

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 11th. This meeting was advertised in the March 6th edition of the Battle Creek Enterprise. President Jeremy Pochop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Lori Mink, Toby Thompson, Brent Bode, Tammy Bierman, and Paul Kuchar. Also present were Superintendent Jake Luhr, Principals Jeff Heimes and Kyle Finke, Kyle Schmidt, and a visitor. 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 March general fund bills, and an added bill from Foundation Works for \$7,577.00. All the bills totaled \$81,865.37. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Brent Bode made a motion to approve a \$2,500.00 increase in the principals salaries for the 2019-2020 school year. Paul Kuchar seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented by Mr. Luhr. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that he and the principals will be meeting with Dr. Larry Dlugosh to start preparation for the strategic planning meeting. Letters have been mailed out to the strategic planning team regarding the meeting dates.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that E-Rate funds will not be available after this year, and we have funds that need to be used. 60% of our total costs are reimbursed by Category I and Category II E-rate funds. Category II E-rate funds will not be available next year. Tammy Bierman made a motion to move forward with the 3 bids from Priority Communications, Sterling Computers, and Heartland Communications to improve the technology infrastructure and speed in the high school and elementary. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call bid, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr reviewed and had the first reading on Policy 5402, Policy 6400, and Policy 6410 with recommended changes to each policy. At the April Board meeting, the policies will be reviewed again with the second reading and adoption of each policy.

Paul Kuchar made a motion to approve the resignation of Kyle Schmidt, business teacher and coach, with regrets and appreciation for his 8 years of service to Battle Creek Public Schools. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with five ayes. Toby Thompson abstained.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the resignation of Trent Suehl, elementary teacher and coach, with regrets and appreciation for his 16 years of service to Battle Creek Public Schools. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the option request of Gannon Ogden, kindergartner, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the option request of Elaine Reigle, kindergartner, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Brent Bode made a motion to approve the option request of Blake Sovereign, kindergartner, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the option request of Isaiah Weed, kindergartner, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Lori Mink seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Paul Kuchar made a motion to approve the option requests of Braylon Beal, 2nd grader, and Cooper Beal, 1st grader, for the 2019-2020 school year. These requests were based on available room in the classes at this time. Tammy Bierman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Brent Bode made a motion to approve the option request of Trinity Lutt, 9th grader, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Tammy Bierman 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 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jake Luhr, Secretary Board of Education