

**BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**December 16, 2019**

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

**5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Karen Evans  
Charlie Fulbright  
Catherine LaValley  
Kyra Wallace

Absent

Art McClenney  
Patty Poole-Gray  
Jackie Slaby

**Present – Administration**

Kim Carter – Superintendent  
Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education  
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services  
Cheryl Johnson – Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources  
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations  
Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation  
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager  
Laura Ash – Executive Director  
Charles Lipsey – Director, Facilities and Operations

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 5:30 p.m. Karen Evans, Charlie Fulbright, Catherine LaValley and Kyra Wallace were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 4 – 0**

## **REPORTS**

Battle Creek Public Schools P.R.I.D.E. Awards – Superintendent Carter presented P.R.I.D.E. Certificates to 7 Staff Members and thanked them for the extraordinary services they provide to the District. Those acknowledged were **Casey Bess** (Teacher, Battle Creek Central High School), **Dianna Crawford** (Interventionist, Ann J. Kellogg Elementary), **Crescenda Jones** (Principal, Ann J. Kellogg Elementary), **Marcie Crull** (Teacher, Valley View Elementary), **Bobby Collins** (Bus Driver, Dean Transportation), **Greg Beznoska** (District IT Field Technician) and **Rebecca Bolden** (District Attendance & Truancy Interventionist).

Fremont International Update – Brandon Phenix provided an update on Fremont International which included staff information, demographics, academic status, partnerships and resources, achievements and looking forward.

School Team Accountability Report (STAR) Visits – Dr. Chandra Youngblood provided a summary for the STAR 2019 Beginning of Year which included an overview, STAR numbers, highlights, areas for development, staff feedback, student feedback, promising practices from principals and central office support.

Second Reading, Board Policy 2450 – Monique Cheeks provided the second reading of Board Policy 2450 - Discrimination and Complaint Procedure.

Second Reading, Board Policy 1300-3 (which was a correction to Policy 5000 as it was listed on the Agenda) - Monique Cheeks provided the second reading of Board Policy 1300-3 - Remote Participation during Board meetings.

Second Reading, Board Policy 1300-2 – Monique Cheeks provided the second reading of Board Policy 1300-2 - Board Meetings.

Second Reading, Board Policy 8000 - Monique provided the second reading of Board Policy 8000 – Service Animals.

Discussion of City Request for River Front Parcel – Superintendent Carter discussed the City of Battle Creek requesting the transfer of River Front Parcel to the City as a result of a major redesign and rebuild of the Jackson Street parking lot. They would like access for stormwater management and to add River amenities. Superintendent Carter recommended giving the River Front Parcel to the City. The Board expressed a willingness to transfer the River Front Parcel and requested that Superintendent Carter work with the attorney and a committee of herself, Laura Ash and Charles Lipsey and bring information back to the January meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

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

Charlie Fulbright supported the motion.

**Motion passed 4 – 0**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration to Approve MACUL Conference 2020 for 13 educators to attend the conference, expense not to exceed \$12,000

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve 14 educators attending the 2020 MACL Conference.

Kyra Wallace supported the motion.

Charlie Fulbright amended the motion to approve 13 educators as recommended in Mitch Fowler's request.

Catherine LaValley supported the amended motion.

**Motion passed 4 – 0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carolyn Ferguson discussed the Battle Creek Central High School Hall of Fame and extended appreciation for the support the Hall of Fame has received.

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Carter discussed the work the Battle Creek Central High School Marketing Class has been doing and reported they presented to staff at the Kellogg Company and received great feedback. They placed in the top 3 of 24 teams in a recent competition.

Superintendent Carter discussed we expect traffic delays on Wednesday due to President Trump's visit. She reported we will have a full day of school as the Department of Education does not recognize a Presidential visit as being an accepted day off from school. The School Calendar was prepared to meet the 180 school day requirement; closing on Wednesday would result in adding a day to the end of the year.

Superintendent Carter welcomed Patti Worden as the new Executive Assistant for the Superintendent's Office and the Board of Education.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Catherine LaValley – Expressed her support of the decision to have a full day of school on Wednesday.

Karen Evans – Reported on attending the MASB Training and indicated she would like to include changing the Board Norms to the Organizational Meeting next month. She extended her wishes for everyone to have a nice and safe winter break.

Meeting adjourned – 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Patti Worden / Kay Smith

Kyra Wallace  
Board Secretary