

BATTLE CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organizational Meeting
July 21, 2014
5:30 p.m.
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

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

Dr. Jeff Greene – Resource Development Coordinator

Tim Scott – Manager of Facilities & Operations

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Burton at 5:30 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 10 citizens were in attendance including school personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved with the following amendments: remove item VI. C. and item VI. D. under New Business, and add item VI. E. Consideration to go into Closed Session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act to discuss attorney-client privileged information.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve agenda as presented.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular and Special meetings and the Public Hearing of June 16, 2014.
- Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees

Transfers:

Stacy Helmboldt promoted to the principal of Coburn Elementary School effective August 1, 2014.

Recalls:

Durant Crum will be recalled effective August 25, 2014 as an Interventionist assigned to Battle Creek Central High School.

Retirement:

LaDora Smith, retired effective June 20, 2014, as a Title I Teacher, assigned to Franklin Elementary School.

Resignation:

John Phillips, is resigning effective August 31, 2014, as a Technology teacher assigned to Urbandale Elementary School. **Torrence Gupton**, is resigning effective August 1, 2014 as an Extra Duty Fireman assigned to Northwestern Middle School.

The Consent Agenda Items were unanimously approved as presented.

Moved by Ms. Thomas, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSS ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR JULY 2014-JANUARY 2015

Board Officers will change starting in January 2015 therefore, after the election and starting in January 2015 committee assignments and other board duties will need to be reassigned. The board has elected to reaffirm the current slate of officers for July 2014-January 2015. Board members will continue to participate with current committees and duties until reassignment in January 2015.

Moved by Mr. Cubberly, and supported by Ms. Buckley to reaffirm current slate of board officers for July 2014-January 2015.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The board committees were discussed and it was determined that the committees would stay the same from July 2014-January 2015.

The Superintendent would like to discuss each committee and determine which committees are functional to the district and decide if any of the committees should be dissolved. It was mentioned that an Adhoc committee could be created to discuss each committee. Mr. Cubberly would like to know the structure of each committee as well as if the committee is following Best Practices. Ms. Evans would like to make sure that the committees aren't crossing over anywhere and that work is not repeated. Mr. Burton would like to ensure that these committees are formed with intention. Ms. Buckley would like some of the committees to stay as is. One example is the F&P Committee, this committee meets and often times there are things of a time sensitive matter that are approved, she would like that to continue. Ms. Evans agreed with Ms. Buckley.

It was decided that a workshop would be held to discuss each committee and how they will be governed. Background work will be completed prior to the workshop framing each committee and listing the goals as well as Best Practices that would go along with the committee work. This workshop should take place prior to the January board meeting to assist with a smooth transition to new board members.

It was also decided that Dr. Stagner would be appointed to the BCPSEF Committee replacing Mr. Burton at the end of his term. Mr. Cubberly will replace Mr. Burton on the Intramural Athletics Committee as well once Mr. Burtons' term has expired.

Moved by Mr. McClenney, and supported by Ms. Buckley to reaffirm the committees as discussed from July 2014-January 2015.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING ASSIGNMENTS

The building assignments for the Board of Education will remain the same July 2014-January 2015.

Moved by Ms. Evans and supported by Mr. McClenney to reaffirm the building assignments for board members from July 2014-January 2015.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

It was discussed that one board meeting during the school year would be held at the high school during school hours. Mr. Cubberly recommended the October board meeting which is prior to the election to offer students the opportunity to see an active board meeting. This will be discussed further at the August board meeting. The board appreciation celebration will also be moved to December 2014 to coincide with elections.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve the meetings dates as modified above.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PRINCIPAL POSITION AT COBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An internal candidate was selected for the principal position. Mrs. Stacy Helmboldt completed an internship at Coburn Elementary as well as an interview process that included staff, and community members.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Ms. Evans to approve the internal transfer for the position of principal at Coburn Elementary.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE RECALL FROM LAYOFF FOR THE INTERVENTIONIST POSITION, NINTH GRADE ACADEMY

The Superintendent stated that the district is in a position financially to bring this position back to the Ninth Grade Academy. Mr. Cubberly commented that he was glad that the position was able to return as it has proven results.

Moved by Ms. Evans, and supported by Ms. Thomas to approve the recall of the Interventionist position for the Ninth Grade Academy.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

DISCUSS VACANT PROPERTIES

There are a couple of parties interested in purchasing some of the district's buildings.

Miller Stone Building – *appraised for \$570,000*

Currently there is someone interested in purchasing the building. The Superintendent would like to know if the board is interested in pursuing a possible sale of the building. Ms. Buckley asked if there was a plan for larger groups that are currently being facilitated by the building. It was stated that those events and meetings could be facilitated at the W.K. Kellogg building. Ms. Buckley also asked about the parking situation. She would like us to consider asking our neighbors; such as the library how the sale would affect them. She also feels this particular building is prime time real estate and that it should be considered. Mr. McClenney stated that he thinks there is some type of stipulation attached to the deed of the building and suggested that this be looked into before further action is taken. He agrees with Ms. Buckley that the building is prime time real estate. Mr. Cubberly feels that the functions of the Miller

Stone building could be accommodated utilizing the W.K. Kellogg building. Ms. Thomas would like to know the vacant costs of the Miller Stone building

Moved by Ms. Thomas, and supported by Ms. Evans to pursue the sale of the Miller Stone building obtaining answers to the questions mentioned above.

Motion Approved 7 - 0

South Hill Academy Building – appraised for \$60,000

Southwestern Building – appraised for \$65,000

Washington Building – appraised for \$55,000

The next investor looked at all three above mentioned properties. They are currently interested in South Hill or Washington with preference leaning towards South Hill. The intentions are to demolish the current building and rebuild a new building site. The investor is currently awaiting a price for the buildings before making a final decision.

All buildings would have district property removed prior to the sale of the building.

Currently, the district is spending the following maintaining the buildings:

South Hill academy Building- \$36,509

Southwestern Building- \$35,214

Washington Building- \$18,200

All monies would be deposited into the General fund.

The Superintendent commended the Facilities and Maintenance Manager on his diligence regarding these properties.

Moved by Ms. Buckley, and supported by Mr. McClenney to pursue the sale of the building as presented.

Motion Approved 7 – 0

BOARD SELF ASSESSMENT

President Burton thanked all board members for completing the survey and asked how the board would like to proceed giving the following options:

- Do nothing
- Contact MASB and have them facilitate a workshop to reflect on the survey
- Conduct an in house workshop to reflect on the survey

Ms. Evans feels that a third party facilitating a reflection in regards to the survey could be beneficial. Ms. Thomas would like to possibly combine the workshop with MASB and the

committee workshop into one. Ms. Buckley feels that having these meetings separate would be more beneficial. It was mentioned that attending the MASB conference in November would also benefit the board. Mr. Cubberly would like the committee workshop to be done prior to the election as well as the self assessment. It was discussed that it would be advantageous to the board to have a facilitator conduct the workshop. This will assist the district in being deliberate with its actions.

CONSIDERATION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Consideration to go into closed session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss attorney-client privileged information.

Moved by Ms. Evans, and supported by Ms. Buckley to go into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Evans – yes
Ms. Buckley – yes
Mr. Cubberly – yes
Mr. McClenney – yes
Ms. Thomas – yes
Dr. Stagner – yes
Mr. Burton - yes

Motion Approved 7 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Superintendent commented on the following:

- Reminder that the Maranda Park Party is on July 31st 12-2p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Thomas invited everyone to enjoy band camp and attend the cookout on Friday, August 1st.