

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

July 11, 2022

**Board Room at the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI
5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Patty Poole-Gray

Charlie Fulbright

Nathan Grajek

Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Dr. Amira Mogaji – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Jeff English – Senior Executive Director, Business Operations

Dr. Anita Harvey, Director, District Transformation

Sherry Figueroa, Executive Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations

Monique Checks – Director, Student Services & Pupil Accounting

Mitch Fowler – Director, Technology, Student Data and Innovation

Nathan Hunt, Communications Manager

Absent

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LaValley at 5:32 pm. Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, Patty Poole-Gray, Charlie Fulbright, Jacqueline Slaby, Art McClenney and Nathan Grajek were present.

President Catherine LaValley read aloud our Mission Statement.

The Interpreters for tonight's meeting were introduced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to approve the Agenda removing Recommendation item M.

Trustee Patti Poole Gray supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bond Update

Ryan Long with Elite Companies discussed updated information and status of Bond projects.

Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt (HMH)

Dr. Amira Mogaji discussed the recommendation for Read/Math 180 & System 44 Renewals in the amount of \$72,400.00 with ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Reading Apprenticeship Training 6-12

Dr. Amira Mogaji discussed the recommendation for Reading Apprenticeship Training 6-12 in the amount of \$26,000.00 with the WKKF Grant as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

K-5 LETRS Training

Dr. Amira Mogaji discussed the recommendation for K-5 LETRS Training in the amount of \$51,722.00 with ESSER funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

BC STEM Innovation Center

Course Catalog Update for 2022-2023

Dr. Amira Mogaji discussed the recommendation for BC STEM Innovation Center Course Catalog Update for 2022-2023.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Burrell Communications Contract

Nathan Hunt discussed the recommendation for Burrell Communications Contract in the amount of \$400,000.00 with the WKKF Grant as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

i-Ready Renewal

Greg Bish discussed the recommendation for i-Ready Renewal in the amount of \$73,904.50 with ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Renaissance STAR contract expansion

Greg Bish discussed the recommendation for Renaissance STAR contract expansion in the amount of \$12,190.52 with ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

NEP Contract

Greg Bish discussed the recommendation for NEP Contract in the amount of \$181,250 + travel expenses with the WKKF Grant as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Verona Chimney Repairs

Jeff English discussed the recommendation for Verona Chimney Repairs not to exceed \$49,000.00 with the Sinking Fund as the Funding Source.

NWEA Renewal

Mitch Fowler discussed the recommendation for NWEA Renewal in the amount of \$38,000.00 with ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Microsoft EES License Renewal

Mitch Fowler discussed the recommendation for Microsoft EES License Renewal in the amount of \$25,321.50 with General Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

Commercial Realtor Agreement

Jeff English discussed the recommendation for Commercial Realtor Agreement .

Property Sale - N 24th Street, Springfield

Jeff English discussed the recommendation for Property Sale - N 24th Street, Springfield .

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

K-12 Virtual Academy Provider (Pearson)

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi discussed the recommendation for K-12 Virtual Academy Provider (Pearson) in the amount of \$47,620.00 with ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

STARR Commonwealth Contract

Monique Cheeks discussed the recommendation for STARR Commonwealth Contract not to exceed \$ 170,00.00 with the ESSER Funds as the Funding Source.

The Board will vote on this item at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022.

School & Municipal Advisory Services

Superintendent Carter discussed the recommendation for School & Municipal Advisory Services not to exceed \$50,000.00 with the General Fund as the Funding Source.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to go into a Closed session for the purpose of looking at the Secretary's Contract.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned to open session with Charlie Fulbright making a motion to reconvene.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to approve the Secretary's Contract.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Commercial Realtor Agreement

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to approve the Commercial Realtor Agreement.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

School & Municipal Advisory Services

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to approve the School & Municipal Advisory Services not to exceed \$50,000.00 with the Funding Source being the General Fund.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Verona Chimney Repairs

Motion by Trustee Charlie Fulbright to approve the Verona Chimney Repairs not to exceed \$49,000.00 with the Funding Source being the Sinking Fund.

Trustee Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following comments:

- National day of summer learning put on by Kids Network. July 15th at Leila Arboretum from 12-4pm.
- Join us at the Pride parade. Friday at 7pm. We will begin lining up at 6:30 pm.
- Thank you to our staff participating in hiring and recruiting committees over the summer.
- Shout out to staff participating in summer learning.
 - Visited Valleyview and Springfield and was able to see students engaged.
 - Middle School showcase Jul 28, 2022 at Battle Creek Central High School starting at 11 am, be sure to visit the Healthy Living Carnival taking place at the same time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Patti Poole Gray gave a shout out to the Upward Bound program. They were recently awarded 1.2 million dollars for their program.

Trustee Charlie Fulbright gave a breakdown of the pride events going on this coming weekend:

- Thursday Trivia game at Miller Stone. Trustee Kyra Wallace is a contestant.
- Friday Pride Parade. BSPC is #15. Come out and walk with us.
- Saturday Pride Festival at Leila Arboretum from 1-7 pm. 60+ vendors and companies. Free event with live entertainment
- Sunday candlelight vigil at Sojourner Truth Monument to honor those in the LGBTQ community lost to homicide and suicide.

Trustee Kyra Wallace "Great things are happening at BCPS!"

President Catherine LaValley shared the following comments:

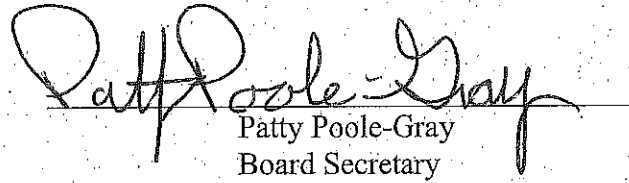
- Asked Board members for an answer on their participation in the upcoming MASB conference.
- 3 BCPS students attended a Leadership Camp at the Outdoor Education Center sponsored by the rotary club. Jessica, Victor and Devonda were at the OEC Saturday and Sunday networking and doing team building activities with students their age from around the state.
- While visiting the Leadership Camp she was given a tour of the updated kitchen at the OEC and was very pleased with the upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

President LaValley adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Submitted by
Coweta Smith

Minutes Approved: _____


Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

July 11, 2022

**Board Room at the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI
7:04 p.m**

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PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright
Nathan Grajek

Absent

Jacqueline Slaby
Art McClenney

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent


Dr. Amira Mogaji – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

The Board convened in Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the Secretaries Contract.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____


Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary