

APPROVED – 1/6/20

**Benton Harbor Area Schools
Community Engagement Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 2, 2019
5:00 pm**

Benton Harbor High School
Library
870 Colfax Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Members Present

Joyce Parker
Lisa Cripps-Downey
Tray'von Gentry
Maurice McAfee
William Pearson
Patricia Robinson
Brenda Terrell
Wayne Watson
Denise Whatley-Seats

Members Absent

Michael Spencer
Patrick Muhammad

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Let the record show a quorum is present.
- B. Introduction of student representative Tray'von Gentry
- C. Approval of Minutes

Motion made (Thomas) and supported (McAfee), the Committee unanimously voted to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes as amended.

II. SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION

- A. Scott Johnson – BHAS financial overview
- B. Patricia Rush – Recommended collaboration with CEAC Finance Committee

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Work Plan

Motion made (Whatley-Seats) and supported (Robinson), the committee unanimously voted to approve the Work Plan as presented.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Subcommittee reports
 - 1. Budget and Finance
 - Lisa Cripps-Downey presented an overview of the finance and budget report
 - 2. Community Engagement
 - Pastor Maurice McAfee presented the community engagement report – Identified events and communication between the community and the committee. Upcoming events were shared including the community survey.
 - 3. Academics and Programs
 - Michael Pearson presented an overview of the academics and programs report – Discussed deadlines and requirements of the subcommittee
 - 4. Building Facility and Technology
 - Jessica Thomas presented an overview of the building and facility assessment
 - Chair Joyce Parker requested the review of the 2017 building feasibility study be incorporated into the CEAC working plan.

V. BOARD COMMENT/OTHER

- A. Discussion of assessment and the four subcommittees and areas of review – provide to the Michigan Department of Education, Department of Treasury, and Benton Harbor Area School Board of Education for review and comment.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Shaquille Turner – BHAS Curriculum Equity Initiative Project – Requested Committee review
- B. Elnora Gavin – Racial Equity Committee Event
- C. Traci Burton – Publicize CEAC meetings more – offered support for further events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion to adjourn (McAfee) and second Terrell), the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.