

Beecher Community School District

A regular meeting of the Beecher Board of Education was held on May 6, 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, Michele Loper, Reginald Mays, Mary Rankins, Marvin Smoot and Ocellar Denson Watson; Ms. Larry was absent.

Mrs. Loper asked board members and the audience for a moment of silence in memory of Board members and audience, I would like to ask for a moment of silence in memory of Tellis Simon, 1991 Beecher graduate, who passed away on Monday, March 23, 2015; Mrs. Mattie Foxworth, former custodian, who passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015; Jose` Miller, 1990 Beecher graduate, who passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2015; Mrs. Venita Campbell, retired Beecher custodian, who passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015; Dr. Tendaji Ganges, U of M-Flint Professor and Beecher Community School District Cohort, who passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015; Cheryl Turner, former lunch monitor, who passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2015; William Sherley, 2005 Beecher graduate, who passed away on Monday, April 20, 2015; and Lorine Carpenter, retired Beecher custodian, who passed away on Friday, May 1, 2015.

(Ms. Larry arrived at 6:03 PM)

May 2015 Recognitions

Dr. Talison recognized the following individuals:

Andrea Aurino, Seth O'Connor, Lakeshia Stewart, and Debra Ware, Beecher Community School District Social Workers, for the following: These individuals are the behind the scene, unsung heroes to our district as a whole but more importantly to our students on a day-to-day basis. They service students in ways that are never known to most of us and at times serve as the most important liaison between the parent, student and district without uttering a word to anyone.

Mike Williams, Head Varsity Basketball Coach, for the following: Mr. Williams has been the Head Varsity Basketball Coach for 11 years and in those 11 years, he has a record of 209 wins and 69 losses. He has led the district to 6 straight GAC Red Championships and three State Championships in the last four years. Coach Williams is an extremely hard worker who does an awesome job of mentoring our young men on and off the court. Congratulations!

Priority School Presentation – GISD

Dr. Hecker, Intervention Specialist and Dr. Lenzi, School Improvement Facilitator presented a schematic overview of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) decision of the having Beecher High School remain under the supervision of the School Reform Office (SRO); when the school was first identified as a Persistently Low Achieving (PLA) School and then a Priority School; 27 schools recently removed from the list; MDE did not announce how many are still on the list; how to get off the list [(meet annual measurable objectives(AMOs) in reading and math for all students

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category; score above the 5th percentile rank on the Top to Bottom (TTB) list; test 95% of students (11th grade)]; and presented a summary of data of the criterion, 2014 target, 2014 actual, and the success.

(There was discussion regarding the following: what the bottom line is; where do we go from here; how were the funds allocated for science and math; the trend of turnover with teachers and staff across the board; what the coaches in the past were used for and if we still have them; if help is available with evaluations to correct them; high turnover rate at Beecher High School; how kids are tested at Beecher Alternative Education; and if we have a curriculum that we are following)

Booster Club of Beecher Presentation

Mrs. Candace Hawkins, President and Ms. Tracy Cunningham, Secretary, discussed items that have been purchased by the Booster Club of Beecher for every athletic team i.e. boys banquet; t-shirts; photo display cases; advertisements; materials for concession stand; building materials and replacement materials for the press box and concession stand; paint for bleachers and press box; food service license for the concession stand; updating equipment; score tables; middle school cheerleading uniforms; gloves; pants; lawn cutting; spectator buses; paint and drywall materials for the press box remodeling; United States flags for the football field and field house were purchased several times; weight-room equipment and materials; if a class or organization (cheerleaders, dance team, etc) asks if they can have a concession stand, we donate our items to them.

Whatever they do not sell, we buy back from them; special food service license when we have games at Atwood Stadium, the "Vote for the Bond" signs throughout the district; pink items for the Breast Cancer game and donations which are donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the name of a Buccaneer; flower and plants are sent to families of the coaches, staff, volunteers and athletes who are hospitalized or if the family is in bereavement. We have also done this for board members.

(There was discussion regarding the following: write-up from the attorney stating we should consider the booster club like a fundraiser. Do you donate or furnish equipment to the elementary schools or gym classes; money raised is used towards athletics; why there are no parents whose children participate in sports in the Booster Club; who and when a person can sign-up/volunteer to be in the Booster Club; information received by the board members on the types of booster clubs that exist [sponsored by school districts or an independent agency]; other organizations coming to the district parallel to the booster club; and the booster club is doing a fantastic job.

GISD Board Presentation – Jerry Ragsdale, President & Cindy Gansen, Vice President

Ms. Gansen presented the Beecher Board of Education with information of programs and services offered by the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD); the mission, common purpose, service standards, and beliefs were discussed along with the cost saving partnerships and collaborations; an overview of the Genesee Career Institute; iConnect Learning; Office of Education and Learning; Special Education Services; and Early Childhood Services and Auxiliary Programs.

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(There was discussion on grant writing for the district; programs that are grant-sponsored by Health, Safety, & Nutrition; grants for paraprofessionals in the classroom; which students are transported i.e., head start, Genesee Career Institute, etc., and if transportation is provided by GISD for children with disabilities to another school.)

Mr. Ragsdale presented the Beecher Board of Education with a plaque which certifies that Beecher Community School District is an integral and valued member of the Genesee Intermediate School District. *(Mr. Ragsdale read the plaque and stated GISD can hold their board meetings in our district upon request)*

Old Business

A. Minutes of April 1, 2015 (Regular Meeting) – Board Secretary Smoot

Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2015 (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

Mrs. Loper discussed the following: I would like to apologize to the community at the last board meeting there was some negative connotation against the Greater Friendship Azusa Church regarding a real estate deal of purchasing the old Buell School property. At the time of the meeting, we did not know that the deal had already taken place. We didn't want to make it seem like they did not follow through. The information was not given to the board. I spoke with Dr. Talison regarding making sure the information is given to us in a timely manner. I don't want anyone from the church to say we discussed them not following through when they had already taken care of it. That will not happen again.

Mr. Mays – None

Ms. Larry and Mrs. Loper discussed the following: A board member said you knew about it before we left; I found out after the meeting. I would not have spent 20 minutes discussing something if I knew about it; I asked you over and over if you knew about it and a board member told me you knew about it; I don't know what board member told you that, but I can tell you I had no idea that the transaction had taken place. Had I known that, we would not have spent 20-25 minutes discussing that. I did not know and when I did find out, it was after the board meeting. I called Dr. Talison immediately to ask why we spent 20 minutes discussing something that we should have had earlier in the day. We made innuendos against the church as if they hadn't followed through; he didn't text you during the meeting? I don't get on my phone during the board meetings and no he did not. You have my phone number, you could have called me that night; I didn't call you because I asked you face-to-face about what a board member told me; you are always more than welcome to ask me and I would have told you that

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I didn't know and that is why I'm making the public statement now because I did not know and I felt really bad for the statements that were made when we did not have that information.

Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Loper, and Dr. Talison discussed the following: I am requesting, at the basketball game when the water was running for 2 days, I want to see the bill to see how much we had to pay. I want know, because I've heard from several parents that students have come home and said it, I need to know what's going on at the high school with the smell of mold that's in the back part of the building because if the children can recognize it, I know that there is something wrong. I know there were two faucets purchased, but I want to know exactly how many are in the high school because I know at one time children had to go from the back to the front to get water and I know for a fact that is a health hazard. Anything that happens in the district I get a call, because that was my request, from Mrs. Seltzer and she does call. I want to know why the police have been at Dailey three times in the last three weeks and I have not heard anything or received anything concerning the police being at Dailey. They were there on April 21st, April 30th, and last night. I would like to know why they were there and I also would like to know how many people are working at Dailey at night on 2nd shift? They have two custodians, one leaves at 6:30 and the other one is there until 11 PM; why did that start? It has been that way for a while since the 2013-2014 school year. *(Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Loper and Dr. Talison discussed if the employee is male/female; the timeframe in which the person is in the building; when the hours of substitutes were adjusted; how many custodians are in the other buildings; if other custodians are helping others; what the police was called for; who the police speak with when they are dispatched; procedures of when the police are called and who the police contacts or communicates with when they come out at night; when and how board members are notified in the event the police are called);* during intersession, who is on the McKinney Vento buses and our special education buses *(Ms. Jackson and Dr. Talison discussed who can ride the bus; if the rules are different for special education and McKinney Vento students during intersession; transportation is offered during intersession for students who sign up; if other students should be riding the bus with special education students or McKinney-Vento students; if violations are occurring);* there are four schools in the district with flags and the one at Tucker is the only acceptable flag. It is embarrassing, disrespectful, and disgraceful for tattered flags to be hanging in the district. When the flags come down, I want them.

Mr. Smoot – None

Mrs. Rankins discussed the following: Ms. Jackson brought up the flags before and we were told they would be taken care of. *(Dr. Talison stated the flags have been ordered);* there is not enough security in the morning at Dailey, we need one more security guard and we need to check on the safety of the children; there was a text on my phone that evening after the board meeting about the check being received at 12 noon for the property, which we didn't know about it at 5 PM that

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evening. I think it was overlooked. *(Mrs. Loper stated she did not get a text. Dr. Talison sent the text out after I spoke with him after the meeting. The text you're referencing went to other board members. It was Dr. Talison's responsibility to let me know so that I could have informed the board members)*

Ms. Watson – None

New Business

A. Public comments on agenda items only

None

B. Authorization for Payment of Bills – Board Treasurer Mays

Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Authorization for Payment of Bills totaling \$1,372,883.79 for the period ending May 6, 2015.

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

Dr. Talison asked for the following motions:

- 1) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Richard French, Maintenance employee at the Coates Administration Building, effective Thursday, April 30, 2015.

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 Mr. Mays to approve the following 2015 Spring Sports Coaches. All Clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

Leon Gould-Middle School Track; Sally Jamison-Varsity Softball;
Charles Jupree-Varsity Baseball; Daniel Periard-Middle School Baseball;
Terry Walker-Varsity Girls Track; and Joe Wilkerson-Varsity Boys Track

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.

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- 3) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to accept the donation of approximately 90 student desks from the U of M-Flint's Government group to be used at BHS/BMSA.

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. Mays to accept the letter of resignation of Genevieve Vickers, Custodian, effective Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

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. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the letter of resignation of Molly Lane, Teacher at Beecher High School/Beecher Middle School Academy, effective Thursday, June 25, 2015.

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.

Dr. Talison stated the Beecher Early Head Start monthly reporting information for April 2015 is in your packet, which includes the Enrollment Counts, Home Visit Socialization Completion/Meal Counts, and Financial Reports, Parent Policy Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes, and Office of Head Start Communications.

D. Field Trip Approval

1) Beecher Alternative Education

- Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Ms. Jackson to approve the 9th-12th grade field trip to the Detroit Zoo in Detroit, MI departing Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 8:45 AM and returning at approximately 3:00 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

2) Carrera Program

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the Carrera Program field trip to The Junior Achievement Financial Park in Detroit, MI departing on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 8 AM and returning at

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approximately 4:00 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve the Carrera Program field trip to Grand Haven State Park in Grand Haven, MI departing on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 8 AM and returning at approximately 6:30 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

3) Tucker Elementary

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Tucker Elementary 5th grade field trip to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI departing on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8:45 AM and returning at approximately 3:30 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the Tucker Elementary 1st & 2nd grade field trip to Potter Park Zoo in Lansing, MI departing on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:45 AM and returning at approximately 2:30 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

4) 21st Century After School Programs

- Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Ms. Jackson to approve the 7th-12th grade field trip to see the Lansing Lugnuts in Lansing, MI departing on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 5:30 PM and returning at approximately 10:30 PM. A tentative roster is included 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,

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Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

Motion carried.

5) Dailey Elementary

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the 1st-3rd grade Dailey Elementary Boy Scout field trip to D-bar-A Scout Ranch in Metamora, MI departing on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM and returning at approximately 3:00 PM. A tentative roster is included 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.

E. 2015-2016 GISD Budget Resolution Adoption

Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mrs. Rankins to adopt the 2015-2016 Genesee Intermediate School District Budget Resolution.

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.

F. GISD Biennial Election Representative and Alternate Designee Appointment Resolution Adoption

Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mrs. Rankins to appoint LaSonya Larry as the designated representative of this school district for the electoral body of the GISD biennial election to be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 5:30 PM in Conference Area of the Erwin L. Davis Education Center located at 2413 West Maple Avenue in Flint, MI and Reginald Mays as the alternate representative in the event the designate representative is unable to attend.

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. Committee Reports

1) Committee #17/Student Hearing Results 4/20/15 – 5:30 PM (Ms. Watson, Chairperson)

Case #14-20 was expelled for 180 days and may not attend New Directions, effective Tuesday, April 21, 2015; and Case #14-21 was expelled for 180 days and may not attend New Directions, effective Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

2) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 4/22/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The committee received a presentation/discussion of the 2015 Black Arts Festival; the committee discussed the Carrera Program Update; Booster Club

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Follow-up; Personnel Recommendations; Administrative Contract Recommendations; Policy 3112 Board-Staff Communications; and Board/Superintendent Concerns.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve the Beecher Board of Education Booster Club of Beecher Guidelines.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve Lisa Fields for the position of Pupil Accounting Supervisor, effective May 7, 2015. 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. Fields thanked Dr. Talison for entrusting her to do the job and thanked the board for allowing her to continue)

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve Kevin Brock for the position of Tucker Elementary Principal, effective July 1, 2015.

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.

(Mr. Brock thanked the board and Dr. Talison for entrusting him to do the job and I'll do my best to make you proud)

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve the Administrative & Staff Contract language recommendation effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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) Committee #18/Student Hearing Results 4/27/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

Case #13-14 was re-admitted to Beecher High School effective Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

4) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 5/4/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The committee discussed the Deficit Elimination Plan/Personnel Issues.

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5) Committee #19/Student Hearing Results 5/5/15 – 5:30 PM (Mr. Smoot, Chairperson)

Case #14-22 was expelled for 180 days and may not attend New Directions, effective Wednesday, May 6, 2015 and Case #14-23 was expelled for 180 days and may not attend New Directions, effective Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

H. Other Business – Board Members

Ms. Watson – None

Mrs. Rankins and Dr. Talison discussed the following: Was there a mistake in the letter regarding closing Tucker? No, we have to officially close Tucker Elementary to re-open it as a 5th-8th grade building. This is just the legalities of it.

Mr. Smoot discussed the following: I attended the track meet and I was concerned about all of the trash. We have a new facility and there was a lot of trash building up and I am concerned with who is cleaning it up.

Ms. Jackson – None

Ms. Larry discussed the following: People speak indirectly about information they already know the answer to. Beecher was transporting my nephew to Flint but they stopped. If Beecher should not have been doing that, I have no problem reimbursing Beecher because I can afford it and I can pay it back.

Mr. Mays discussed the following: I was at the first track meet. It was a long time coming and I would like to thank everybody who assisted in putting the meet on. It does take participation. It is a lot of work. If you can volunteer, there are a lot of things you can do in Beecher district to help support our kids, athletic and educational programs. That is what is going to build our community and our school district up is the participation from the community. I would ask those of you who are in the audience to reach out to a neighbor, teacher, parent, and get them involved with the board meetings, school district, and the students that way we can see the change, they can see the change, and then the students will change but it is going to take a committee of a whole to make the change. Thank you all for participating and do what you can do, your part, to try to achieve what we need to achieve in this district.

Mrs. Loper discussed the following: I want encourage everybody and our parents because we have a lot of programs and events coming up in May. Our students need to see us other than in the classrooms sharing their celebrations that are important to them. I am encouraging our staff and parents to come out so that the students know that we care about them in all of the endeavors that they do.

Ms. Jackson wanted to clarify that she was speaking of special education students and McKinney Vento students riding the bus and there should be no regular education students on the bus with them. I want to know why regular education,

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special education, and McKinney-Vento students are on the same bus.

I. Public Comments

None

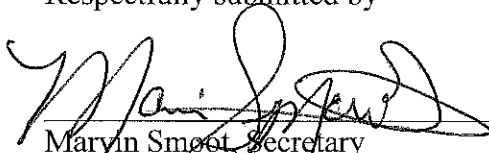
J. Adjournment

Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:56 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

6-3-2015
Date Approved

Minutes taken by Terrie A. Seltzer