

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 24, 2021**

**Meeting held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15**

**Zoom identification number Meeting ID: 868 6339 1938**

**PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Patty Poole-Gray

Charlie Fulbright

Jacqueline Slaby

Art McClenney

Nathan Grajek

**Present – Administration**

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi, Director, Secondary Education

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Rhonda Potts - Executive Director

Cheryl Johnson – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources

Wes Seeley – Director of Grant, Federal Programs and Adult Education

Charles Lipsey – Director, Facilities and Operations

**Absent – Administration**

Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

Jeff English – Executive Director

**MINUTES**

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

President LaValley announced there would be a Special Meeting immediately following the Regular Meeting this evening.

## **REMOTE ATTENDANCE SCRIPT**

As required for compliance with the Open Meetings Act for conducting Electronic Board Meetings, each Board Member read aloud the Remote Attendance Script, as follows:

- *I, Catherine LaValley, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
I am physically located in Bedford Township, Calhoun County, in the State of Michigan.  
I am able to have two-way communication for this Board Meeting.  
Please record this public announcement in the Meeting Minutes.*
  
- *I, Kyra Wallace, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.  
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- *I, Patty Poole-Gray, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.  
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- *I, Charlie Fulbright, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.  
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- *I, Jacqueline Slaby, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
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- *I, Art McClenney, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
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- *I, Nathan Grajek, am attending this May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting remotely.  
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### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Agenda as presented.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Secretary Patty Poole-Gray to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the Work Session on April 12, 2021 and Regular Meeting on April 26, 2021
- C. Bills for the Month of April 2021
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Finance Report
- G. Approval of AO Jones Scholarship Applications
- H. Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Resource Adoption
- I. K-5 Music Curriculum Resource Adoption
- J. Foundations of Engineering Curriculum Resource Adoption
- K. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health I&II and Healthcare Occupations I&II Curriculum Resource Adoption
- L. IT Ethics and the Law Curriculum Resource Adoption
- M. TrueSuccess Renewal

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

It was noted we will announce all Retirees at the June Regular Meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Legislative Advocacy Report**

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby reviewed the Legislative Advocacy Report.

President Catherine LaValley thanked Trustee Slaby for her thorough Report and noted the Board appreciates receiving this information..

## 1200 Student Representative Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Monique Cheeks provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 1200 Student Representative Policy.

Monique reviewed the Student Representative procedures.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Resolution of the BCPS Board of Education Regarding the 2021 CISD Biennial Election

President Catherine LaValley discussed the 2021 CISD Biennial Election Resolution.

President LaValley reported the CISD Election will be held on the first Monday of June. Board Candidate, Richard Lindsey, Jr., is running for a six year term.

President LaValley advised the Board is able to have a delegate attend the June 7<sup>th</sup> Election. As the Board's representative for CASMA, she is able to attend this meeting and could be the voting delegate. The Board will need to determine an alternate delegate for the Election to meet the CISD's protocols..

Trustee Art McClenney commented he would need to check his calendar but he thinks he is back in town that day and could be the alternate delegate. President LaValley noted Trustee McClenney is the alternative CASMA representative.

The remaining Board Members were supportive of President LaValley and Trustee McClenney serving as the delegate and alternate delegate for the CISD Biennial Election on June 7th.

The Board discussed candidate Richard Lindsey, Jr.

### Recommendation for June Board Meeting Structure

President Catherine LaValley recommended the Board return to in-person Board Meetings beginning in June.

Meetings will be held in the Conference Room at the Miller Stone Building and all COVID safety protocols will be followed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

C Meints

NO ADDRESS PROVIDED

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Is there a way for the district to create a childcare program within buildings to where teachers and staff have an option for in-building childcare and the expense comes straight from the checks? This would consist of licensed caregivers for the children of staff within buildings that need it. The program would be directed towards staff with children younger than school aged such as 6 months - 3 years of age.

President Catherine LaValley thanked C Meints for the comment and said someone will get back to them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1200 Student Representative Policy

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the 1200 Student Representative Policy.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

2021-2022 BCPD Police Liaison Contract

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the 2021-2022 BCPD Police Liaison Contract in the amount of \$94,050.00 with the funding source being the General Fund.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 5 – 2.**

2021-2022 Chartwell Food Service Agreement (Year 2)

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the 2021-2022 Chartwell Food Service Agreement (Year 2).

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

LaMora Park Walk-In Cooler/Freezer

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the LaMora Park Walk-In Cooler/Freezer in the amount of \$64,713.74 with the funding source being the Food Service Excess Funds.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

SmithCo Baseball/Softball Field Grooming Equipment

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the SmithCo Baseball/Softball Field Grooming Equipment in the amount of \$24,697.00 with the funding source being the General Fund (Athletic).

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

LaMora Park Ceiling & Lights

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the LaMora Park Ceiling and Lights in the amount of \$358,670.00 with the funding source being the Sinking Fund.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Ann J Kellogg Auditorium HVAC as well as Roof Top Unit

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Ann J Kellogg Auditorium HVAC as well as Roof Top Unit in the amount of \$356,256.00 with the funding source being the Sinking Fund.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Site Work at Fremont, Central and LaMora Park

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Site Work at Fremont, Central and LaMora Park in the amount of \$306,585.00 with the funding source being the Sinking Fund.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

The Board asked what work was to be done at each building.

Charles Lipsey reported there will be parking lot work done at Fremont, work done at LaMora Park on the Courtyard and staff parking lot, and work done at Battle Creek Central High School on the Courtyard.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Facilities Building Roof

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Facilities Building Roof in the amount of \$225,374.00 with the funding source being the Sinking Fund.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

The Board asked why the cost had gone down for this project.

Charles Lipsey advised the bids came in less than the estimate.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Kindergarten Backpacks

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Kindergarten Backpacks in the amount of \$15,196.00 with the funding source being the ESSER Grant.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Microsoft Active Directory Migration

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Microsoft Active Directory Migration in the amount of \$96,079.50 with the funding source being the WKKF Grant.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Chromebook Cases

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Chromebook Cases in the amount of \$50,490.00 with the funding source being the WKKF Grant.

Secretary Patty Poole-Gray supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Revised Funding Building Switch Allocation

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Revised Funding Building Switch Allocation in the amount of \$31,316.10 with the funding source being the ESSER Grant.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

Staff Chromebooks

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Staff Chromebooks in the amount of \$91,625.00 with the funding source being the 21H Grant.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

BCCHS Calculators

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the BCCHS Calculators in the amount of \$29,694.00 with the funding source being the WKKF Grant.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**

June Board Meeting Structure

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the recommendation for in-person Board Meetings beginning in June.

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

**Motion passed 7 – 0.**



## **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Kim Carter shared her excitement for the Seniors, who have concluded their last day of school, and will have Graduation on Friday, June 4th, at 7:00pm in the football area. She noted there have been a lot of questions about increasing ticket numbers for Graduation and she reported we will get information out as soon as possible. We are waiting for the final notification from the Health Department.

Superintendent Carter thanked the dozens of BCPS Staff who came together to make sure Distribution Day was well run today.

Superintendent Carter shared that the BCPS Staff participating in a SMS Pop Can Drive, organized by Mr. Holley, resulted in raising over \$300.00 to purchase 3 bikes for students in the community.

Superintendent Carter announced and congratulated all BCCHS Seniors who together amassed more than \$4.5 million dollars in scholarships, noting we are very proud of them and we wish them a lifetime of success.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright gave a huge shout out to the SMS Garden and the email from the Principal about the sod for purchase. He was so excited to donate money to one of our schools for the purchase sod. He is very pleased about the SMS Garden and their efforts.

President Catherine LaValley shared the following:

- ❖ She attended the Great Start Collaborative Meeting on May 14th. There was a turn out of about 50 people with the parent coalition team, home visit team, as well as Great Start Readiness for Calhoun Co.
- ❖ On May 14th, she also enjoyed a delicious taco meal by the Chartwells Food Truck, held at BCCHS.
- ❖ She attended the final Lady Bearcat Tennis home matches and all players played well and enjoyed the sunshine and winds that day. They played 2 other High Schools that day. The food truck, On The Roll, was present and had awesome food.
- ❖ It is an exciting time for the District as we get ready to send off our Graduating Seniors. There is a Celebration Parade on Wednesday and she hopes we have warm weather for that day.
- ❖ It is remarkable we are in the week of May. President LaValley wished everyone a restful and safe Memorial Day Weekend as we remember those who died for us in military service throughout the country.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Submitted by  
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray  
Board Secretary