

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 12th. This meeting was advertised in the October 7th edition of the Battle Creek Enterprise. President Jeremy Pochop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Lori Mink, Tammy Bierman, Toby Thompson, Brent Bode, and Paul Kuchar. Also present were Superintendent Jake Luhr and Principal Jeff Heimes, Sean Lindgren, Jacob Hurla, BCEA representative, 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 October general fund bills which totaled \$77,509.37. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Jacob Hurla, of Community Building Solutions, gave a short presentation on the completion of our HVAC and lighting project at both schools. Lori Mink made a motion to approve the final payment to Community Building Solutions for \$45,475.00, which will be paid out of the Special Building Fund. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that the fiber upgrade between the elementary and secondary buildings was completed on Friday, October 2nd.

Mr. Luhr presented to the Board the recommended ELVPHD guidelines that have been updated on our website and app.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that he had a meeting the end of September with Bob Soukup of CWP Architecture and Joe Beckenhauer of Beckenhauer Construction regarding improvements and additions to our elementary school. Bob will go over blueprints and will digitize them and provide us with some examples as to what we can do at the elementary building.

Mr. Luhr visited with the Board on the schools re-opening plan to remain operating within our yellow level with the addition of requiring masks indoors and when social distancing cannot be maintained. Our risk level as a school district does not have to follow the ELVPHD risk dial.

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that the first negotiations meeting between the Board committee and the BCEA is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st.

Paul Kuchar made a motion to approve the option request of Brock West, 11th grader, for the 2020-21 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.

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

With no further business, Board President Jeremy Pochop adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Jake Luhr, Secretary Board of Education