

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Central Middle School, 725 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, April 10, 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, President  
                                 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Vice President  
                                 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Secretary  
                                 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member  
                                 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member  
                                 Mr. James Persinger, Member  
                                 Dr. Jill Shedd, Member

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

School Attorney:        Mr. Chris Monroe

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Mr. Caldwell offered reflections.

President Stenner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING (2.0)**

Mr. Stenner noted the mission and vision and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Columbus East High School Gymnastics Team-State Finalists, State Champion-Adi Minor:**

Mr. Huse, Columbus East Athletic Director, thanked the board for their support of student athletes and noted the gymnasts' outstanding year. He stated that Coach Kirschman lives and breathes Columbus East. Mr. Huse congratulated the Columbus North gymnasts and noted

that BCSC was the only corporation in the state that had two schools to compete in the state championship meet.

Mrs. Kirschman shared that the gymnasts were outstanding athletes and students as they are all on the honor roll. She recognized Ms. Jagers, the assistant coach and former Columbus East gymnast. Mrs. Kirschman introduced the team and shared their season successes that included Adi Minor as a state champion. The team and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

**Columbus North High School Gymnastics Team-State Finalists, State Champions-Ashley Holliday and Claire Thompson:**

Mr. Clark, Columbus North Principal, shared his appreciation for the recognition and introduced Coach Freshour.

Mrs. Freshour shared that Columbus North was a great place to be a coach. She thanked the board and cabinet for their support. She recognized her assistant coach, Mr. Arthur and trainer, Mr. Sowder. Mrs. Freshour stated that after winning the state championship last year, some doubted how the team would do this year. She shared that this group of girls cruised right through and she shared accomplishments from the season that included two state champions, Ashley Holliday and Claire Thompson. Ms. Holliday also won the mental attitude award. Mrs. Freshour congratulated Columbus East gymnasts and thanked them for keeping North's team on their toes. The North gymnastics team and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

**Central Middle School Best Practice:**

Mr. Jensen shared that the Central Middle School presentation would show what BCSC is doing right in regards to project-based learning and how it is a great strategy for Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

Mr. Gratz, Central Middle School Principal, Mr. Manuel and Ms. Burns, Columbus Signature Academy (CSA)-Central Middle School Facilitators, and students, Emma Edwards and Alex Martin, shared how they integrate subjects into one project and also make sure critical standards are incorporated. The presentation walked through a project where students helped design an escape room for Escape 812, a company in Columbus. At Escape 812, individuals try to escape a room by using logic, strategy and problem solving. This was a true real-world experience and community partnership as students collaborated with the business owner and also had training from Cummins' employees on how to sell their ideas to the owner. Mr. Manuel used this project to receive his Project-Based Learning Certification. The "Escape to the West" project has been submitted for New Tech Network's Best in Network.

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

The number of students moving through CSA from elementary to high school has declined slightly. The principals are meeting monthly to work on rekindling the K-12 CSA

concept.

Student, Emma Edwards, shared that CSA students want to be successful, are flexible, like technology and enjoy learning new things. They are also open-minded, enjoy working with people, having fun and getting out of their comfort zone. Both males and females are self-driven and project leaders.

Projects include academics for core classes and if a standard is not taught thoroughly through a project, it is taught at a non-project time.

This project's elements of integration, real-world application and working with a local business that will be a part of the community this year and beyond, led to the submission in the New Tech Network Best in Network competition.

Visitors are amazed that the Columbus Signature Academy-Central students clearly articulate with adults and have a deep understanding of collaboration skills. These are skills students will take with them into their work place.

A few years ago, Ms. Burns submitted a project that won the New Tech Best in Network award. Students made Super Hero Capes, which incorporated the periodic table of elements, for children at the Peyton Manning Hospital.

### **Secondary Math Adoption:**

Mr. Jensen noted that the corporation does adoption of curriculum really well. Math instructional materials are adopted every six to seven years. He thanked the Math Department Chairs, Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Vogel, and recognized Mrs. Degner, UDL Facilitator, for her support throughout the process.

Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Vogel shared names of those on the selection committee. They spoke of the process, timeline and rubric that included UDL, cultural responsiveness, school-wide learning outcomes and mathematical practices. The selection committee wanted students to spend more time doing and discussing math, to engage, communicate, and collaborate and to apply the mathematics learned. It was also important to know that the material interacts well with its learning, the digital learning management system. There are several publishers being proposed due to individual course offerings, but the pedagogy is the same. The proposed secondary math adoption: Pearson, CPM, Kendall Hunt, Bedford-Freeman & Worth, McGraw Hill Primus, and Wiley.

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

For the past several years, math students have spent more time doing and discussing math in the classroom and not just watching the teacher do math. This mathematical practice will increase with the proposed adoption.

There will be resources available on itslearning for parents and students to better understand the math that is being taught in the classroom. There will be formative assessments to measure what students understand and to let both student and teacher know if additional instruction is needed. Parents can access the assessments as well.

The proposal includes different publishers, but the pedagogy and what teachers are asking of students is consistent. All curriculum is digital, but there will be hard copy textbooks available. The hard copies are much more costly.

### **Elementary Math Adoption:**

Mrs. Hack noted that she would begin with answering the questions that had been asked of the secondary math presenters. There are visual and video resources in place in itslearning to help students and parents better understand components of math instruction. Elementary teachers continue to look at assessments and make sure students are learning the math skills being taught. The proposed curriculum will be digital with hard copy textbooks available upon request.

Mr. Backmeyer, Southside Elementary Principal and Mrs. Gant, Taylorsville Elementary Principal, shared the elementary math adoption presentation. The committee members were noted and special thanks went to Delaney George, Instructional Technology Coach and Katie Putnam, UDL Instructional Coach. It was noted that the tie between elementary and secondary curriculum had gotten stronger and the support and information on cultural responsiveness from Ms. Degner was valuable. The time-line, rubric and adoption process was shared. The proposed math instructional material fit into the UDL framework, engages students, teachers and parents, and allows for learning and expression options. The proposed curriculum vocabulary cards are in both English and Spanish. The elementary math recommendation was Houghton Mifflin Harcourt GO MATH.

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

Student information is pulled from PowerSchool, the student information system, and sent to populate the math curriculum software. Formative assessments will be available on-line for the classroom and the individual student. Parents can log-in and see their child's assessments.

### **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**

- **Dr. Vaughn Sylva-IASBO School Business Official of the Year**

Mr. Abrams recognized Dr. Sylva for being named the IASBO School Business Official of the Year. He shared that the corporation already knew Dr. Sylva was the best in the state.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Larry Perkinson, Employee and Student Assistance Coordinator, for receiving the 2017 William R. Laws Human Rights Award. He will be recognized at the May 11th Columbus Human Rights Commission annual dinner. The award recognizes Mr. Perkinson's commitment to the community and advocacy of all students.

Dr. Shedd commended Nickie Nolting, McDowell Program Development Coordinator, for receiving the Teacher's Credit Union Meritorious Service Award at the 2017 Indiana Association of Adult and Continuing Education (IAACE) Annual Conference in April. The award recipient is an individual who has given direct and extraordinary support to IAACE, demonstrating adult education works in Indiana.

Dr. Shedd commended Mike Ward and Ron Novak, C4 Criminal Justice instructors, who will be approved as instructors for the required certification for deputies who work in county jails. Upon approval, BCSC will be the only corporation in the state to provide this opportunity to its students and this will increase the students' employable skill set.

Mr. Abrams noted that Mr. Phillips, Director of Title Programs, and i-Care Program Director, Ms. Villa, represented BCSC well at the Indiana Summit of Out-of-School Learning. They described the innovative and collaborative work of BCSC's out-of-school Science education.

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

### **3) School Board Policy Updates:**

Bylaw 0122 & 0123 Powers of Philosophy, Policies #2271 College University Programs, #2421 Career & Technical Education Program, #5460 Graduation Requirements, #5461 Credit for Courses Completed Before Students Enter Grade 9, #2510 Adoption of Curricular Materials, #6152 Student Fees and Charges, #5200 Attendance, #5540 The Schools and Governmental Agencies, #5840 Criminal Organizations and Criminal Organization Activity, #8120 Volunteers, #8531 Free and Reduced Price Meals, #8540 Vending Machines, #8606 Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use

Dr. Roberts shared that BCSC contracts a policy company, NEOLA, which works with school districts to keep policies up to date as state and federal laws change. NEOLA makes recommendations to the corporation and BCSC Administrators filter and make the final policy decisions. Dr. Roberts shared the proposed policies listed above, shared the rationale of the change or addition, and noted that the board members had the actual policies with the tracked changes in their packets.

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

Counselors intentionally work with students and share information on college and university programs for dual-credit courses. Instructors of the courses also share information on the postsecondary enrollment opportunities. The junior year, parents and students meet with counselors and an in-depth conversation takes place around available courses and recommendations for individual students.

A few students take accredited on-line AP courses that the corporation does not offer.

Math credits earned in middle school are supplemental to the high school math credits that are required. The state requires a specific number of math credits to be earned while in high school. There are multiple options for high school math credits.

School Resource Officers (SROs) represent the corporation during the school day, but they have law enforcement officer authority at all times. The SROs and Mr. Perkinson reviewed and approved the updates to Policy #5540-The Schools and Governmental Agencies.

Dr. Roberts closed by saying the board would be asked to approve the policies at the April 24<sup>th</sup> school board meeting and asked that any additional questions be directed to him.

**4) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

**5) School Board Member Reports:**

No reports were shared.

**6) Cabinet Reports:**

There were no reports shared.

**EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)**

**7) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of March 27, 2017 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. School Meal Prices (attachment)
- f. Donation of a Sheriff's Car to C4 Program (attachment)
- g. Declare C4 Equipment Surplus (attachment)

Dr. Shedd made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

The price for reduced lunches did not change and was not addressed in the lunch price request.

The C4 department will work with other corporations in the state that may have a need for the C4 surplus equipment, and some equipment may also be sold to community partners that will use the equipment for parts.

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.

Dr. Shedd made a motion to approve the human resources recommendations, and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

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

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

President Stenner shared that the next school board meeting would be April 24, 7:00 p.m. at Central Middle School. The final Third House Session will be on Monday, April 17, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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