as well as the Battle Creek Public Schools for giving him the opportunity to attend college through sports. He acknowledged the hard work of board members and thanked the board and superintendent for eight great years of service.

Northwestern Middle School West African Drummers MPTMBO, under the direction of art teacher Deb Hall, dedicated their performance to Steve Hoelscher.

5th Grade teacher Essence Williamson reminisced about her middle school days when Mr. Hoelscher was her principal. Mr. Hoelscher sponsored her on the golf team and gave Essence her first job as a tutor. She informed Mr. Hoelscher that he was influential in her life inspiring her to become a teacher.

REPORTS

Board Committee Reports

Finance & Physical Resource: Dr. Stagner informed board members that the committee reviewed and approved the Math & Science Center bids being presented for approval later on during this meeting. The preliminary board resolution for the May election was also presented to the F&P committee for review. An election plan is forthcoming.

Student Achievement: Steve Hoelscher reported that the summer school report, math Common Core, and CMP connected math program were discussed at the Student Achievement Committee meeting. Additional information is forthcoming regarding budgetary items and an evaluation of the summer school program.

Summer School Report

Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Karen Hart, and teachers Eric Kirwin and Brandon Coats reported on Summer School. During the summer of 2012 there was increased enrollment as well as increased attendance from 72% to 76%. This summer project based learning was introduced. A survey revealed that teachers enjoyed project based teaching because they were able to dig deeper into subject areas.

The Horizons summer school program between Kellogg Community College and BCPS showed promise. Nine students and four teachers were involved in an intensive reading program housed at Fremont Elementary.

Math & Science Center Bids

Superintendent Hicks presented the Math & Science Center bids for discussion. Bids being presented include security cameras, telephone system, and data/wireless networks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Springfield City Mayor, Sue Anderson, read Frank Peterson, Springfield City Manager's letter regarding future plans for the current Math & Science Center. The letter encouraged board members to include the Springfield City Council in discussion regarding plans for the Upton Avenue building and asked that it be made a priority to be focused on immediately. A Springfield City committee has already identified a variety of uses for the building and would like to partner with the Battle Creek Public Schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Math & Science Center Bids

Superintendent Hicks presented Math & Science Center bids for approval.

Bid Package #28.001 – Security Cameras

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Mr. Cubberly, to award bid package #28.001 for security cameras to EPS in the amount of \$53,744. The award amount includes the cost of providing performance and payment bonds.

Motion approved 6 – 0

Bid Package #28.002 – Telephone System and Data/Wireless Networks

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Ms. Buckley, to award bid package #28.002 for a telephone system and data/wireless networks to QUIC in the amount of \$104,811. The award amount includes the cost of providing performance and payment bonds.

Motion approved 6 – 0

Annual Resolution for Summer Tax Collection

Deborah Gregory, Executive Director of Financial Services, presented the annual resolution for summer tax collection for approval. The board is required to approve the resolution before December 31 in order to collect taxes on a semi annual basis.

Moved by Dr. Stagner, supported by Mr. McClenney, to approve the annual resolution for summer tax collection as presented.

Motion approved 6 – 0

Consideration to Approve Board Policy 7175 – Parent/family Involvement

Superintendent Hicks presented Board Policy 7175 – Parent/Family Involvement, for approval. The revised policy has more inclusive early childhood.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, supported by Dr. Stagner, to approve revised board policy 7175 – Parent/Family Involvement as presented.

Approved 6 – 0

Consideration to Approve Board Policy 8045 – Homeless Education

Superintendent Hicks presented Board Policy 8045 – Homeless Education, for approval. The revised policy provides an upgrade to the current homeless education process.

Moved by Mr. McClenney, supported by Ms. Buckley, to approve revised board policy 8045 – Homeless Education as presented.

Motion approved 6 – 0

Second Reading of Board Policy 3960 – Federal Timekeeping Requirement

Superintendent Hicks presented board policy 3960 – Federal Timekeeping Requirement for a second reading. The policy ensures federal compliance from the board of education.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hicks commented on:

- Johnson Family – she expressed the grief of the district in the lose of a student, Karina Johnson. The Fremont Elementary principal and staff have done an excellent job helping young students understand the loss. The athletic department began collecting items for the student athlete that attends the high school. She commended the district for supporting the family during their time of need.
- MYCA – the MYCA graduation was outstanding. The program helps students that have had challenging experiences in their lives.
- Grants – Several students have received mini grants for books and art supplies. Schools include Ann J. Kellogg, Urbandale, Springfield Middle, and Valley View Elementary.
- Superintendent’s Advisory Council – the SAC was held one month ago. Approximately 25 parents attended as requested the council meet more often in order to dig deeper into a variety of topics. December 12 at 6:00 p.m. is the next council meeting. Break out sessions will include the following topics: REACH, special needs, athletics, academics, and the district vision.
- Franklin Elementary Ribbon Cutting – the ribbon cutting is being held on January 7 at 8:30 a.m. She expressed thanks to the Post Foundation for their continued support of Franklin Elementary.
- Thank You – she expressed her appreciation of Steve Hoelscher and his support of the district and community.

- Goodbye – she informed board members that Nichole Greene will begin student teaching and will no longer be in her office. She wished Mrs. Greene luck in her teaching endeavors.
- Holiday Break – the holiday break begins on December 21. Students return on January 7. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday and joyous new year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Susan Buckley thanked Steve Hoelscher for his dedication and service to the board of education. She thanked him for his positive influence on students and adults and wished him luck in his endeavors.

Todd Stagner applauded Kevin Knack, an outstanding science teacher at Northwestern, for receiving a grant. He acknowledged the employees that go the extra mile for students in support of athletics, Mr. Crawley, Mr. Bellware, and Mr. Ford. He congratulated Scott Cubberly on receiving the Leroy Sparks award. He thanked Nichole Greene for her work with Bearcat and Rocket cheerleaders and the amount of time and information she brings to the board of education.

Art McClenney thanked two people who helped him as a board member, Steve Hoelscher and Nichole Greene.

William Burton reminded board members of the Northwestern Middle School concert December 11 at 6:30 p.m. He thanked Nichole Greene for the grace, humor, and support she brought to the board and wished her luck. He acknowledged Steve Hoelscher as an example that the best leaders aren't always in the front of the line. He thanked Steve for his compassion and leadership he brought to the board.

Steve Hoelscher thanked Nichole Greene for her support of the board. He thanked Sue Anderson for her comments and informed her that the superintendent will follow up with her. He thanked the board for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.