

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2021

Meeting held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15

Zoom identification number Meeting ID: 868 6339 1938

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Catherine LaValley

Kyra Wallace

Charlie Fulbright

Jacqueline Slaby

Art McClenney

Nathan Grajek

Absent

Patty Poole-Gray

Present – Administration

Kim Carter – Superintendent

Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education

Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services

Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations

Cheryl Johnson – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources

Rhonda Potts – Executive Director, Business and Finance

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

Charles Lipsey – Director, Facilities and Operations

Absent – Administration

Dr. Deborah Nuzzi, Director, Secondary Education

Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation

Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

Jeff English – Executive Director

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LaValley at 5:31p.m. Catherine LaValley, Kyra Wallace, Charlie Fulbright, Jacqueline Slaby, Art McClenney and Nathan Grajek were present.

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 April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
I am physically located in Bedford Township, City of Battle Creek, 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 April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
I am physically located in the County of Clark, in the State of Nevada.
I am able to have two-way communication for this Board Meeting.
Please record this public announcement in the Meeting Minutes.*

- *I, Charlie Fulbright, am attending this April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.
I am able to have two-way communication for this Board Meeting.
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- *I, Jacqueline Slaby, am attending this April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.
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- *I, Art McClenney, am attending this April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
I am physically located in the City of Battle Creek, in the State of Michigan.
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- *I, Nathan Grajek, am attending this April 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting remotely.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Art McClenney to approve the Agenda as written.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- A. Trust Fund/Comerica (Written only)
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 8, 2021 and Regular Meeting on March 22, 2021
- C. Bills for the Month of March 2021
- D. Personnel Changes and Recognition of Retirees
- E. Membership Report
- F. Finance Report

Trustee Art McClenney supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bearcat Health Report

Monique Cheeks discussed the presentation included in the Board Packet.

Bond Update

Superintendent Kim Carter provided an update on the Bond and shared a video on the Bond project.

It was discussed this video will be uploaded to our District Facebook page and will be linked to the District website as well.

The Board inquired if Access Vision could share this video. Executive Assistant, Patti Worden, will contact Access Vision to check into this.

Recommendation for May Board Meeting Structure

President Catherine LaValley discussed her recommendation for the Board to return to in-person meetings for the month of May.

There was discussion that in-person meetings would be held at the Miller Stone building to meet COVID protocols and provide a safe environment. There would be a limit on the audience members who can attend in-person and Board Meetings will continue to be live on Facebook.

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Reconfirmation)

Superintendent Kim Carter reported, as required by law, we are reconfirming our Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for the month of May and she reviewed the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Reconfirmation)

Motion by Trustee Art McClenney to approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Reconfirmation) as presented.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

2021-2022 Calhoun ISD General Fund Budget

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the 2021-2022 Calhoun ISD General Fund Budget as presented.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

BCCHS Summer Take Home Reading Packs

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the BCCHS Summer Take Home Reading Packs in the amount of \$40,982.00 with the funding source being Title I Funds.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Scholastic Middle School Summer Reading Books

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the Scholastic Middle School Summer Reading Books in the amount of \$19,598.55 with the funding source being the EC Extended Learning Grant 35a(5).

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

K-5 Bearcat Bridge Summer Math Curriculum

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve K-5 Bearcat Bridge Summer Math Curriculum in the amount of up to \$23,474.00 with the funding source being the ESSER Grant.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

K-5 Think Stretch Books

Motion by Treasurer Charlie Fulbright to approve the K-5 Think Stretch Books in the amount of up to \$24,795.00 with the funding source being the EC Extended Learning Grant 35a(5).

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

CISD Technology Services Contract

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the CISD Technology Services Contract in the amount of \$446,209.00 with the funding source being the General Fund.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

It was noted this is a 5-year Agreement with CISD, with a 60-day out clause, and a yearly review of the Services Contract.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Career Academies Curriculum Development with GVSU

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Career Academies Curriculum Development with GVSU in the amount of \$147,607.00 with the funding source being the WKKF Grant.

Treasurer Charlie Fulbright supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

Miller Stone & 3 West Administration Roof Replacement

Motion by Vice President Kyra Wallace to approve the Miller Stone & 3 West Administration Roof Replacement in the amount of \$702,218.00 with the funding source being Sinking Funds.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby supported the Motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion passed 6 – 0

May Board Meeting Structure

Motion by Trustee Art McClenney to approve the May Board Meeting Structure as presented.

Vice President Kyra Wallace supported the Motion.

There was discussion about a Board Member having to quarantine, virtual meetings, safety protocols and Health Department recommendations. It was noted the decision for Board Meeting Structure is up to the Board. It was further noted Calhoun County is still under a State of Emergency and because of that the Board can vote to remain in virtual meetings.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Motion not passed 1 – 5

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Kim Carter shared the following information:

- She gave a shout out to the Adult Education Team for their success in being approved for a State Grant with funding through June 30, 2024. She noted we are very excited about our outstanding Adult Education Program.

She mentioned for our adult audience who may be interested in obtaining their High School Diploma or GED, we have a place for them here at BCPS. We provide a highly qualified staff to work with adult students and help them cross the finish line and achieve their goal.

She thanked the BCPS Staff for their diligence in providing for our students' needs, our Food Service Team who go above and beyond to assure our students have meals and our CIS partners who help to make sure our community needs are met. Superintendent Carter indicated she appreciates every staff member and they are all Bearcat Heroes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Fulbright shared the following:

- He congratulated former Board President Karen Evans for achieving the Highest Level of MASB Certification, Level 7, President's Award. He noted this shows her true dedication to our students at BCPS.
- He noted last Wednesday was Administrative Professional's Day and he personally thanked all the secretaries for all they do, especially Patti Worden, the Executive Assistant to Superintendent Carter and the Board of Education.
- He has been watching Hulu every night and commended Nate Hunt and his Team for the BCPS Commercials which have highlighted the Career Academies, BC STEM and our Kindergarten classrooms. He has enjoyed watching these commercials.
- He gave kudos to the Staff at BC STEM for the Facebook post he saw about rewarding perfect attendance students with a pizza.

Trustee Jacqueline Slaby reminded the community that we have Curriculum Updates online for students, families and everyone to review and provide feedback on. Tomorrow is the last date to review these materials and provide feedback. She noted the survey is also available in Spanish and Burmese. The Curriculum Updates are K-5 Music, 6-8 Social Studies, Foundation of Engineering, Engineering Ethics, IT Ethics and the Law, and Health.

Trustee Nathan Grajek shared the SEED Awards are now open and applications are being accepted. The original deadline was this Thursday but there are plans to extend the application process, so there is still time to apply.

Trustee Art McClenney gave thanks to and congratulated the entire Administrative Team for stepping up over the last 2 weeks to make sure our students' needs were met and especially to our Food Service Team for making meals available for families; he noted many of our students depend on the school for their meals.

Trustee McClenney said he wanted to piggy-back on what Trustee Fulbright said about BCPS commercials; every time he turns on the computer, whatever platform he is using, he sees BCPS commercials popping up and he gave kudos to whomever is making that happen. He noted a conversation with an individual who was very curious about our hospital setup at BCCHS. This individual wondered if we will be giving public tours and he indicated we can't do that right now with the pandemic, but we will when we are able. He noted people are fascinated with the Career Academies.

President Catherine LaValley shared the following:

- She is glad social media is happening to share the Great Things Happening at BCPS.
- She congratulated Karen Evans for achieving the MASB President's Award. She reminded the Board about the MASB Awards Celebration this Thursday at 7:00pm noting Karen Evans will be honored for this accomplishment.
- The Bond Transformation Town Hall virtual meeting was held back on March 23rd and last week on April 22nd. There was an article in the Shopper on April 1st. She shared the Bond Committee meetings are every other Wednesday and the next meeting is Wednesday, April 28th.
- She attended an Ann Macfarlane training this past Saturday wherein Ann discussed board meeting responsibilities, virtual meeting etiquette, standards code, etc.

President Catherine LaValley thanked the Board for all they do and for a great meeting this evening.

Trustee Nathan Grajek reported the SEED Award Applications can be done online this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Submitted by
Patti Worden

Patty Poole-Gray
Board Secretary