

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
July 10, 2017
3rd Floor Administration Building, 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Art McClenney
Karen Evans
Nathan Grajek
Catherine LaValley
Kyra Wallace
Eric Jankowski
Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Lindsay Elizondo – Executive Director, Financial Services
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Heather Hudson – Executive Director, Human Resources

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Art McClenney at 5:32 p.m. All board members were present. Approximately 21 citizens and staff were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karen Evans made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Barb Gillombardo – Concerned about the technical error on with the insurance premium causing some employees to pay double insurance premiums from their next pay check.
- Joe Scantlebury – Spoke on behalf of the WKK Foundation on a job well done for BCPS.

REPORTS

Theresa Yeck presented a power point outlining the process taken to select a new math curriculum. The power point presentation was in the board packet.

President McClenney reported on the Model Schools Conference that he and other district employees attended. The overall theme that he came away with was that “If kids are not in school, they can’t learn.” We must look beyond the students’ behavior to see what is going on.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President McClenney asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes from June 15, Special Board Meeting; June 19, Regular Board Meeting; and June 20, Special Board Meeting
- b. Bills for Month of June 2017
- c. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees

Nathan Grajek made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

Kyra Wallace supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Dates for 2017-18

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the 2017-18 meeting dates.
Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Jacqueline Slaby asked the board to consider bi-monthly meetings. This will give the board an opportunity to ask questions and think about some things that are being presented in enough time to make the right decision. Board members thought that was an excellent idea.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the presented 2017-18 meeting dates:

Nathan Grajek	No
Catherine LaValley	No
Karen Evans	No
Jacqueline Slaby	No
Eric Jankowski	No
Kyra Wallace	No
Art McClenney	No

Motion failed 0 – 7

Karen Evans made a motion to have the next board meeting as scheduled on Monday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m.
Catherine LaValley supported the motion.

Discussion: Catherine LaValley asked the that board meetings be posted in the lobby of the Willard Library.

Motion passed 7 – 0

B. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the National Equity Contract up to an amount of \$144,000.

Motion made by Nathan Grajek to approve the National Equity Contract up to an amount of \$144,000.

Jacqueline Slaby supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- C. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the plumbing repairs at the Welcome Center at BCCHS in the amount of \$18,750 to be taken from the Maintenance and Operations General Fund. If Allied Mechanical finds that this is their error, the repairs will be made at no expense to the district.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the plumbing repairs at the Welcome Center at BCCHS in the amount of \$18,750.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- D. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve painting and lighting upgrades at Northwestern Middle School in the amount of \$173,538 to be taken from the Building and Site Fund.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the painting and lighting upgrades at Northwestern Middle School in the amount of \$173,538 coming out of the building and site fund.

Karen Evans supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- E. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the purchase of a food delivery truck in the amount of \$49,279. This will be paid out of the food services excess funds.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the food delivery truck in the amount of \$49,279 to be paid from the food services excess funds.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- F. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the remodeling of Dudley STEM kitchen in the amount of \$70,305.82 to come from the food services excess funds.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the remodeling of Dudley STEM kitchen in the amount of \$70,305.82 to be paid from the food services excess funds.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- G. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve web site development project at BCAMSC in the amount of \$40,000 to CQL Inc of Grand Rapids. This will be paid from the BCAMSC cost center.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the web site development project for the BCAMSC in the amount of \$40,000 to CQL, Inc., paid from the BCAMSC cost center.

Karen Evans supported that motion.

Motion passed 7– 0

- H. Superintendent Carter made a motion to approve the Math Expressions math curriculum in the amount of \$405,125.75 to come from the WKKF Grant.

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the K-5th math curriculum in the amount of \$405,125.75 to be paid from the WKKF Grant.

Kyra Wallace supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- I. Superintendent Carter asked the board to approve the 21st Century Enrichment Services in the amount of \$15,000 to Carlos Fantana of the Youth Leadership Academy. This will be paid from the 21st Century grant.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the 21st Century Enrichment Services in the amount of \$15,000 from the 21st Century Grant.

Eric Jankowski supported that motion.

Motion passed 7 – 0

- J. President McClenney asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent’s contract.

Eric Jankowski made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s contract. This includes the one year left of the current contract and a three-year extension.

Jacqueline Slaby supported that motion.

Discussion: Board members discussed in detail the verbiage in the contract. Karen Evans called for the question.

Roll call vote was taken to approve the Superintendent’s contract as presented.

Nathan Grajek	Yes
Catherine LaValley	No
Karen Evans	Yes
Jacqueline Slaby	Yes
Eric Jankowski	Yes
Kyra Wallace	Yes
Art McClenney	Yes

Motion passed 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter commented on the following:

- Thanked the staff for working this summer to reset the culture and climate of the district.

- Stated to the board that BCPS is committed to continuous improvement for teachers and students. It's about the people not the program.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Catherine LaValley – Concerned about meeting issues.

Jacqueline Slaby – Excited about the BCPS transformation.

Karen Evans – Reiterated that questions are submitted to the superintendent and the board president prior to the meetings; and answers are received.

Art McClenney – The board has functioned very well and we will not always agree. We will always do what is best for the district and our students.

Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.

Submitted by Gloria O Wilkerson

Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary