

Beecher Community School District

A regular meeting of the Beecher Board of Education was held on September 2, 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, Marvin Smoot and Oceolar Denson Watson; LaSonya Larry and Mary Rankins were absent.

Mrs. Loper asked board members and audience for a moment of silence in memory of Jamar Lane, brother of Board Member LaSonya Larry, who passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015; and Mrs. Vera Rison, Beecher resident and community advocate, who passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015.

September 2015 Recognitions

Dr. Talison recognized the following individuals:

Alfreda Duncan, Beecher High School Teacher, for the following: Ms. Duncan is being recognized for her above and beyond dedication. She has stepped into a new building, took on multiple responsibilities, and has risen above the challenges presented to her. She not only has students assigned to her classrooms, she has stepped in and is filling in as the counselor for our building. Her dedication to making sure the building is running efficiently can be seen in the numerous hours she spends before and after school, the communication she sends out, and the schedules she makes sure are spot on. We are proud to have her as part of our Buc team and welcome her back home.

Catherine Ouellette, Dailey Elementary Teacher, for the following: Mrs. Ouellette is being recognized for her outstanding (extensive) time and effort in the restructuring of Dailey Elementary School. Mrs. Ouellette spent numerous unpaid hours cleaning, packing and moving full classrooms to prepare for the upcoming school year. She moved furniture, books, and miscellaneous items to storage along with making sure that supplies were available for the appropriate classrooms. Thanks to Mrs. Ouellette working diligently all summer the students and teachers had what they needed on the very first day of school.

Daniel Periard, Beecher High School Teacher, for the following: Mr. P, as the students call him, has begun this school year as a leader. He is taking the time to notice areas of improvement for the building and implement them for the benefit of the students. His students know his expectations and are dressing on a daily basis. His dedication and continuation to be more active has shown in how he is supporting the building and continuing to move us forward. We are proud to have him as part of our Buc Town Team.

Carolyn Perry-Turner, Dailey Elementary Principal, for the following: Mrs. Turner is being recognized for her time and effort in assisting with the restructuring of Dailey Elementary School. Mrs. Turner spent numerous hours cleaning and packing to prepare for the upcoming school year. She even canceled her vacation to work longer during the summer. She moved furniture, books, and other items to storage. You usually don't have building principals who partake in manual labor within the school.

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Buc 4 Life Committee for the following: Congratulations for organizing a phenomenal Beecher Tailgate. There were cars everywhere. Thank you for making sure everything was clean and in order on the next day and when we started school on Monday as well. *(Committee Members Tracy Cunningham and Calandra Lawrence were present; Chantella Byrd and Mark Patterson were absent)*

Old Business

- A. Minutes of August 19, 2015 (Regular Meeting) – Board Secretary Smoot**
Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Ms. Watson to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2015 (Regular Meeting).

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

Motion carried.

B. Old Business – Board Members

Ms. Watson – To the committee that did the tailgate, Calandra, Tracy, Mary, and Chantella Byrd, you did a fantastic job. I have been here a long time and I have never seen anything like it. It was fantastic and I enjoyed my whole day and thank you.

Mr. Smoot – None

Ms. Jackson – None

Mr. Mays discussed the following: I would express the same. To the tailgate committee, everything went good and I enjoyed myself. I watched the rest of it develop on Facebook. Everything was terrific and I did see the clean up the day after, which I was happy about as well. Thanks again.

Mrs. Loper discussed the following: We are glad to have Mr. Mays back with us, he has been recuperating and we are glad to see you doing well. I want to thank the community and I want to thank all of the board members for the outstanding job when they had the new Atwood re-grand opening. I had so many compliments and I was told Beecher was fantastic, down to cleaning the locker rooms when they left, how our students behaved, the parade, etc. From the bottom of my heart, I just want to thank everybody for the participation. Everything was phenomenal; I share the same sentiments that Ms. Watson and Mr. Mays said. The tailgate was a great time, there were a lot of people there, and it was fun, fun, fun.

(Mrs. Rankins arrived at 6:06 PM)

Mrs. Rankins – None

New Business

- A. Public comments on agenda items only**
None

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B. Authorization for Payment of Bills – Board Treasurer Mays

Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Ms. Watson to approve the Authorization for Payment of Bills totaling \$944,129.26 for the period ending September 2, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

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

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the following department chairs for the 2015-2016 school year:
Nicole Soper-Special Education; Martin Zmiejko-Social Studies; Charles Hicks-Math; Monica Robinson-ELA; and Patricia Hillaker-Science

(Mrs. Rankins, Mrs. Loper and Ms. Jackson discussed the following: why the board didn't receive a report last year on what they did; receiving a report at least two times during the 2015-2016 school year; who is responsible for having the department chairs do reports to the board; and who the department chairs report to)

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to hire Soni Sparks for the position of Culture Plan Facilitator. All clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

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

Motion carried.

(Ms. Sparks thanked those who believe in her enough to give her this opportunity to help meet our buccaneer goals with our students and also with our staff. Thank you.)

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to hire Timothy Crocket for the position of Adult Education Instructor at Beecher Adult Education. All clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

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

Motion carried.

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(Mr. Crocket stated he was excited to be here and looks forward to helping our students be a good success, thank you for the opportunity that you have bestowed upon me.)

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to hire Barbara Starr for the position of Adult Education Instructor at Beecher Adult Education. All clearances have been met and are on file in the Personnel Department.

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

Motion carried.

(Ms. Starr stated thank you for giving me the opportunity and I look forward to working with you)

- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the School Loan Bond Fund Resolution.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the donation of approximately 50 back packs to Tucker Middle School from an anonymous donor.

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

Motion carried.

D. Field Trip Approval

1) 21st Century Programs

Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the 9-12th grade field trip to the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing, MI departing at 12:15 PM Thursday, September 17, 2015 and returning at approximately 4:15 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. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

Motion carried.

E. 2015-2016 GCCARD Beecher Early Head Start Delegate Contract Approval

Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the 2015-2016 GCCARD Beecher Early Head Start Delegate Contract.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs.

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

Motion carried.

F. Committee Reports

1) Committee #2/Student Hearing Results 8/24/15 – 5:30 PM (Ms. Watson, Chairperson)

Case #14-01 was re-admitted to Beecher High School effective Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

2) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 8/26/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The committee discussed Personnel/Contract Negotiation Discussion and Discussion of a Written Legal Opinion, which were discussed in closed session. The committee also discussed Maintenance Issues; the Coates Building Cost Analysis; Bond 2007 Recommendations; Mott Community K-16 Partnership; Board Meetings; and Board/Superintendent Concerns.

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to approve Duraguard Commercial Roofing for the amount of \$20,500 to complete the Vera B. Rison Library roofing project.

(Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Loper, and Mr. Smoot discussed the following: the amount will come from the maintenance budget and not General Fund; if we knew of anyone else who had used this company; if we received the information; if the information had been received since the previous meeting until now; the turnaround time to complete the job; [the representative from Duraguard Commercial Roofing had over 200 references, a copy of the commercial builders license, \$2M comp and liability insurance with him and have been doing business in Genesee County for 20 years; we install one type of roof with a 15 year material & labor warranty with it and will leave copies of everything with you]; if in the future we have problems with another building, will we be given any financial consideration; Yes, with a discount.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the Mott Community College K-16 Partnership agreement.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Mays to rescind the motion made by Ms. Larry and supported by Ms. Jackson at the July 1,

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2015 Organizational Board Meeting to have Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's at 6:00 PM and the Working Committee Meetings on the 4th Wednesday's at 5:30 PM at the Coates Administration Board Room.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Mr. Smoot to have the Board meetings on the 1st Wednesday's of the month at 6:00 PM and the Working Committee Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 5:30 PM at the Coates Administration Board Room.

(Discussion ensued by board members regarding the way the motion should read according to what was discussed at the Working Committee Meeting of the Whole to include “/ regular board meeting along with the Working Committee Meeting of the Whole as necessary”; if there would be enough time to hold a joint working committee meeting and board of education; who made the motion at the July 1, 2015 Organizational Meeting; who brought up the discussion; etc. Mrs. Loper asked for the motion again with the noted change as discussed.)

- Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Mays to have the Board meetings on the 1st Wednesday's of the month at 6:00 PM and the Working Committee Meeting/Regular Board of Education Meeting (as necessary) on the 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 5:30 PM at the Coates Administration Board Room.

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

Motion carried.

G. Other Business – Board Members

Mr. Mays – None

Ms. Jackson – None

Mr. Smoot – None

Mrs. Rankins and Dr. Talison discussed the following: I would like to ask Mr. Hawkins to put a “no parking” sign on the curb because there is a game where they are parking that we cannot get out without jumping the curb; with the secretaries, do we have to separate their longevity due to the grant? Yes, it has been taken care of.

Ms. Watson – None

Mrs. Loper – None

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H. Public Comments

Public Comments were received from:

Tracy Cunningham, Buc 4 Life Committee Member – On behalf of the Buc 4 Life group, we want to say thank-you to the board for allowing us to have the 1st tailgate. There was a lot of hard work behind it and a lot of 6 AM text messages. I have to say to Mr. Hawkins (Jacob) thank you, thank you, thank you. He took my first phone call at 6:30 AM Saturday morning and I called him all day. I wanted to make sure everything was right because I was scared. On Sunday morning I said we have to clean up or I'm not going to have a job Monday. So many people from the community helped us clean up, people passing by saw what we were doing and they stopped to help us clean up, and people took trash away for us. Thank you for allowing us to do it. It was epic.

Mark Patterson, Buc 4 Life Committee Member (via telephone) – I am really touched and I thank you all for recognizing the hard work the ladies and I put in. I'm just tickled and I can't stop smiling. Thank you, I'm glad it all worked out, and we're looking forward to next year.

Major Booth, Beecher High School Student – I am concerned about the air conditioning in our classrooms; it's getting hot and we are sweating in there. I have a medical condition and the heat is too bad for me to continue class. You all promised AC with the balanced calendar and we don't have it in any of our classes.

Dr. Talison reminded the voters that the high school was never in the initial bond project, it was the elementary schools that were part of the bond for air conditioning. The board is seeking and pursuing different options as we speak to provide air conditioning for the high school. You are not forgotten as we are still working on it. We want to make sure you are comfortable and you are in the best education environment as possible.

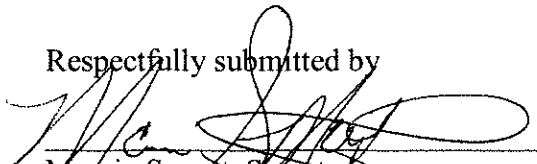
I. Adjournment

Motioned by Ms. Watson supported by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:41 PM.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by


Marvin Smoot, Secretary
Beecher Board of Education

10-7-2015
Date Approved

Minutes taken by Terrie A. Seltzer