

BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Work Session

October 8, 2018

3rd Floor Board Room, Administration Building 3 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI

5:30 p.m.

PRESENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Art McClenney
Catherine LaValley
Nathan Grajek
Kyra Wallace
Eric Jankowski

Absent

Karen Evans
Jacqueline Slaby

Present – Administration

Kimberly M. Carter – Superintendent
Dr. Chandra Youngblood – Director, Elementary Education
Dr. Deborah Nuzzi – Director, Secondary Education
Laura Ash – Executive Director, Financial Services
Monique Cheeks – Director, Student Services
Mitch Fowler – Director, School Data Systems & Innovations
Dr. Anita Harvey – Director, District Transformation
Nathan Hunt – Communications Manager

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Art McClenney at 5:30 p.m. All board members present except VP Karen Evans and Trustee Jacqueline Slaby.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine LaValley made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving the Financial Audit to IV. A.

Eric Jankowski supported the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Tom Cole and Mr. Corey VanDyke, representing Plante Moran Financial Services, presented the June 30, 2018 Financial Report.

STEM MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Deborah Evans presented the STEM middle school plan with the opening scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year.

FORD NEXT GENERATION LEARNING (NGL) CONTRACTS

Dr. Anita Harvey provided the board with the contract for Ford NGL. She recommended that the superintendent and the board of education approve up to \$275,000, funded through the WKKF grant, for a partnership which includes coaching and support, in implementing phases 2 – 5 of the Community Roadmap process.

UNITED WAY GRANTS END OF YEAR REPORT

Wes Seeley discussed the 2017-18 United Way reports. These reports included Breakfast in the Classroom; Early Grade Reading Achievement Program; and Multi-tiered Systems of Support.

BCAMSC INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR

Dr. Nuzzi asked the board to approve the position of an internship coordinator for the BCAMSC in the amount of \$16,000, part time.

Nathan Grajek made a motion to approve the position of an Internship Coordinator for the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center in the amount of \$16,000 to be paid from the BCAMSC budget.

Catherine LaValley supported that motion.

Motion passed 5 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Carter thanked the staff and Mrs. McClenney for an excellent homecoming event; thanked the Battle Creek Education Foundation and Bobby Holley and group for an excellent tailgating event; thanked the students and parents for an excellent Count Day; and is looking forward to upcoming events throughout the district.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Nathan Grajek – Attended the homecoming events; is very excited about the STEM Middle School.

Catherine LaValley – On October 3, attending the girls Varsity Volleyball Game as they supported breast cancer awareness; enjoyed the Bon Fire and Pep Assembly on Friday during the homecoming events; glad that the tailgate was successful; and discussed the Michael Miller bowling fundraiser to be held on Sunday, October 7.

Eric Jankowski – Enjoyed the homecoming events; the tailgate was better than last year; believes that the STEM Middle School is one of the best things coming down the pipeline.

Kyra Wallace – Very pleased about the audit findings; attended and enjoyed the homecoming events; attended the Nashville Academies tour which provided a clearer picture and will be a great opportunity for students.

Art McClenney – Thanked Trustee Wallace for attending the Nashville tour; thanked those BCPS students who made the homecoming event a huge success.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria O. Wilkerson

Catherine LaValley, Board Secretary