BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Work Session
September 11, 2017
3rd Floor Board Room, Administration Building 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Eric Jankowski
Jacqueline Slaby

Absent

Art McClenney
Nathan Grajek

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Laura Ash – Chief Accountant
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources
Chad Osborn – Director, Facilities & Technology
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Evans at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Superintendent Carter asked the board for consideration to approve Mr. Freddie McGee as the assistant principal of Northwestern Middle School.

Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve Mr. Freddie McGee as assistant principal of Northwestern Middle School.

Jacqueline Slaby supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

BCPS INDIVIDUALIZED ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

Mitch Fowler presented Battle Creek Public School's Individualized Achievement Plan to the board. It covered:

- Why IAP?
- How does the IAP work?
- What does an IAP look like?
- When the IAP will be used?

EQUITY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

Deborah Nuzzi discussed the Equity Capacity Building Training. She explained that the Center for Diversity and Innovation at Kellogg Community College will provide a total of 24 hours of training as a part of the Transformational Teacher Institute (TTI) for up to 25 teachers.

The objectives of this training are:

- To build a strong understanding of how racism has impacted our society, historically and contemporarily;
- To build a strong understanding of how racism has impacted each individual participant;
- To develop a strong sense of commitment to equity as an academic priority;
- To build a strong understanding of the four levels of racism: individual, interpersonal, institutional, and systematic;
- To build a strong understanding of implicit bias;
- To build a strong understanding and application of racial equity as an academic practice.

The cost of this training is $16,000 and will be paid with the WFFK Transformation Grant.

GRYPHON PLACE RESTORATIVE PRACTICE CONTRACT

Wesley Seeley discussed the restorative practices contract information. He explained that BCPS is in the process of implementing Restorative Practices district-wide as a method for reducing and resolving conflict. The district is in need of contracting an external consultant to provide professional development to schools, to coach individual schools and classrooms on implementing restorative practices, to over the implementation of a peer-to-peer mediation model, and to provide mediators in all schools to resolve more intense conflicts.

The cost of this $26,500 and will be paid from title 1 funds.

UNITED WAY GRANTS YEAR END REPORTS

Wesley Seeley discussed on the United Way Grant usages.

- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Early Grade Reading Achievement Program
- Multi-Tiered System of Support

NURSING CONTRACTS

Monique Cheeks discussed the updated nursing contracts. She explained that this is just an updated of the previous approved contract. The difference is .5 FTE. The updated contract allowed for 1.5 FTE to be paid from the general fund and the .5 FTE to be paid from the At-Risk funds. The total cost is $93, 120.

INSTRUCTIONAL TEXT BOOK & RESOURCES

Deborah Nuzzi discussed the purchase of instructional textbook and resources for Battle Creek Central High School. She stated that the high school identified a need for replacement/additional textbooks and resources for students to us to support their learning in several classrooms. The classes covered by these texts/resources include ELA, Science, and Sociology.

The total cost would not exceed $33,404.29 and will be paid from the WKKF Grant.

CREW LINK UPDATE

Noah Hollander and Tyler Gilland discussed the Crew Link, explaining that it is a mentoring program. About 50 or so students has been recommended by their teachers as having leadership skills. They went through a three-day intensive training program over the summer to become mentors for the incoming freshmen students. This will help in the incoming freshmen with the transition from middle school to high school.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter said that Paul Hernandez was the opening day speaker. During her remarks on opening day, she mentioned there would be a book club surrounding his book, The Pedoagogy of Real Talk. She was pleased to announce that 165 teachers and staff had joined the book club. Dr. Hernandez would also be a part of the book club.

Discussed the BCEA is having a tailgate on September 15 against K-Central. All staff and board members are invited to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Jacqueline Slaby – Is working with GED tutoring on the South side of town. She asked board members if they knew of any retired teachers interested in helping, please contact her. She would also like to see our board meetings videotaped and shown on our website.

Eric Jankowski – Attended open houses on August 30; attend the new teacher orientation – enjoyed speaking with new teachers; attended the BCCHS football game; and said that the marching band performed during the WMU and MSU football game.

Kyra Wallace – Excited about the changes happening at BCPS; will help with videotaping the board meetings.

Catherine LaValley – Discussed the BCPSEF tailgate fundraiser indicating that it is a scholarship fundraiser for students; discussed the great start collaborative and shared their vision. Recommends all see the Resilience movie to be showed at New Harvest Church, September 28; attend open houses at NWMS and LaMora Park and attended opening day at LaMora, greeting the buses as they arrived.

Karen Evans – She plans to view the Resilience movie on September 28.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

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Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary