

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was advertised in the November 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Battle Creek Enterprise. President Jeremy Pochop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Paul Hrabanek, Lori Mink, Toby Thompson, Brent Bode, and Adam McCracken. Also present were Superintendent Jake Luhr, Principals Jeff Heimes and Kyle Finke, Cyndi Rotter-Hansen, Tammy Bierman, and visitors. The open meeting law was discussed and posted, and will be followed at every Board meeting. To start the Board meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the November general fund bills that totaled \$68,807.59 and a Bond Fund bill in the amount of \$463,342.50. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr updated the Board on the changes in the school lunch. Jackie Kruse is the new head cook, and 2 other ladies were hired as cooks. Changes are being made to the school lunches in an effort to improve the quality in the lunches.

Mr. Luhr presented to the Board the 5-year plan and information regarding strategic planning. Strategic planning can result in goals and action plans that focus on both facilities and educational goals/programming. Since the last Board meeting, Mr. Luhr has been in contact with Randy Herrick from CTS Group, who is going to send Mr. Luhr some quotes and information regarding the lighting and HVAC at the elementary building and high school. He has also been in contact regarding the ASI Systems regarding our security cameras. Mr. Luhr will contact other companies in regards to the above in regards to the lighting, HVAC equipment and also the security cameras, and bring the additional information to the Board at the January Board meeting.

Mr. Luhr presented to the Board the 2017-18 school audit review packet. Paul Hrabanek made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements for Battle Creek Public Schools. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr informed the Board of the new mobile app and website that he has been checking into called Apptegy. The cost is more than the company that the school presently uses for their website services, but Mr. Luhr feels that this company is designed to help our school be a self-marketing school district and would allow us better ways to communicate. The cost for a 3 year contract would be \$24,300.00. Before making a decision, the Board would like a representative from Apptegy to come and explain more in depth about this new mobile app and website.

Adam McCracken made a motion to recognize the BCEA as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Cyndi Rotter-Hansen presented to the Board her letter of resignation effective on June 7, 2019. The Board thanked Cyndi for her 31 years of dedication to Battle Creek Public Schools. Lori Mink made a motion to accept Cyndi's letter of resignation with regrets and appreciation for her 31 years of service to Battle Creek Public Schools. Paul Hrabanek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr presented to the Board the superintendent evaluation form. The Board will complete

the form individually and then give their completed form to President Pochop, who will compile the results and share with Mr. Luhr at the December Board meeting.

Adam McCracken made a motion to go into executive session at 6:51 P.M. to discuss information regarding an early resignation of a certified employee. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Paul made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:04 P.M. Adam McCracken seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Geary, teacher, effective December 31, 2018. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Comments were heard from the Board, Principals, and Superintendent.

With no further business, Board President Jeremy Pochop adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Luhr', written over a horizontal line.

Jake Luhr, Secretary Board of Education