

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
October 5, 2015
3 West Van Buren, 3Rd Floor Administration Building
6 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Present – Administration

Kim Parker-DeVauld – Interim Superintendent
Stephen Sestina –Executive Director of Human Resources
Marilyn Wiechowski – Executive Director of Financial Services
Monique Cheeks – Director of Student Services
Chad Osborn – Director of Facilities and Technology
Chandra Youngblood – ECE Coordinator

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Todd Stagner at 6:04 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 12 citizens were in attendance including school personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karen Evans made a motion to accept the Agenda. The motion was supported by Nathan Grajek. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Public Comment

Barbara Giallombardo – Asked if the board by-laws allowed she would be happy on behalf of the BCEA to have some input in the selection of the new board member.

Consideration to Approve Consent Agenda Item

Kellie Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items which included the restatement of students.

That motion supported by Nathan Grajek.

Motion passed 6-0

Contract for Strategic Planning

Kim Parker-DeVauld introduced Mr. William Hill to present and answer questions regarding the strategic planning process. We've been talking over the last few months about the importance of developing a strategic plan. We have a very aggressive timeline, so Mr. Hill is here to answer questions and tell us a little bit about that process.

Mr. William Hill, Regional Executive Director – Mid West, Partners in School Innovation, presented a power point presentation on the Strategic Planning Process.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the Contract for the Strategic Planning Process in the amount of \$50, 860. Karen Evans supported the motion.

Motion passed 6-0

New Board Selection Process

Dr. Stagner went through the MASB "A Simple Guide to the Fundamentals of Board Vacancies", booklet then he explained how the voting process will take place.

Superintendent Comments

Kim Parker-DeVauld reminded everyone that homecoming was this Friday, October 9. The parade line up begins at 5:45 p.m. and the parade begins at 6 p.m., followed by the homecoming game at the stadium.

Finally, a thank you is extended to staff that came out to meet with her during the listening tour. She had an opportunity to engage in conversations with staff from every single school. It was really enlightening to continue to see how we have great things occurring in Battle Creek. We have a lot of committed staff members who are excited about transformation and change and who are ready to do the work needed.

Board Member Comments

Karen Evans stated that she was sorry to hear about Tim Scott's wife passing. She was a long-time teacher in this school district.

Catherine LaValley stated that we do have the Board Policy in the Board Packet about the selection of a board member. Reading through that, gives us certain steps to make sure that we follow. She thinks it is an interesting idea that the teachers union would submit a question to our superintendent about any questions that they might want to offer. I would be interested in seeing those questions.

We each received an invitation to attend the Star Based representation. She is occupied on Thursday, but wanted to know if anyone would be able to go to represent the board.

Art McClenney – I hope to see you all Friday.

Kellie Thomas wanted to know if Mrs. McClenney could assist in getting the band and the players to pump up the crowd for homecoming.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43p.m.