

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Work Session

May 13, 2019

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
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright
Art McClenney

Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Financial Services

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:30 p.m. All board members were present except Jacqueline Slaby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley asked that we amend the agenda to include a Q.1. under New Business to add, First Reading Board Policy Section 5345 and 5350

Art McClenney made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Insley – Wanted to know if there could be a discussion on suicide at the joint board meeting.

REPORTS

- A. Operation Fit – Dr. Chandra Youngblood stated that she shared in the board packet the slide presentation from Operation Fit as an update.

- B. Wilson Vacant Property – Laura Ash asked for Pastor Chris McCoy, New Level Sports, to come to the podium and discuss his plans. As part of the Youth Village Project, Pastor McCoy would like to include BCPS property on Wilson Street to be developed in to an urban garden as part of the project. New Level Sports as well as BCPS would carry insurance on the property. Supt. Carter supports this project so it's not just a vacant space.
- C. Battle Creek Police Department Contract – Monique Cheeks recommended that we approve the contract for one liaison officer to be staffed at BCCHS for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost will be \$90,000 and paid from the General Fund.
- D. Academies of Nashville – Dr. Anita Harvey stated that BCPS would like to send a team of seven staff members to the Academies of Nashville Fall Study visit in September and eight to the student in November. The total cost for both groups would be \$37,720 and will be paid from the WKKF grant.
- E. Cereal City Middle School NGSS Units – Christian Manley stated that Cereal City Science is in the process of developing and completing the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) aligned middle school science units. It is recommended that the board approve the use the WKKF funding do support the initial purchase of all the completed middle schools kits for NWMS, SMS, and the STEM Innovation Center for roll out beginning in the Fall of the 2019-20 school year. The cost is \$15,969.12 and will be paid from the WKKF grant.
- F. Math Expressions – Revised – Christian Manley stated that the amount was adjusted from the approved amount of \$34,503.65 to include an additional kindergarten class at Fremont International Academy. The revised amount is \$43,706.41 to be paid from the WKKF grant.
- G. Journeys Curricular Resource – Christian Manley stated that the amount was adjusted from the approved amount of \$29,380.91 to include an additional kindergarten class at Fremont International Academy. The revised amount is \$38,175.37 to be paid from the WKKF grant.
- H. LaMora Park Kitchen Restoration – Michelle Morrissey stated that the oven and hood system in the kitchen are outdated and will need to be replaced based on the number meals served. The cost of the restoration is \$48,512.29 to be paid from the Food Service Excess Fund.
- I. Security Grant / Public Address Systems – Laura Ash stated that Dudley, Fremont International Academy, LaMora, Post Franklin, Verona, Springfield Middle, and WK Prep all have the old flip switch style PA Systems. The new PA System will allow the district to standardize their PA systems. The cost of the systems is \$158,103.59 to be paid from the General Fund with 75% being reimbursed from the Michigan State Police Security Grant.
- J. Fremont International Academy Lead Base Paint Abatement – Laura Ash told the board that due to the re-opening of Fremont International Academy, the exterior lead based paint must be remediated and 5000 square feet of stucco surrounding the exterior of the building be painted. It is recommended that the board approve \$76,600 from the Sinking Fund for this project.
- K. Fremont Abatement Change Order – Laura Ash stated that on March 25, 2019 the board approved Rightway Remediation bid for removal of the asbestos flooring and ceiling from Fremont International Academy. The contractor has run into several problems removing the glue pods from the ceiling. The cost to remove the plaster ceiling in each of the classrooms and gymnasium is \$36,900 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

- L. Fremont International Academy Ceiling Insulation – Laura Ash stated that on March 25, 2019 the board approved Rightway Remediation bid for removal of the asbestos flooring and ceiling from Fremont International Academy. The contractor has run into several problems removing the glue pods from the ceiling. The cost to insulate and apply DC-315, a thermal barrier to meet fire code on the wooden trusses is \$73,000 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.
- M. Laura Ash presented to the board the 2019-20 Preliminary Budget.
- N. Laura Ash presented to the board the 2019-20 Preliminary Food Service Budget.
- O. Laura Ash presented to the board the 2019-20 Preliminary Math and Science Budget.
- P. Laura Ash presented to the board the 2019-20 Preliminary WK Kellogg Foundation Budget.
- Q. Dr. Deborah Nuzzi stated to the board that the BCCHS band has had the opportunity to participate in the Disney Band Competition and perform in the Disney World Parade several times. The Band receives instruction from expert musicians as well as the motivation to improve by entering the band competition and receiving feedback from a panel of musicians. Performing in the Disney Parade at Disney World is an honor and a life memory for students as well as one of those events that solidify friendships and spur personal goals. The Bob Rodgers Charter Company, the same company that has safely and efficiently transported previous BCCHS Bands to the Disney Competition has been contacted and the dates reserved. The cost is per student and students may pay directly to the Bob Rodgers Company. This recommendation is being presented early so that many fund-raising opportunities can occur for any student who needs financial support.
 - 1. First Reading of Board Policy 5345 and 5350 – Monique Cheeks read the changes to the board for policy 5345 and 5350, specifically as it relates to the Outdoor Education Center.
- R. President Evans discussed the 2019 CISD Board of Education candidates. The three candidates are Lisa Hubbard, Kenneth Ponds and Durwood Booker. The board has decided to vote for Lisa Hubbard and Kenneth Ponds.
- S. President Evans stated that Trustee McClenney can no longer serve on the Joint Task Force Committee and asked members of the board to think about serving as the replacement.
- T. President Evans stated that at the MASB training, it was discussed having a rotating schedule for the board on agenda planning. At the June planning meeting, a different board member will be asked to attend to experience what happens when planning the board agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Sharon Yaskulski discussed helping families and youth after the school day ends.

Kellie Thomas discussed Middle School STEM band.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Attended forensics night – thanks to the students and the staff for an amazing event; announced the GSVU partnership with BCPS which will help with project-based learning and new teacher mentoring; family advocates will have an opportunity to transfer to Community in Schools which will offer increased salaries and benefits; thank you to those involved with Declaration Day – what a wonderful

event.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Kyra Wallace – Attended the 2019 Decision day, glad 8th graders were allowed to see the program; thanked the board for excusing her during the retreat so she could witness the forensics team competition; attended forensics night; extremely excited about the partnership with GSVU and wanted to make sure that talking points would be shared with the board.

Patty Poole-Gray – Attended the program at WKKF announcing the partnership with GSVU; during teacher appreciation week, delivered treats to her schools; enjoyed the retreat on equity; and thanked Superintendent Carter for answering all of her questions prior to the board meeting.

Catherine LaValley – Said farewell to Executive Director of Human Resources, Heather Hudson, whose last day will be Friday, May 17; this Friday, the longest breakfast table will be at Valley View; attended the Seed Award banquet; the board retreat was a success; traveled to the African American Museum in Detroit, would encourage all to attend.

Art McClenney – A lot of times the staff go unnoticed, shout out to all of the staff who continue their education; attended the Hall of Fame dinner – the National Honor Society students did a great job serving; glad to see the partnership with GVSU – we need to make those talking points available; had the chance to spend time with students who received the National Association of Professional Negro Women scholarship – congratulations to those students; congratulate the parents and the students who attended the prom – students conducted themselves as women and gentlemen – was very proud of them.

Charlie Fulbright – Attended the SEED Award program – an amazing program, the talent, just so much fun to be there; the equity retreat – so glad we are at the head of the game with the other districts; and lastly did the Hairspray musical ever get rescheduled? Yes, Memorial Day weekend, says someone from the audience.

President Evans – And with that, meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary