

## **Beecher Community School District**

A regular meeting of the Beecher Board of Education was held on January 7, 2015 in the Coates Administration Building Board Room, 1020 W. Coldwater Road, Flint, MI 48505 and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President, Michele Loper.

Member in attendance were: Joyce Jackson, LaSonya Larry, Michele Loper, Reginald Mays, Mary Rankins, Marvin Smoot, and Ocelar Denson Watson.

Dr. Talison stated January is Board Appreciation Month and we want to congratulate our board of education for their hard work in our community. (Tucker Elementary, La'riya Turner and Jamira Shumpert, representatives of Tucker Elementary Student Council, presented a gift to the board on behalf of students and staff at Tucker Elementary).

### **Old Business**

- A. Minutes of December 3, 2014 (Regular Meeting) – Board Secretary Smoot**  
Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Ms. Watson to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

**B. Old Business – Board Members**

Mr. Mays – None

Ms. Larry – None

Ms. Jackson and Dr. Talison discussed the following: What was the problem with the water situation at Dailey? The water department exchanged all of the meters over the break and the water has to go through a cycle to clear. The students and staff were aware of that and Mr. Hawkins notified to the staff as well; what was the reason that they said that it took so long for everything to be done? It just had to go through its normal cycle of running because they put new meters on all of the buildings; and that's the only problem and it was just with the meters? Yes ma'am; there was nothing else? Not to my knowledge; the other question that I have because this situation hasn't been brought up in a while and I don't want us to get into anything because I know that you all did vote for it, with the day care that was going to be over at Riley, what is the situation now? We rescinded that offer because the person has never given us anything that was finalized. We tried to wait on them and communication from me will come to the board, but they never came like they said they were going to do. Mrs. Seltzer and I continually tried to contact them, but they never came back to us with any final information; it was rescinded when? I rescinded it in December after they didn't give us any information; you rescinded it? Yes; and we haven't received any information? I was trying to give them an opportunity to see if they still wanted to do it, but they never came back to us with anything; but this started when? It started last year and we have been waiting on them; that is my point and you rescinded it? Yes; maybe some of the other board members got communication about it but I didn't. Is there a reason why there was no communication? We were trying to give them

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every opportunity to continue to come back but they never did; over a year? Yes; what is the paperwork that was given to them, have you given them anything? No, we had phone conversations and left messages with them and they never responded to us; and this has been going on over a year? Yes ma'am.

Mr. Smoot – None

Mrs. Rankins, Mrs. Loper, and Dr. Talison discussed the following: Can we turn the heat on a little earlier so that the buildings will be warm by the time the students and staff at Dailey get there? They were complaining the other day that the halls were cold; we put our property out for sale and the church offered to pay \$7,000 for Buell property and as of now, they have not. We put this out and gave them the okay in April or May and here it is January and we have not heard a word as to what they intend to do. I think we should ask for a meeting with the pastor and his committee to let us know because it doesn't take that long. If they had cash two years ago when they offered us \$10,000 and then they came back last year and offered \$7,000 and we accepted that offer. I can't see why they can't come up with \$7,000 when they claimed they had \$10,000 two years ago. I don't think this was a \$1 down and \$2 a week. We should find out what they intend to do because we've been waiting a long time, and if not, maybe it should go back on the market if they can't pay for it or if they don't want it. Madam President, I think we should set up a meeting with the pastor and the church so that we know what they intend to do; I think you make an excellent point. I agree with you. We've held that property. I remember we talked about what the update was and at first there was an issue with finding the deed and that type of thing, and the titles, but I know we've made every effort to find those deeds and titles so at this point there should be no reason why they can't complete the deal. We did our part to find the deed and I know that was part of the delay and that gave them more time while we were trying to find the deeds and titles to get their finances together, so you are right. Dr. Talison can you set something up so that we can know what their intentions are and if they don't want the property, we can put it back out on the market? Yes; I don't think we should wait until June to hear from them. It should more towards the end of the month.

Ms. Watson – None

Mrs. Loper discussed the following: Welcome back to everyone and we are looking forward to a new year 2015. Welcome to our new member on the board, Mr. Smoot, and I look forward to working with everyone.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Public comments on agenda items only**

None

#### **B. Authorization for Payment of Bills – Acting Board Treasurer Mays**

Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Authorization for Payment of Bills totaling \$503,344.33 for the period ending January 7, 2015.

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All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

### **C. Youth Advisory Council Presentation – Mr. Ryan Ford**

Mr. Ford and the Beecher Middle School Youth Advisory Council presented a schematic overview of what they represent; their purpose; some of their accomplishments; and their future plans and endeavors.

### **D. Priority School Report Presentation – Dr. Talison, Superintendent**

Dr. Talison presented a schematic overview of what the State of Michigan is looking for in the quarterly report; what has occurred and where the two schools (Tucker Elementary and Beecher High School) are headed; NWEA Scores; prior year's writing to see the focal points and needs; expectations and outcomes; attendance regarding academic enrichment; culture plan; behavior plans; No Nonsense Nurturing; classroom management; monthly checks to see how grades are progressing; job skills and career opportunities; MI-Excel; staff training; ILC's; Instructional Content Coaches; Professional Learning Communities; cultural goals; Regional Area Grant funding; training on Common Core for K-6; and reading and writing.

### **E. Business from Central Office/Informational Items – Dr. Talison, Superintendent**

Dr. Talison asked for the following motions:

- 1) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mrs. Rankins to accept the donation of new coats, hats, gloves, socks, and diapers for Early Head Start families from the Great Lakes District Baptist Pastor Wives and Widows Organization.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

- 2) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mrs. Rankins to accept the donation of 16 holiday food baskets for Tucker Elementary students and their families and 32 hats, gloves and ties from Kids First Initiative.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

- 3) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to accept the donation of hats and gloves from the following community leaders for Dailey Elementary students and families:

Greater Emmanuel Temple Apostolic Church – 6 coats valued at \$200  
Families Building Faith – 24 Christmas Stockings

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All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

- 4) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the donation from Penny Kentish McWilliams of 103 picture/trade books valued at \$255 for Tucker Elementary students.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

- 5) Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to hire Latia Moore for the position of Family Services Worker-Early Head Start. All clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

*(Ms. Moore thanked the board for hiring her and looks forward to joining the district)*

- 6) Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to hire Samantha Rivera for the position of Early Head Start Secretary-Level II (Part-Time) position. All clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

*(Ms. Rivera thanked the board and looks forward to working with everyone)*

### **F. Field Trip Approval**

#### **1) 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Programs**

Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve the K-11<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Frankenmuth Snowfest in Frankenmuth, MI departing on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 3:45 PM and returning at approximately 7:00 PM. A tentative roster is attached with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

### **G. Policy #1240–Evaluation of the Superintendent Adoption**

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Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Ms. Watson to adopt Policy #1240-Evaluation of the Superintendent.

*(At the suggestion of Mrs. Rankins, Mrs. Loper explained to the audience why the policy was being changed, which is due to the elections being held in November, it would not be fair for a new board member to evaluate the superintendent without having worked with him/her, therefore the time the evaluation is due was changed.)*

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper; Ms. Jackson voted no).

**Motion carried.**

### **H. Committee Reports**

**1) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 12/10/14 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)**

The committee discussed the Use of Title I Funds and received a presentation/training from Brad Banasik of the Michigan Association of School Board.

**2) Committee #9/Student Hearing Results 12/15/14 – 5:30 PM (Mr. Mays, Chairperson)**

Case #14-15's decision was tabled for litigation effective Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

**3) Committee #8/Student Hearing Results 12/15/14 – 6:00 PM (Ms. Jackson, Chairperson)**

Case #14-14 was expelled for 45 days and may attend New Directions effective Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

**4) Committee #10/Student Hearing Results 12/16/14 – 6:00 PM (Mrs. Rankins, Substitute Chairperson)**

Case #13-06 was re-admitted to Beecher Adult/Alternative Education effective Wednesday, December 17, 2014; and Case #14-08 was re-admitted to Beecher Middle School Academy effective Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Mrs. Rankins stated as a reminder, an administrator must be at the hearings or send someone in their place.

**5) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 12/17/14 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)**

The committee discussed the deficit elimination plan transition and turned in the superintendent's evaluation.

**6) Committee #9/Student Hearing Results 1/5/15 – 5:30 PM (Mr. Mays, Chairperson)**

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Case #14-15 was expelled for 90 days and may attend Beecher Adult Education on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 PM, effective Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

### **7) Superintendent's Evaluation Committee Meeting 1/6/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)**

The committee met to compile the scores of the superintendent's evaluation.

#### **I. Other Business – Board Members**

Ms. Watson – None

Mrs. Rankins and Mrs. Loper discussed the following: In our packet there was something stating we have to replace a pipe at Dailey. It hasn't been brought to the board I want to know what we intend to do about it? It stated is went out for quotes and it was a big pipe, we had a water break last year and I thought we replaced pipes then. What I can't understand is why every time we close out the budget, we have some expense that comes in after we do that. I would like to have some information on that; the pipe rotted out. We will make sure to find out how much it's going to cost and how it will affect our budget; whenever we bring up something, I would like to get the information back and not have to wait two weeks. If we have a large bill coming up, I want to know about it immediately

Mr. Smoot – None

Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Loper, and Mr. Smoot discussed the following: The same question I have been asking for several months about the thefts that the students were kicked out for 180 days. I received some information about elementary students 2-5 days, and that truly got me upset that they were kicked out for 2-5 days for theft and some people only get one day. I don't know what the problem is that I cannot get the information that I'm asking for on these students. What is the problem? I personally called you and you said you wanted it for all of the school because I looked at the information; I don't see that in here; it listed all of the grades for everybody that had been suspended. I thought you told you me you wanted it district-wide and that's the information that it had. If it was 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 10<sup>th</sup> graders, etc. it had everybody listed and what it was for; I need to see your packet because my packet doesn't have it; it is on pages 112-125; I need you all's packet because it is not in my packet. We have student that are expelled for 180 days for stealing and some people are not expelled for any time or 1 day or things like that and that is not right. I want to see somebody else's packet that has that because mine don't have it; for clarification, you were given information, we didn't have anybody who was expelled and brought to the board for theft but we did have students district-wide that had been expelled and that was the information that was in the last packet. You want to go back over that information Ms. Jackson? What I'm asking for is any student that has got in trouble for stealing, that's what I want. I don't know how much plainer I have to make this; we'll go over it because that's what that information was and maybe it just needs to be clarified more; if they stole water and got a day, I want it. If they

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stole gas and got a day, this is with students, I want that. I don't know what is so hard with the question that I'm asking and what I'm asking for. I've been on committees where they've been expelled for 180 days for theft. I don't know the difference in theft, maybe that's the problem is with me not getting the information that I'm asking for; I think the first time we thought you were asking for was information of students who had been expelled 180 days, and we didn't have any students and then you said you wanted information district-wide and that's what we got for you is students whether they were in elementary, middle school, or high school, and that information had how many students, what grade, and why they were expelled, i.e. theft of personal property, etc. it clearly stated what the theft was and that was all spelled out on those pages starting at 112 and it was 6 pages of each building and each grade for every student that was expelled or suspended for theft and what kind of theft it was it was spelled out, but we can go back over it again; that's what I want and I'm not going to stop asking for it. I don't know how much clearer I can make it.

Ms. Larry discussed the following: It was in our December packet and not our January packet. To answer Ms. Jackson's question, when Brad (Banasik) did the presentation about what we are doing as far as student hearings, in some cases you cannot treat elementary according to how we treat high school punishment because it's against law. If you would have paid attention to his presentation and his training, you would have had your answer and you would understand.

Mr. Mays discussed the following: I did notice the floors in the gym and at the high school and I want to thank the maintenance department. You did a beautiful job. Dolan's gym hasn't looked that good since I was there. Again, good job and we appreciate it.

Mrs. Loper – None

### J. Public Comments

*Public Comments were received from:*

**Deatrius Burks, Parent** – Thank you to Mr. Hawkins, because I spoke with you personally about the water fountains and the floors. I would like to thank you personally and whomever else that did it, Mr. Murphy and others, for doing what you did. You followed through. I thank you for being there to make sure it was followed through.

**Anthony Murphy, BHS/BMSA Day Custodian** – I would like to thank the board, Mr. Sumpter and his alumni, and Mr. Hawkins for giving us the opportunity to do it. I came to several months ago and stressed with the training and opportunities, we can do things like that. The whole idea was to save the district money and I think if we do it, we can show pride in the district and save the district money and I think it is a win-win situation for everybody. I would like to thank you.

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**Travante Woods, Senior Class Vice President** – We want to know why is it when we host events after school, we have to pay for custodians and security because when we hosted the homecoming dance, we had to pay for the custodian but we were the ones who cleaned the cafeteria, mopped the floors, and moved the tables and the money was deducted from our account? I am speaking for the class and asking why did that happen? Dr. Talison asked did you do it on a Saturday or weekday? It was on Saturday; the custodians work Monday-Friday and we have to pay them overtime for that but we can talk afterwards to see if there are other things we can do.

**Mrs. Loper** – Thank you to all of the schools for the nice gifts and your show of appreciation to the board members. We appreciate you and love you and we want to continue doing what we do.

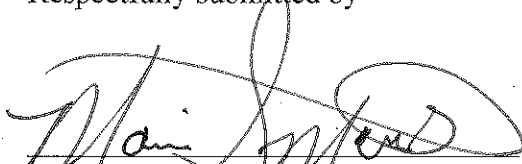
**K. Adjournment**

Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:46 PM.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

  
Marvin Smoot, Secretary  
Beecher Board of Education

2-4-2015  
Date Approved

Minutes taken by Terrie A. Seltzer