

APPROVED 3/2/2020

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

**Monday, January 6, 2020
5:00 pm**

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

Members Present

Joyce Parker
Lisa Cripps-Downey
William Pearson
Patricia Robinson
Brenda Terrell
Wayne Watson
Denise Whatley-Seats
Dannetta Moore

Members Absent

Rob Cleveland
Tray'von Gentry
Maurice McAfee

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Let the record show a quorum is present.
- B. Introduction of the parent representative, Danetta Moore.
- C. Approval of Minutes

Motion made (Cripps-Downey) and supported (Pearson), the Committee unanimously voted to approve the December 2, 2019 as presented.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Subcommittee reports

1. Budget and Finance
 - Budget and finance report reviewed. No questions or comments.
2. Community Engagement
 - Community engagement report reviewed.
 - Overview of past events. Discussed the upcoming events.
 - Overview of the public survey.
3. Academics and Programs
 - Academic report reviewed. No questions or comments.
4. Building Facility Technology
 - Building and Facility report reviewed.
 - Paul Wills from Plante Moran presented their service plan.
 - Discussion held on the Plante Moran service plan, the facilities addressed, cost and budget, the needs assessment and what will be covered.

B. Survey Discussion

1. Reviewed the public survey and website, reiterated the importance of taking the survey.

IV. BOARD COMMENT/OTHER

- A. Discussion of subcommittee reports and a planning/work session to bring the committee together, utilizing a facilitator, January 23, 2020.
- B. Discussion of the new superintendent and involvement moving forward.

V. COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

- A. Review of the Benton Harbor Racial Equity Committee 2020 Day of Action Invitation. No questions or comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mr. Triplett - Importance of consistency of the committee and the importance to the community.
- B. Ms. Nelson - Teachers concerns regarding longevity and salary.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion to adjourn (Pearson) and second (Thomas), the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.