

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Northside Middle School, 1400 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, February 22, 2016, 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:                    Mr. Rich Stenner, Vice President  
                                 Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Secretary  
                                 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member  
                                 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member  
                                 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member  
                                 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member

Absent:                     Dr. Jill Shedd, President

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

School Attorney:        Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Mr. Caldwell offered reflections.

Vice-President Stenner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Affirmation of the Mission Vision and High Expectation Objectives

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Columbus East High School Wrestlers – State Finalists:**

Mr. Cooper, Columbus East High School Wrestling Coach, shared the season highlights of the three state finalist wrestlers including their state placement: Sean Galligar 3<sup>rd</sup>; Graham Rooks 4<sup>th</sup>; Dawson Combest 8<sup>th</sup>. Coach Cooper noted that all three wrestlers were fantastic students. The student athletes were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

## **Northside Middle School Best Practice – Genius Hour:**

Mr. Jensen noted that at the heart of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is the concept of student variability and neuroscience supports this. The Genius Hour nurtures students to be innovative and creative.

Mrs. Dixon, Northside Middle School Principal, was approached three days before school started by teachers about the implementation of the Genius Hour. She noted that she was always happy to listen to these three teachers: Mr. Glessing, Math teacher; Ms. Martin, Social Studies teacher; Mr. Mahaffey, Foreign Language teacher. The teachers and Northside eighth grade students shared information on the Genius Hour. The focus of the Genius Hour is to get students more invested in their education as they research a personal passion and present what they learn to others. Students shared their experiences as they researched their passions and noted that they improved their research, technology and presentation skills. They set goals and focused on the challenge as they worked on the project for a semester. All the students noted that they appreciated the encouragement they received from teachers to follow their passion and they appreciated the class time allowed to work on their Genius Hour projects. The students shared that the project work has better prepared them for the future.

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

The Genius Hour is similar to the Tyromania Project that 7<sup>th</sup> graders complete at Northside. The difference is that students choose to research something they are passionate. One eighth grade team participates in Genius Hour.

Students work on their Genius Hour project for a semester and presentations are shared in December.

Students discover information about their passion with thoughtful questions that are not easily answered by a google search.

### **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

No one spoke at this time.

### **STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)**

#### **1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:**

No one signed in to speak.

## **2) Board Commendations:**

Mrs. Verbanic commended Mrs. Gant, Taylorsville Principal, for the tribute by a parent in an article in the *The Republic*. Mrs. Gant was also noted in an article about English Language Learners.

Mr. Caldwell commended the Columbus North Debuteens and Music Men for placing third in the Showfest Show Choir Competition at Franklin. They received the people's choice award and Sarah Towsley received the best performer award.

Mr. Stenner commended Heath Services, the Central Middle School Nurse and Administrators for their quick action. Central students attended a field trip at Butler University and it was discovered that Butler students had the mumps. Mr. Stenner said he received notification of the concern from Central before his son was picked up from the field trip.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Columbus North wrestler, Isaiah Peetz, for wrestling in the state meet.

Mr. Abrams commended the January and February Universal Design for Learning Teacher Spotlight recipients, Stephany Kiel and RuthAnn Lane, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers at CSA-Fodrea Elementary and Molly Fountain, Social Studies teacher at Northside Middle.

## **MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)**

### **3) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

### **4) School Board Member Reports:**

Mrs. Verbanic attended the Community Literacy Task Force where Jason Hatton, Bartholomew County Library, shared services that were available at the library and noted that they are eager to develop a stronger relationship with the school corporation. It was also noted that the BCSC Book Express will work closely with the Family School Partners.

Mr. Abrams attended the Community Advisory Group under the leadership of Mr. Jensen. BCSC Counselors shared some impressive data showing 82% of BCSC students pursue post-secondary education. In addition to the 82%, nearly 10% of BCSC graduates have developed skills that they continue to use and move forward in a field of work. Mr. Abrams noted that the ability to collect student data continues to improve. This helps in identifying needs and also allows a pat on the back for accomplishments.

## **5) Cabinet Report:**

Mr. Jensen shared that Dr. Van Horn, Director of Special Education, and the district UDL Coordinators have been working with the Indiana Department of Education to help other school districts improve student learning. CSA-New Tech will be hosting 40 teachers from across the state of Kentucky who wish to learn more about project-based learning on Friday, February 26.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)**

### **6) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Quick)**

Dr. Quick reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 8, 2016 and Minutes of the Executive Session of February 9, 2016 and Minutes of the Executive Session of February 10, 2016 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Recommendation for Cellular Service Provider (attachment)
- f. Recommendation for Networking Equipment and Uninterruptible Power Supply (attachment)
- g. Permission to Bid Milk/Dairy/Dry Goods/Frozen Products & Bread Products (attachment)
- h. 2015 Appropriation Adjustments for Tax-Supported Funds (attachment)

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the items as described by Dr. Quick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant.

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

The cost for cellular service will decrease this year.

In 2014 the E-Rate program moved their focus from pagers and phones to broadband and network service for students. Through the E-Rate program there is maximum of a \$150 allotment per student to be used for high capacity networks, such as power supply, switches and cables. BCSC has much of this student network already in place. The E-Rate dollar amount for BCSC translates to \$90 per student and allows upgrades to be completed.

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

## **FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)**

### **7) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:**

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

Mrs. Verbanic made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abrams.

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

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Mr. Abrams shared that the board would meet in Executive Session on Friday, February 26, 4:30 p.m.

Vice President Stenner shared that the next school board meeting would be March 7, 7:00 p.m. at Parkside Elementary School. Third House Sessions will be held each Monday, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall through March 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
President