BATTLE CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2014
Immediately Following the Public Hearing
Board Room – School Administration Building

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

William Burton
Susan Buckley
Todd Stagner
Art McClenney
Scott Cubberly
Kellie Thomas
Karen Evans

Present – Administration

Dr. Linda Hicks – Superintendent
Deborah Gregory – Executive Director of Financial Services
Dianne Hatley – Personnel Manager
Dr. Jeff Greene – Resource Development Coordinator
Kim Parker-DeVauld – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Tim Scott – Manager of Facilities & Operations

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Burton at 6:55 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 15 citizens were in attendance including school personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved with the following amendments: Move item A to item B, move item B to item C and item C to item A under New Business.

Moved by Mr. Cubberly, and supported by Dr. Stagner to approve agenda as amended.

Motion approved 7 – 0

FINANACE AND PHYSICAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Finance and Physical Resource Committee met and discussed the planned summer projects, the budget appropriation amendments and projections, and the mileage levy.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Student Achievement Committee met and discussed course weighting and curriculum for the high school.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular and Special meetings of May 19, 2014.
- Bills for the month of May 2014
- Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees

New Hire:

Larry Manley, Jr., Extended Learning Program Director, is a new hire effective June 23, 2014.

Transfer:

Meridith Shabani will be transferring from High School Teacher to District Transformation Coach for Battle Creek Central effective July 1, 2014. **Theresa Yeck** will be transferring from Classroom Teacher to District Transformation Math Coach effective July 1, 2014.

Retirement:

Mindy Drogus, Bus Driver, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Lyle Dye**, Bus Driver, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Gregory Parker**, Bus Driver, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Janice Reynolds**, Bus Driver, retired May 31, 2014. **Pansy Smith**, Bus Driver, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Willie White**, Bus Driver, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Marta Onofrio**, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to Franklin Elementary, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Elizabeth Parker**, Title I Teacher assigned to LaMora Park Elementary, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Tony Rice**, Biology Teacher assigned to Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Blewett Smyth**, Social Studies Teacher assigned to Northwestern STEM Middle School, is retiring June 30, 2014. **Diana Smyth**, Fourth Grade Teacher assigned to Coburn Elementary, is retiring June 30, 2014.

Layoff:

Lori Adams, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Deborah Blackwell**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Cheree Bouchard**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Lynn Brown**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Donna Bryant**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Roger Chanthachak**, Supply Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **April Chantrenne** Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Paul Chantrenne**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Chadwick Collins**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Robert Collins, Jr.**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Lorin Coney** Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Kathy Eakins**, Bus Driver, is laid off due to outsourcing of Transportation effective June 30, 2014. **Nick Foster**, Bus Driver, is laid

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Resignation:

Heather Bertelson, Fourth/Fifth Grade Teacher assigned to Dudley STEM Elementary, is resigning August 30, 2014. **Mary Bwamba**, Fourth Grade Teacher assigned to Ann J. Kellogg Elementary, is resigning August 31, 2014. **Crystal Carr**, Fourth Grade Teacher assigned to Verona Elementary, is resigning June 30, 2014. **Deborah Chassee**, Fourth Grade Teacher assigned to Ann J. Kellogg Elementary, is resigning August 31, 2014. **Deborah Hall**, Art Teacher assigned to Northwestern STEM Elementary, is resigning August 31, 2014. **Megan Hall**, Special Education Intensive Resource Room Teacher assigned to Ann J. Kellogg Elementary, is resigning August 31, 2014. **Jackie Sheppard**, Fourth Grade Teacher assigned to Ann J. Kellogg Elementary, is resigning August 31, 2014.

- Michigan High School Athletic Renewal
- Signature Authorization
- Approval of Fund Depositories for 2014-15

The Consent Agenda Items were unanimously approved as presented.

Moved by Mr. McClenney, supported by Ms. Thomas, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2014 MILEAGE LEVY

Moved by Mr. McClenney, supported by Ms. Buckley to approve the 2014 Mileage Levy as presented during the Work Session.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2013-14 APPROPRIATIONS ACT AMENDMENTS

Moved by Mr. McClenney, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve the Appropriations Act Amendments as presented during the Work Session.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVETHE 2014-15 BUDGET PROJECTION APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. McClenney, and supported by Ms. Thomas to approve the 2014-15 Budget Projection Appropriations Resolution as presented during the Work Session.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE BUILDING AND SITE SUMMER PROJECTS

It was discussed at the Financial and Physical Resources Committee as well as the Work Session to approve the summer projects with $584,778 being used out of the Building and Site fund and $21,497 being used out of the General fund.

Moved by Mr. McClenney, supported by Ms. Evans to approve the summer projects as presented.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The district is recommending Thrun Law Firm continue as the district attorney. If the district wishes to change the district attorney for the next school year it is recommended to discuss during the August of 2014 board meeting.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Mr. McClenney to approve Thrun Law Firm as the District's Attorney.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WORK BASED LEARNING FORMS TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS AND STATE COMPLIANCE

The Human Resource Committee met to discuss the Work Based Learinging forms. In previous years there have been no requirements for the use of specific forms. These forms have now become a necessity and the use of them will ensure that the district maintains compliance and that programs can still be operated within the district.

Moved by Mr. Cubberly, and supported by Ms. Thomas to approve the use of work based learning forms as presented.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COURSE WEIGHTING FOR BATTLE CREEK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND THE BATTLE CREEK AREA MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CENTER

Currently, the grades for students who take AP courses at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center are not given the same weight as the grades of students who take AP courses at Battle Creek Central High School. Consequently, there is a need to resolve disparity in grade weighting for AP courses that exist between students who attend Battle Creek Central High School exclusively and students who attend Battle Creek Central High School and the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center. It is recommended that weight be provided for AP courses at Battle Creek Central High School and the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center for Battle Creek Public Schools students.

Moved by Mr. Cubberly, supported by Ms. Buckley to approve the course weighting of AP classes as discussed.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY RESOLUTION

Currently, Marshall Public Schools is the holder of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy however; the Academy is conducting their program within the Battle Creek Public Schools District. Marshall Public Schools is requesting that the Battle Creek Public Schools District

allow them to continue running the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy out of the Battle Creek Public Schools District. Mr. McClenney asked what the outcome would be if the district decided not to allow the program to continue being ran within the district. It was stated that the options are not known at this time. Ms. Evans stated that last year it was discussed that the program would be allowed to run within the Battle Creek Public Schools District for one year. Ms. Evans has requested that if the board approves the resolution that a stipulation be added that states this will be the final year that the district will allow the program to run within its district borders. Ms. Evans believes that the district loses too many students to other districts and to allow another district to operate a program within the BCPS boundaries would be bad news. Dr. Stagner feels that this is a special nitch and that these particular students could be lost without the program. Mr. Cubberly feels that there are enough buildings within the Marshall Public Schools District that they should be able to find a suitable location to operate the program. Mr. Burton feels that the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy was not truthful and transparent and that a year ago all seven board members agreed to do it for one year only. Mr. Burton thinks this is a very unfortunate situation and that Marshall Public Schools must do their due diligence in this matter. Battle Creek Public Schools was very clear that the program would only be approved for one year. Mr. Burton is troubled because Marshall Public Schools has not reached out to the district to discuss the plan. Mr. Burton understands the need for this program but feels that the district needs to be taken care of as well. Ms. Buckley stated that she feels that the board's intent needs to be written in letter form and sent to Marshall Public Schools to make them aware of our intent. Dr. Stagner asked what would happen to the students. He feels that the district doesn't lose money directly because of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy and that this could cause the loss of the program all together. Mr. McClenney thinks that the board needs to protect the district. Ms. Buckley understands Dr. Stagner's concerns but feels that BCPS needs to make sure that Marshall Public Schools and the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy are aware that BCPS does not plan to continue to house this program in the future and give an actual deadline for the program to be moved from our district.

A motion to approve the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy Resolution which states that Marshall Public Schools has permission from Battle Creek Public School District to operate the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy within the Battle Creek Public School District for the 2014-15 school year.

Roll Call Vote:
Dr. Stagner – yes
Ms. Buckley – no
Mr. Cubberly – no
Ms. Evans – no
Mr. McClenney – no
Ms. Thomas – no
Mr. Burton – no

Motion Denied 1 – 6

A motion to accept the request from Marshall Public Schools to continue the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy with the stipulation that the program only be allowed to continue within the Battle Creek Public Schools District for the 2014-15 school year and that the program will not be allowed to continue within the Battle Creek Public Schools district after the 2014-15 school year**.**

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve the resolution as amended above.

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Cubberly – no
Ms. Buckley – yes
Dr. Stagner – yes
Mr. McClenney – yes
Ms. Thomas – yes
Ms. Evans – yes
Mr. Burton - yes

Motion Approved 6 – 1

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CURRICULUM MATERIALS ADOPTION

Moved by Mr. Cubberly, and supported by Mr. McClenney to approve the Houghton Mifflin Journeys Reading Program as presented during the Work Session.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Superintendent commented on the following:

- The Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center was recognized in and international magazine called “Steel”. The district received a lithograph photo of the center not to mention the wonderful publicity of the school being noticed.
- The Post-Franklin Elementary celebration was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended. The name change was very sentimental and the district hopes this will bring our community together. Due to the rainy weather a rain date has been mentioned which would take place sometime in the fall. This will allow the students the opportunity to enjoy the activities they missed due to the weather.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Evans – Commented on how great the Post-Franklin celebration was and that she felt the community really enjoyed the event. She also mentioned how much she enjoyed all the end of the year celebrations she attended.

Ms. Thomas – Congratulated the 2014 graduates. She stated that the middle school and high school events she attended were wonderful. Ms. Thomas also stated that she is proud to be a board member, alumni and parent of Battle Creek Public Schools.

Mr. Cubberly – Thanked the staff for all their hard work. He stated that his child would not be who she is today had it not been for Battle Creek Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.