

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

April 22, 2019

Fire Place Room of the Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI

5:30p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Evans
Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Patty Poole-Gray
Charlie Fulbright
Art McClenney

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Laura Ash –Executive Director, Business Operations
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Evans at 5:30 p.m. All board members present except Jacqueline Slaby. There were an additional 16 staff and community members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 6– 0

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

JaQuan Johnson, 1st grade student from Dudley Elementary School is April's Artist of the Month. If you see him, please, please offer congratulations!

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Morrissey invited the board to attend lunch at Springfield Middle School on Thursday, April 25 as Chef Jet Tila from the Iron Chef will be preparing lunch.

REPORTS

- A. Dr. Anita Harvey says that due to the overwhelming support of re-opening Fremont International Academy; we will need to open a third kindergarten classroom. This increase will not change any decisions already set in place.
- B. Dr. Deborah Nuzzi stated that with the change of staff, sometimes things are overlooked. This is the case with the field trip request coming to the board. The forensics team would like to

attend an over-night trip to attend the State Finals at Oakland University, May 3-4, 2019.

- C. Dr. Deborah Nuzzi stated to the board that the forensics team would like to travel to Mackinac Island, an over-night field trip, on May 17-19, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Trust Fund / Comerica (written only the report)
- B. Minutes of the March 11, work session, and the March 25 regular meeting
- C. Bills for the Month of March 2019
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Financial Update

Art McClenney supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the transportation extension contract in the amount of up to \$2,178,556 to be paid from the general fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- B. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the addendum for Battle Creek Educational Support Personnel Association in the amount of \$27,898 to be paid from the general fund.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- C. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Cereal City Science paper stock purchase in the amount of \$125,430 from Lewis Paper Company to be paid from the Cereal City Science general fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- D. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Cereal City Science organism purchase from Berkshire in the amount of \$64,635 to be paid from the Cereal City Science general fund.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- E. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the technology purchase for Fremont International Academy in the amount of up to \$196,460 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- F. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the purchase of BC STEM technology in the amount up to \$274,349 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- G. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve all four phases of the K-8 classroom libraries in the amount of \$764,000 over the next three years to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 - 0

- H. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Year 3 Renaissance Learning renewal in the amount of \$141,273.78 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- I. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the Math Expressions curriculum for Fremont International Academy in the amount of \$34,503.64 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- J. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the Journeys curriculum resource for Fremont International Academy in the amount of \$29,380.91 to be paid from the WKKF grant.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- K. Kyra Wallace made a motion to approve the overnight stay for two students with seven adults to Bronx Alternative Arena High School on May 6 – 8, 2019.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

- L. Art McClenney made a motion to approve to sale of 50 Spencer Street in the amount of \$32,000.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion failed 0 – 6

Motion failed because the motion was stated incorrectly.

Art McClenney made a motion to authorize Superintendent Carter and/or Laura Ash to sign the closing documents for the sale of 50 Spencer Street.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

M. Art McClenney made a motion to approve the overnight stay for the Forensics team to attend their state finals at Oakland University, May 3-4, 2019.

Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

N. Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the overnight stay for the Forensics team to attend a competition in Mackinac Island, May 17-19, 2019.

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

Motion passed 6 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter explained why the board did not need to approve the Ann J Kellogg Success for All program originally on the agenda. RAG funds are from the CISD so they would need to approve the purchase.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Kyra Wallace– let the board know that the high school theatre production of Hairspray has been postponed due to the Hall of Fame dinner. She will let the board know when it has been rescheduled; she will be serving as a chaperone for the Forensics team trips; looking forward to the CASBMA banquet.

Charlie Fulbright – loves when teachers cry over their students, it shows they really care; attended the STARR awards honoring Superintendent Carter – recorded it live on Facebook; attended Ann J Kellogg’s earth day and assisted in cleaning the playground.

Art McClenney – planning to attend the Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday, April 27, 5 p.m.; attended the STARR awards, also.

Catherine LaValley – attended the STARR awards; walked with Valley View students; will attend the CASBMA awards banquet; will attend the Joint Board Meeting; will attend the Hall of Fame banquet and it looking forward to the rescheduled showing of Hairspray when it is announced.

Karen Evans – Will be attending the CASBMA banquet; will attend the Hall of Fame dinner; will attend the MASB Spring Institute; and is very excited to support Chef Jet Tila at SMS this Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O. Wilkerson

Kyra Wallace, Board Secretary