

BATTLE CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board of Education Retreat
January 31, 2015
Fireplace Room, Administration Building

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Present – Administration

Dr. Linda Hicks – Superintendent

Stephen Sestina – Executive Director of Human Resources

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

Monique Wells – Director of Student Services

Marilyn Wiechowski – Executive Director of Financial Services

Chad Osborn-Director of Technology

Chandra Youngblood-Early Childhood Coordinator

Jon Gastian-Assistant to the Director of Facilities and Operations

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stagner at 8:07am. All board members were present. Two citizens were in attendance.

DISCUSSION: DISTRICT FACILITIES

There was a discussion of building facilities. Mr. David Martin, Kingscott; and Mr. Jeff Rahmberg, Rahmberg, Stover and Associates facilitated the meeting. A study of the district facilities was conducted during the past 12 months. The board reviewed the information provided by the organizations and the board had an opportunity to discuss the findings of the study.

There was additional discussion of the current Commissary. Points of considerations were to sell the current site and develop the elementary schools to have the ability to become a “mini” commissary or the option to upgrade the current site of the Commissary.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION TOOL AND TIMELINE

The board discussed the Superintendent Evaluation Tool and made a decision to pursue the School Advance Superintendent Evaluation instrument. The board will have training to understand the use of the instrument. Further information will be obtained upon further contact with School Advance.

The timeline for the evaluation of the superintendent is as follows:

2014-15 school year: Final Evaluation July 2015. The MAP student assessment will be used for the Results Domain of the evaluation.

2015-16 school year: Goals, August 2015; Mid-Year Review, February 2016; Final Evaluation, July 2016. The assessment for the Results Domain is To Be Determined.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Boot-An update was given regarding the costs for the Boot to install in all of the school buildings is estimated \$188,815.

MDE Audit-The past week was spent with the Michigan Department of Education that audited the program use of Title 1 funds. The report was positive in that it gave constructive feedback both strengths and opportunities for improvements.

WK Auditorium Building-There is an organization that is interested in touring the WK building for a community use next week.

Bearcat PULL Team-The parent team at Northwestern Middle School has a written plan to engage parents into the school. They plan to do a door to door canvassing to survey parents and give them information about Northwestern and the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.