

**Approved – 4-13-20**

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

**Monday, March 2, 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  
Brenda Terrell  
Wayne Watson  
Denise Whatley-Seats  
Dannetta Moore  
Rob Cleveland  
Trayvon Gentry  
Maurice McAfee

Members Absent

Patricia Robinson

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Let the record show a quorum is present.
- B. Introduction of the Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent, Dr. Andrae Townsel.
- C. Approval of Agenda

Motion made (McAfee) and supported (Downey), the Committee unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

- D. Approval of Minutes

Motion made (Downey) and supported (Pearson), the Committee unanimously voted to approve the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Overview of January 23, 2020 Work Session

- Minor changes were discussed to highlight key topics.

B. Assessment and Proposed Operating Plan Update

- Discussion of the proposed timeline, no changes recommended.
- Approval to move to next steps was supported unanimously.

C. March 17, 2020 Presentation to School Board

- Draft presentation to CEAC prior to 3/17/20 presentation for review.
- Proposed letter of invitation and agenda approved unanimously.
- Presentation to BHAS Board – March 17, 2020
- Presentation to MDE and Treasury – March 19,2020

**IV. BOARD COMMENT/OTHER**

A. Presented CEAC video – will be used in upcoming presentations.

B. Announcement of the March 24, 2020 Town Hall meetings.

- Two meetings: 12 noon and 5:30 pm – Benton Harbor High School Library

C. Due to Spring break - April 6, 2020 regular meeting to be rescheduled to April 13, 2020 was supported unanimously.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS – Information only**

A. No Communications.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. No public comment.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.