

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

March 17, 2016

Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center, 171 Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Todd Stagner

Kellie Thomas

Karen Evans

Catherine LaValley

Nathan Grajek

Rose Miller

Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kim Parker-DeVauld – Interim Superintendent

Marilyn Wieschowski – Executive Director, Finance

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Stagner at 6:00 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 3 citizens and staff were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion was supported by Kellie Thomas.

Motion passed 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STATE REPORTING UPDATE

Marilyn Wieschowski gave an updated on the State Reporting status. The State says we are on track for improvement. Kim will forward a copy of the report to the State after the March 21 Board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Purpose:

- Strengths are resource alignment, guide, long range, rapid transformation, limited resources
- Weaknesses are limited resources, highly reliable (define – need to be reworded. Confused about terminology), lengthy
- Opportunities to educate others, conversation points, brevity, foundational, individualized,
- Threats are resources (limited)

Our Process:

- Strengths are deeply vested parents

- Number of opportunities and voices, committed, community conversations
- Weaknesses were meetings in our own buildings, “customers” (community)

Our Plan:

- Strengths are overcoming barriers, framing
- Weaknesses – lived experiences
- Opportunities for students

Goals:

1. High Academic Achievement
 - a. Early Language Learners
2. Healthy Organizational Culture
 - a. Battle Creek Public Schools
3. Human Capital Strategy
 - a. Battle Creek Public Schools, leverage to utilize
4. Effective and Efficient Use of Resources
 - a. Right size to realign
5. Active Partnerships with our Community
6. World-Class Infrastructure

(Bearcat Head on the Heater – Watermark)

Karen Evans thanked the steering committee for all their time and effort during this process.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Kim Parker-DeVauld discussed the Gilmore Keyboard Festival.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rose Miller liked the openness and frankness of the community conversations.

Art McClenney talked about the pride of students regarding sports. NWMS enjoyed the success of the high school. He reiterated the importance of paying attention to our kids. He says that they are a prideful group. They deserve their props. He also thanked the Board for the plant that was sent to him during his sister’s funeral services.

Karen Evans thanks Kim and her staff for the time and energy of the strategic planning process.

Nathan Grajek discussed the “Empty Bowl” fundraiser. He had a good time and the students enjoyed the process.

Catherine LaValley said she was glad Art returned safely. She really enjoyed the strategic planning process and she looks forward to the next couple of weeks. She is not happy that the State appears to be a bully regarding the fund balance.

Dr. Todd Stagner reminded the Board about the CASBMA Awards dinner on April 27. He also scheduled a special meeting to be held at McQuiston Center on Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Todd Stagner at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Gloria O. Wilkerson