

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Parkside Elementary School, 1400 Parkside Drive, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6:30 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. Richard 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 Mr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education
Absent:	Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education
School Attorney:	Mr. Chris Monroe

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Smith shared the Parkside Elementary School information slide.

Mr. Persinger offered reflections.

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

President Stenner called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**WHO/WHY**

President Stenner read the mission and vision and noted the high expectation objectives.

## **HOW**

### **1) Election of Officers for January 2018 through December 2018 Board of School Trustees**

#### **President, Vice President, Secretary:**

President Stenner asked that a motion be made for a slate of officers for January 2018 through December 2018.

Mr. Abrams made a motion for the following slate of officers: Jeff Caldwell as President, Jill Shedd as Vice President, and James Persinger as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

The officers assumed their duties.

## **WHO/WHY**

### **Columbus East High School Football Team – State Champions:**

Mr. Huse, Columbus East High School Athletic Director, thanked the Board and Cabinet for their support and for the opportunity to recognize the outstanding group of young men. He shared that the Columbus East Football program under the direction of Coach Gaddis was first class. Coach Gaddis could not attend because he was out of town serving as a representative for the National Football Association. Mr. Huse commended the coaching staff, their families, volunteers they call the Blacksmiths, parents and student athletes and he shared that there are many components to success. He noted the amazing community support and the pride and excitement he saw from everyone. Mr. Huse said the student athletes are outstanding young men academically, athletically and that their character represents Columbus East very well as they follow East's motto, "Caring for ourselves, each other, and our school".

Dr. Roberts congratulated the team, parents, coaching staff and all those referenced by Mr. Huse. Dr. Roberts noted that he had learned a valuable lesson to not leave the state during football championships. He watched the game, live streamed, from a Cracker Barrel in Florida. He noted the team's awesome performance and congratulated them on behalf of the corporation.

The Columbus East Football State Champions, Coaches and Blacksmiths were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

President Caldwell gaveled out of the regular meeting and opened the 1028 Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

## **1028 HEARING**

Amendment to Lease

Projects: Columbus North High School  
Columbus East High School  
Soccer Complex

The 1028 Hearing is necessary to allow the corporation to move forward on the proposed building projects. Mr. Funk, CSO Architect, introduced the three projects being considered for approval.

Mr. Funk shared that the renovation and maintenance items on the list will address facility needs that were determined in 2005. The \$89 million bond in 2005 could not cover all the needs. Mr. Funk shared the proposed renovations at both Columbus East and Columbus North High Schools noting that this is a preliminary list. He, along with BCSC personnel, will dig deeper into the needs and the board will receive a complete bid list with specific projects at a later date.

Mr. Funk shared information on the proposed soccer complex that is being considered to be built on land leased from the airport. Information on this proposed soccer facility was shared; the complex would be for both high schools. There is a potential that the city would build an indoor sports facility adjacent to the proposed soccer fields.

Mr. Funk shared the schedule for the three projects with approval to bid taking place in 2018 and the completion of projects to be in 2019.

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

Sprinkler systems have been added as previous renovations took place. New construction requires these ADA improvements, but the corporation presently meets all codes in regards to sprinklers.

The refunding of bonds came about quickly. The list of renovations will be validated. This list is just a sampling, and as the process continues the list of projects to bid will be specific. As the process moves forward it will be determined how far the dollars will go. The needs are being pulled from the 2005 priority facility list.

The funds for all three projects are from the sale of bonds made possible because of capacity created by refunding the Build America Bonds. The 1028 Hearing gives the public a broad list of projects that cannot cost more than \$13 million, with each project having to cost less than \$5 million.

At the December school board meeting, the board approved to refund the Build America Bonds. The interest rate was lower than the original interest rate on the \$89 million, giving the corporation the capacity to sell additional bonds. The approval tonight is for a capacity of \$13 million for the three projects. The approval would allow the corporation to lock in on an interest rate and sell bonds the next day. This will not raise the tax rate.

It was determined in 2005 that there were \$123 million of facility improvement needs at Columbus North and Columbus East High Schools. The corporation was able to bond and complete \$89 million

worth of work. When the present \$13 million worth of projects are completed, the corporation will have completed \$115 million worth of improvements without increasing the total tax rate.

Lights on the baseball fields were not on the list at this time because there are several steps to the process since the fields are next to residences.

All North and East soccer teams share the present fields. The fields get a great deal of use and are owned by the city. Scheduling is an issue, and the fields are not ADA accessible.

The proposal would include at least one soccer field to be artificial turf. The corporation would lease the property, but would have control of scheduling and maintenance. If an indoor facility is built by the city, parking would be shared with the BCSC fields. If the facility is not built, BCSC would have to include parking at some point. The corporation continues to have conversations with the city.

There is marginally enough room at Columbus East to build a soccer field. There is not an option for a soccer field at Columbus North.

The Columbus Sports Advisory Council is investigating the proposed indoor sports facility on the airport campus. BCSC has a representative on the council.

If the soccer fields are built on the leased property at the airport, the community would benefit. The fields would be available for tournaments etc.

There will be updates on the projects forthcoming with scope that is more specific.

Mr. Caldwell asked if the public had questions or comments. There were none.

The 1028 Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

## **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

No one spoke at this time.

## **HOW**

### **2) Reorganization of Business Services:**

- a. Appoint Corporation Treasurer-Mr. Chad Phillips**
- 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. Caldwell requested the approval of the reorganization of Business Services as presented by Mr. Phillips.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryant to approve the reorganization of Business Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shedd.

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

**3) Establish Board Remuneration, and Required Notices:**

- a. School Board Meeting Dates and Locations-July 2018 to July 2019 (attachment)**
- b. Establish Board Remuneration as Provided by Law (attachment)**
- c. Designation of Newspapers or Qualified Publications in which to Publish Required Notices-*The Republic* (attachment)**

A motion was made by Mr. Persinger to approve the board remuneration and required notices as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

**4) Board Appointments for January 2018 through December 2018:**

- 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 Dr. Shedd to approve the board appointments as presented, and Mr. Persinger 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 2018 through December 2018:**

- a. High Ability Broad Based Committee – was Rich Stenner/proposed Rich Stenner**
- b. Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation – was Jill Shedd/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 Rich Stenner/proposed Jill Shedd**
- f. IUPUC Advisory Board – was James Persinger/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 James Persinger/proposed James Persinger**

- j. Literacy Task Force – was Jill Shedd/proposed Jeff Caldwell**
- k. Council for Youth Development- was Rich Stenner/proposed Rich Stenner**
- l. District Wellness Committee – was Pat Bryant/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 Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer to approve board members serving as liaison with district and community advisory boards and committees as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abrams.

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, Mr. Jensen and Dr. Roberts. Mr. Abrams because of his employment and Mr. Jensen and Dr. Roberts because they have spouses that work 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, Mr. Jensen, and Dr. Roberts and the motion was seconded by Mr. Persinger.

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

**7) Requests for Approval:**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 11, 2017 (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)**
- g. Change Order for North Auditorium Mechanical Project (attachment)**

Dr. Shedd made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mr. Stenner seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## **8) Request for Approval to Adopt (Mr. Monroe)**

### **a. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease**

Mr. Stenner made a motion to approve the amendment to the lease and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

### **b. Resolution Authorizing of Bonds**

Mr. Abrams made a motion to authorize the execution of the bonds and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

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

### **c. Resolution on Projects**

Dr. Shedd made a motion to approve the resolution on the projects and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

Mr. Abrams noted that this approval allows the projects to move forward. The board is not voting on the specifics of the projects but approving the bonded dollars to be spent on the projects.

Mr. Caldwell added that there is room for change in the actual project work and the board will have the ability to make the final project decisions.

Mr. Persinger noted that he would like to see the complete facility priority list with all work items and their costs.

Mr. Phillips shared that the board was being asked to approve that no one project can exceed \$5 million dollars, and the total bond would be for \$13 million.

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

## **9) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (attachment)**

Mr. Persinger made a motion to approve the Human Resources Recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

**WHAT**

**9) Board Commendations:**

No commendations were shared.

**10) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

**11) School Board Member Reports:**

No reports were shared.

**12) Cabinet Reports:**

No reports were shared.

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Dr. Shedd thanked Mr. Stenner and all other officers for their service the past year. She noted that their extra work was appreciated and that they led the board very well.

Dr. Shedd also noted that there would be a program “Are Public Schools in Peril?-A Discussion about Indiana’s Educational Changes” on January 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Bartholomew County Library. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Shedd will be panelists at the program.

Mr. Abrams shared that the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast and celebration would be held at 7:15 a.m. on January 15 in the Columbus North High School Cafeteria. He also thanked the 2017 board officers and congratulated the new officers.

President Caldwell announced that the next School Board Meeting would be on January 22, 6:30 p.m. at Parkside Elementary School in the cafeteria. The board was invited to tour Parkside Elementary at 5:45 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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