

**BATTLE CREEK AREA LEARNING CENTER
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CALHOUN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
765 Upton Ave
Springfield, MI 49037**

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – 5:30 pm

1. **Call to Order**

At 5:35 p.m., Chairperson Rhonda Ostrander-Cook called the meeting to order. Attendance reflected the following:

Present: Rhonda Ostrander-Cook, Gilbert Ortiz, Terris Todd, Katherine Fox, Christy Chapin, Robin Kerr

Others Present: Jessica Reid – CCHS, Tim Allard – CCHS, Dani Wilsey – CCHS, Les Albert – BMCC, Paul Yaeger – AccessPoint HR, Tiffany Harris – CCHS, Julie Seifke – CCHS, Derick Elliott - CCHS

2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Gilbert Ortiz motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Terris Todd supported the motion.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of the minutes of the BCALC Board Meeting held on 3/10/20**

Gilbert Ortiz motioned to approve the minutes from 3/10/20. Christy Chapin supported the motion.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

4. **Approval of THE PLAN as required by Executive Order 2020-35**

Terris Todd motioned to approve THE PLAN that was submitted to Bay Mills. Christy Chapin supported the motion.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

5. **Proposed change in insurance carriers for 2020-2021 school year**

Christy Chapin motioned to authorize Tim Allard to change BCALC's insurance carrier to General Agency. This change will be a significant savings and include more coverage for the 2020-2021 school year. Robin Kerr supported the motion.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

6. **AccessPoint Staff Health Insurance for the 2020-2021 school year**

Paul Yaeger presented the board with provider changes and different contribution scenarios (due to increased premiums) for staff insurance benefits for the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion and recommendations followed the presentation. Katherine Fox motioned to keep contributions the same as the previous year. Robin Kerr supported the motion.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Paul Yaeger presented the board with dental and vision plans. The vision plans have not increased but the dental plan went up by \$1.85 per month. Katherine Fox motioned for the board to incur the additional cost and contribute the amount needed for the staff to get these benefits for free. Christy Chapin supported the motion.

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Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

7. **Public comments on the agenda**
None

8. **Enrollments and Losses**
None at this time due to COVID-19

Reports

- A. **Superintendent's Report** – As stated
- B. **Bay Mills Report** – Les Albert suspects that the Board training conference in Novi on April 20th will be cancelled.
- C. **Financial Report** – As stated

9. **Board and Staff Commentary**
Gilbert Ortiz asked about CCHS's graduation plans. There was discussion. At this time CCHS will hold off on making plans until it is clear that the Stay at Home ban has been lifted. It is know that if CCHS does hold a graduation ceremony, it will not be the same as in years past. It will be a modified graduation.

Julie Seifke asked the board to revisit the staff insurance contribution once the Board gets a better feel as to how next year's budget and FTE look. She feels the increased cost of insurance is going to be a hard hit for those that take advantage of it.

10. **Adjournment**
At 6:35 pm Gilbert Ortiz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robin Kerr supported the motion.
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

BCALC Board Secretary, Katherine Fox

Katherine Fox

Date: 05-12-20