

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

May 16, 2016

3 West Van Buren, Board Room

Fifteen Minutes after Special Meeting

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Todd Stagner

Art McClenney

Kellie Thomas

Karen Evans

Catherine LaValley

Nathan Grajek

Rose Miller

Present – Administration

Kim Parker-DeVauld – Superintendent

Chad Osborn – Director, Facilities & Operations, Technology Director

Stephen Sestina – Executive Director, Human Resources

Marilyn Wieschowski – Executive Director, Finance

Chandra Youngblood – Coordinator of Early Childhood Education

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Stagner at 6:33 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 20 citizens and staff were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kellie Thomas made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

The motion was supported by Karen Evans.

Motion passed 7 – 0

REPORTS

Karen Evans gave an update from the Finance and Physical Resource committee. All of the items that will be presented from building and site were approved at the committee meeting.

Kellie Thomas report that the Board Policy Committee just finished Board Policy 4000 – Business Management. We have Policy 5000 and 7000 to be returned from the attorney. The attorney will make suggestions of the current written policies. This committee reviews the policy along with their suggested revisions. We then send our edits back to them to receive a clean copy.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Stagner asked for approval of the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes from the Special Meeting, April 14
- Minutes from the Regular Meeting, April 18
- Bills from the month of April, 2016

- Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- BCCHS and Alternative Education Graduation Lists

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.
Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karolynn Ferguson talked about the fundraisers for the Hall of Fame and that the money raised will support the Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund.

Bethina Hasty of the Outdoor Education Center announced the Baby Farm Animal Open House, May 21, 9 a.m. – 12 noon. There will also be a plant sale and wagon rides will be offered.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve up to \$15,000 from the general fund to purchase the services of a financial advisor to work with our district to ensure that we are efficient in using our resources effectively and also to help us stay out of the deficit. This is an essential service for us. The advisor has worked with other districts and will help us uncover opportunities to save money.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the services of a financial advisor for up to \$15,000 from the general fund.
Art McClenney supported that motion.

Motion passed – 7-0

- B. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve the reorganization of the central office leadership roles to create focused leadership for elementary and secondary educational services. We have taken an opportunity to do a deep dive and review our strategic plan. It reveals that we need to change up the way our central office leadership is organized. The recommended reorganizational roles will allow us to appropriately focus on the individual needs of each level of the districts work and aide our focus on rapid transformation. The important part is that we are using existing resources to reorganize. This is not an additional cost to the district. We are using existing important staff and reorganizing their roles to create a director of elementary education and a director of secondary education. This will be an elimination of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the reorganization of Central Office Leadership roles.
Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 7- 0

- C. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve the position of Director of Secondary Education. After careful consideration, the interview team

recommends Dr. Deborah Nuzzi be approved for the position of Director of Secondary Education. Dr. Nuzzi holds a BA in Elementary Education, a Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Doctorate, with a focus on educational and organizational leaders. With over 25 years of experience in education, Dr. Nuzzi has worked at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to transform outcomes for the students.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve Dr. Deborah Nuzzi as the Director of Secondary Education.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- D. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve the Alternative Education Principal. Mr. Calvin Williams came to us from the Covenant House of Michigan where he served as an assistant principal, bringing with him employment experiences where his services include VP of Operations at Jalen Rose Academy, and Dean of Students/Assistant of Operations from Pontiac Academy High School. Mr. Williams has opened several schools and looks forward to helping us with this new adventure. Over the past few months, Mr. Williams served as an assistant principal at the high school. It is recommended that the board appoint Mr. Calvin Williams as the principal of Battle Creek Alternative High School.

Art McClenney made a motion to approve Calvin Williams as principal of the alternative high school.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- E. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve WK Kellogg as the site for the alternative high school.

Rose Miller made a motion to approve WK Kellogg as the site for the Alternative high school.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- F. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve the Scholastic Summer Reading Program in the amount of \$56,348.00. These are books for the summer literacy program for students k-3rd grades. These funds are from the WKKF grant.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the scholastic book order in the amount of \$56,348.00 from the WKKF grant.

Rose Miller supported this motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- G. Kim Parker-DeVauld – as noted previously the committee began to investigate the possibility of creating opportunities for students. As a result of that investigation, the Carson committee is recommending that we discontinue the Carson Scholars program

in favor of creating a new award program for BCPS students. The new program will expand the number of scholarships that we are able to give because all students, K-11 will be eligible to apply.

Karen Evans made a motion for the discontinuation of the Carson Scholars program. Nathan Grajek supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- H. Chad Osborn presented Phase I of the summer project list. The first is to repair the concrete walls of the loading dock at the administration building. The quote is from Borner in the amount of \$15,900 out of Building and Site funds. Next, we are going to paint the Geo Thermal Buildings. This is a maintenance item and the funds will come from the General Fund in the amount of \$500. At LaMora Park, from the Building and Site fund, we need to a FOB security for the staff. The quote is from KnightWatch in the amount of \$12,897.43. At NWMS, from Building and Site fund, upgrade the hallway lighting to LED. The quote is from Medler Electric in the amount of \$3,416.65. At the OEC, from the Building and Site fund, we would like to repair the roof to the boys dorm. The estimate is from Hoekstra in the amount of \$162,800. At Verona, from the Building and Site fund, roof work in the amount of \$271,600 is the quote from Hoekstra; and adding FOB security for staff from Building and Site funds. The KnightWatch quote for that is \$11,713.65. At WK, we would like to remove the trees and islands from the parking lot, \$3000; replace the parking lot – quote from Murray’s in the amount of \$41,854; and tuck-point work on the upper roof and the east side of the building – quote from Borner in the amount of \$20,994, all from the Building and Site fund. Total cost of repairs from Building and Site fund - \$544,175.73; and from the General Fund, \$500.

Kellie Thomas made a motion to approve the Phase I Summer Project list in the amount of \$544,175.73 from the Building and Site fund and \$500 from the General Fund.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- I. Chad Osborn presented the estimate to replace the 96 steam traps at Ann J and the 39 steam traps at the field house. Changing them will improve the efficiency of the boilers and save the district money in the long run. The lowest quote received was from Springfield Plumbing and Supply, for central field house in the amount of \$6,869.30 and Ann J in the amount of \$16,977.45. The total cost would be \$23,846.75 from the Building and Site fund.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the steam trap replacement at the field house and at Ann J Kellogg in the amount of \$23,846.75 to Springfield Plumbing and Supply. Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- J. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board for consideration to approve the out-of-state field trips for Post-Franklin Elementary. They will be taking 62 students to Chicago, Illinois

to the Shedd Aquarium and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. It is an end of the year educational trip for 4th and 5th graders, paid for by their PTO.

Rose Miller made a motion to approve Post-Franklin's out-of-state field trip to Shedd Aquarium and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

That motion was supported by Catherine LaValley.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- K. Marilyn Wieschowski presented the food services contract from Chartwells for the 16-17 school year. This is a three-year contract, but the State requires a signed copy to be returned to them. This contract is in the amount of \$190,000.

Kellie Thomas made a motion that we approve the food services (Chartwells) contract for the 16-17 school year in the amount of \$190,000.

Rose Miller supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- L. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board to approve the Do The Math curriculum for Verona (\$10,090) and Ann J Kellogg (\$15,490.70) schools. These are Title I funds to be used for math intervention materials.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the Do The Math Curriculum in the amount of \$10,090 for Verona and \$15,490.70 for Ann J Kellogg from Title 1 funds.

Rose Miller supported this motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- M. Kim Parker-DeVauld presented the partnership with Kagan Cooperative Learning Model in the amount of \$74,850 to provide on-site professional development for over 100 BCPS teachers. This will occur June 16-14, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Art McClenney made a motion to approve the partnership with Kagan Cooperative Learning in the amount of \$74,850.

Karen Evans supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- N. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board to approve the proposal for classroom technology, from the Title 1 fund, materials needed to support student engagement and classroom instruction for Post-Franklin elementary. She asked for approve in the amount of \$15,112 to Tiger Direct. This will include noise canceling headsets, speaker systems, and interactive whiteboards.

Art McClenney made a motion to approve classroom technology to be purchased from Tiger Direct in the amount of \$15,112.

Kellie Thomas supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- O. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board to approve the purchase of student response systems in the amount of \$14,519.96, for Valley View Elementary. They will be used to promote teachers high engagement strategies. This is from the Title 1 fund.

Karen Evans made a motion to approve the student response systems in the amount of \$14,519.96 to School Specialty Inc. coming from Valley View's Title 1 funds. Catherine LaValley supported this motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- P. Kim Parker-DeVauld asked the board to approve the three-part training on implementing Capturing Kids Hearts program for the students at Springfield and Northwestern Middle Schools. The program is designed to develop a caring culture of empathy in the schools, built on positive relationships between all students and staff. The end result is fewer discipline referrals, improved attendance, higher student achievement, lower dropout rates, and high teacher satisfaction. This training is provided by the Flippen Group in the amount of \$39,600 and Title 1 grant funds will be used.

Art McClenney made a motion to approve the training for Northwestern and Springfield Middle Schools provided by the Flippen Group in the amount of \$39,600. Rose Miller supported this motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

BCEA NEGOTIATIONS – CLOSED SESSION

Rose Miller made a motion to go into closed session to discuss BCEA negotiations. Karen Evans supported this motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. for closed session.

Rose Miller made a motion to reconvene at 8:20 p.m. Art McClenney supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Kim Parker-DeVauld congratulated Evelyn Nemis. She was offered a gold key scholarship from Kellogg Community College. She will receive \$9000, \$4500 for two academic years.

Congratulations to Valley View Elementary School who has stepped up to the plate to create a healthier school environment. As a result of that, the Michigan Department of Human Services, along with MDE, United Dairy, and Blue Cross Blue Shield, are awarding them with the Michigan School Wellness Award. They are going to be recognized at a ceremony in Lansing on Thursday, May 19, at the Capital Building.

Kim reminded everyone that Fremont is sponsoring a 5K color run on Saturday, June 4. This is a fundraiser for one of our students, Maddox Hescoock, a third grader who has been battling

brain cancer since 2013. If you would like to participate, please check out our Facebook and web page and register by May 20.

Congratulations to Lindsay Keller, one of our teachers, who has been awarded an Educator Excellence Award. She along with, student excellence award winner Michelle Zang, will be recognized during the Science Innovation Hall of Fame Gala at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on Saturday, May 21. You can go to the Air Zoo's website for more information.

Just looking forward, the Empty Bowls will be held Friday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center has a symposium that will run on Friday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is exciting to see student who have conducted research throughout this school year, and they will be presenting their original work to members of the community.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rose Miller – We are really on our way. We have completed the strategic planning and are about to reap the fruits of that. I'm excited.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Todd Stagner at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Gloria O. Wilkerson