

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017, MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Schmitt Elementary School, 2675 California Street, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and to all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Shedd, President
 Mr. Richard Stenner, Vice President
 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mr. James Persinger, Member

Absent: Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Administration: Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent
 Ms. Teresa Heiny, Assistant Superintendent
 for Human Resources
 Dr. Vaughn Sylva, Assistant Superintendent
 for Business Services
 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary
 Education
 Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary
 Education

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

Oath of Office (Honorable Judge Kelly Benjamin)

Mrs. Kelly Benjamin, Bartholomew County Circuit Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to James Persinger. Mrs. Benjamin administered the Oath of Office earlier in the week to Mr. Jeff Caldwell. Mr. Pat Bryant will take the oath later this week. The oaths will be filed with the circuit court clerk.

BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Abrams offered reflections.

The business meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Shedd called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Schmitt Elementary students, Amaylie and Briella Walsh, read the mission and vision.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION

1) Election of Officers for January 2017 through December 2017 Board of School Trustees

President, Vice President, Secretary:

President Shedd asked that a motion be made for a slate of officers for January 2017 through December 2017.

Mr. Abrams made a motion for the following slate of officers: Rich Stenner as President, Jeff Caldwell as Vice President, and Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stenner.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

The officers assumed their duties.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbus East High School Football Team – State Runner-up:

Mr. Huse, Columbus East Athletic Director, thanked the Board and Cabinet for this opportunity to recognize the outstanding group of young men and noted that the Columbus East football program under Coach Gaddis' leadership was first class. Mr. Gaddis, Columbus East Football Coach, thanked the Board, Cabinet, parents, coaches and players for the support all season. He shared that the strength of football is "Team" and shared that this team, through their dedication, improved all year long. He thanked the student athletes for their dedication to the sport. The players and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Dr. Roberts, on behalf of the corporation, thanked Mr. Newell, Columbus East Principal, Mr. Huse, and Mr. Gaddis for their leadership, and he thanked the players for representing the corporation so well.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

2) Reorganization of Business Services:

- a. Appoint Corporation Treasurer-Dr. Vaughn Sylva**
- b. Appoint Corporation Deputy Treasurer-Mrs. Pam Boles**
- c. Authorization for Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to Invest School Corporation Funds**
- d. Approval of School Treasurer Bonds**

Mr. Stenner requested the approval of the reorganization of Business Services as presented by Dr. Sylva.

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams to approve the reorganization of Business Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

3) Establish Board Remuneration, and Required Notices:

- a. Establish Board Remuneration as Provided by Law (attachment)**
- b. Designation of Newspapers or Qualified Publications in which to Publish Required Notices-*The Republic* (attachment)**

A motion was made by Dr. Shedd to approve the board remuneration and required notices as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abrams.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

4) Board Appointments for January 2017 through December 2017:

- a. BCSC Health Trust (was Jeff Caldwell/proposed Jeff Caldwell)**
- b. Districting & Facilities Committee (was Jeff Caldwell/proposed Jeff Caldwell)**
- c. Diversity Leadership Council (was Bob Abrams/proposed Bob Abrams)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer to approve the board appointments as presented, and Dr. Shedd seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

5) Approval of Board Members Serving as Liaison with District and Community Advisory Boards and Committees for January 2017 through December 2017:

- a. High Ability Broad Based Committee – was Polly Verbanic/proposed Rich Stenner**
- b. Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation – was Rich Stenner/proposed Jill Shedd**

- c. **Corporation Continuous Improvement Council – was
Jill Shedd/proposed Jill Shedd**
- d. **Education Hall of Fame Committee – was
Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer/proposed Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer**
- e. **Indiana School Board Association – was Jill Shedd/proposed Rich Stenner**
- f. **IUPUC Advisory Board – was Jill Shedd/proposed James Persinger**
- g. **Special Education Parent Advisory Council – was
Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer/proposed Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer**
- h. **Support Staff Roundtable – was Pat Bryant/proposed Pat Bryant**
- i. **Career & Technical Education Regional Advisory Committee – was Pat
Bryant/proposed James Persinger**
- j. **Literacy Task Force – was Poly Verbanic/proposed Jill Shedd**
- k. **Council for Youth Development- proposed Rich Stenner**
- l. **District Wellness Committee – proposed Pat Bryant**
- m. **Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – was
Bob Abrams/proposed Bob Abrams**
- n. **City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission – was
Bob Abrams/proposed Bob Abrams**
- o. **Legislative Liaison – was Rich Stenner/proposed Rich Stenner**

A motion was made by Dr. Shedd to approve board members serving as liaison with district and community advisory boards and committees as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

6) Recommendations for Public Disclosures of Conflict of Interest (attached):

Mr. Monroe submitted conflict of interest disclosures for Mr. Abrams and Mr. Jensen; Mr. Abrams because of his employment and Mr. Jensen because he has a spouse that works for the corporation. The forms will be filed as part of the official minutes of the Board. The statements will also be filed with the county court and the State Board of Accounts.

Dr. Shedd made a motion to accept the conflict of interest disclosures for Mr. Abrams and for Mr. Jensen, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Persinger.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION

7) Requests for Approval:

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 12, 2016 (attachments)**
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)**
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)**
- d. Claims (attachment)**
- e. Appointment of Dr. Roy Goode as School Physician (attachment)**
- f. Appointment of Chris Monroe as School Attorney (attachment)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer to approve the items that were described and explained by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abrams.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

8) Comments of Individual and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

9) Board Commendations:

No commendations were shared.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

10) Consideration of Options of Regular Board Meeting Dates for July 2017-July 2018:

Dr. Roberts explained that the board had received two school board meeting date proposals for discussion and they would be asked to take action at the next board meeting. The board had previously approved board meeting dates through June 2017. The two proposals would be for July 2017 to July 2018. All school board meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., and there are two strategic planning sessions included in the proposals. The first proposal shared has one meeting per month, and the second proposal is a past practice schedule that has some months with two meetings. With the one meeting per month proposal an additional meeting could be called if necessary.

The following information was shared in response to questions from the board.

Dr. Sylva shared that there is currently a process in place by which claims are paid ahead and approved later at a board meeting. These are the payments the board

approves on the Pre-run Docket for items such as utilities and payroll. With one board meeting a month there would be more pre-runs for items that need to be paid prior to the next board meeting, but there is already a process in place and no payments would be delayed.

Mr. Boezeman, Schmitt Elementary Principal, shared that hosting schools present a best practice at one of the two monthly meetings. Having one meeting a month would still give them the opportunity to highlight their school and students.

Dr. Roberts noted that with one meeting a month it is likely the meeting would have more presentations and could be longer, but this is regularly experienced in the months we presently have only one meeting. Dr. Roberts noted that his past corporation had one meeting per month.

Mr. Jensen shared that he would see no concerns with having one meeting from the educational/curriculum standpoint and noted that all other corporations he has worked for had one meeting a month and that this schedule worked well.

A discussion was held on the possibility of starting the board meetings at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jamerson, Technology Director, noted that the board meeting set-up time at the schools would be tight especially for meetings that had receptions that begin 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

There is after school care and extra-curricular groups that use the buildings after school.

It was noted that the availability of everyone involved would need to be considered.

11) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

12) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that the 2017 Education Hall of Fame award would be awarded to Janice Montgomery at the February 13 school board meeting at Richards Elementary School. There will be a 6:30 reception.

13) Cabinet Reports:

Dr. Sylva shared that the tax warrant sale took place the previous Thursday. There were three healthy bidders. Based on the formula the bond council uses to determine the maximum amount of tax warrants BCSC can borrow, the corporation was allowed to

borrow \$20,803,000 for 2017. The good news here is that BCSC's fund balances are healthy resulting in us NOT being able to borrow as much as in the past. Interest rates have been climbing since 2016 so the interest rate for 2017 of 2.099% is almost 1% higher than in 2016. This also gives us the opportunity to invest our corporation money at a higher interest rate. The winning bid went to Stifel Nicolaus, formerly City Securities.

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION

14) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny requested Board approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer to approve the Human Resources recommendations and the motion was seconded by Dr. Shedd.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Dr. Shedd, as past president, noted that it was wonderful working with everyone and she noted the great choices made in the past year as the board hired Dr. Roberts as Superintendent and Mr. Monroe as School Attorney. She thanked her colleagues for their support and she also thanked the community for their interest and strong support the past year.

Dr. Shedd received the book, "Columbus, Indiana", from the School Foundation for her recent donation. Mr. Stenner noted that those who donate \$50 or more to the School Foundation would receive this book. He noted the presence of Suzi Bruin, Executive Director of the School Foundation.

President Stenner announced that the next School Board Meeting would be on January 23, 7:00 p.m. at Schmitt Elementary School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

President

Secretary