

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Mt. Healthy Elementary School, 12150 S State Road 58, Columbus, IN, 47201, on Monday, October 21, 2019 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: Dr. Jill Shedd, President
 Mr. Richard Stenner, Vice President
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Secretary
 Dr. Julie Bilz, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
 Mr. James Persinger, 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
 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services
 Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Absent: Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Healthy Elementary student, Aubrey Chaplin, read the mission and vision. Mrs. Sprong, Mt. Healthy Principal, commended Aubrey for collecting several books and donating them to the school library.

Dr. Shedd noted the high expectation objectives.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Additional Appropriation for the Technology Bond (Mr. Phillips)

Dr. Shedd gaveled out of the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Phillips noted that later in the meeting, the board would be asked to approve the Additional Appropriation for the 2019 Technology Bond Resolution. The additional appropriation is not to exceed \$995,000. The funds will be used to replace technology for students and teachers.

President Shedd asked for comments or questions from those in attendance.

Reporter, Mr. Quick, noted that he missed the last meeting and he asked for more information on the Technology Bond.

Mr. Phillips shared that the corporation requests approval of General Obligation Bonds on a regular basis for capital purposes, and this bond will fund technology equipment. At the prior board meeting, the school board authorized to adopt the Technology Preliminary Bond Resolution, to publish the bond sale notice and to reimburse expenditures.

The public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m. and Dr. Shedd gaveled back into the regular meeting.

WHO/WHY:

Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation Innovation Grants (Mrs. Bruin)

Mr. Whittington, School Foundation President, shared that the grant applications doubled this year and that it was hard not to award grants to each applicant because they are all so motivated to help students. He expressed his gratitude for the Executive Director, Mrs. Bruin, and Fundraiser Coordinator, Mrs. Schnepf. Through their hard work, word is getting out about the work of the foundation.

Mrs. Bruin thanked the grant selection committee and shared that the 65 applications came from several buildings and groups and the impact of the grant dollars would be felt across the district. There were 14 grants awarded, a total of \$21,174.30. Mrs. Bruin thanked the board for their support of the School Foundation, and she also shared appreciation for their funding partner, the Bartholomew County Retired Teachers Association (BARTA). The grant recipients were recognized and congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Dr. Shedd noted her appreciation of the creativity and commitment of staff members as they do new things through this funding. She thanked the foundation and BARTA for making the grants possible.

**Mt. Healthy Elementary School Best Practice
(Mrs. Sprong/Officer Quesenbery/Officer Clark)**

Mrs. Sprong shared the information slide about Mt. Healthy Elementary School. Sergeant Quesenbery and Deputy Clark and Mrs. Sprong shared information on School Resource Officers (SROs) and their positive presence in school buildings. Sergeant Quesenbery is the SRO assigned to Columbus East and CSA-Fodrea Elementary School and oversees all other SROs; Deputy Clark is assigned to Southside, Rockcreek, Mt. Healthy, Taylorsville and Clifty Creek Elementary Schools. The presentation displayed how SROs are building positive relationships with students and staff and that they are not just there for problems. They connect with students, support families, improve procedures and help keep the school community safe. The SROs shared experiences they have had at the schools and noted that their goal is for kids to feel safe and comfortable and have a long term positive connection with police officers.

In response to questions from the board the following information was shared.

BCSC now has five SROs. This has allowed for more timely responses and extended time at each school. The SROs vary their schedules between buildings. Both SROs noted that being an SRO is rewarding, what they were meant to do and that they plan to continue in this role.

SROs were assigned to buildings based on location and volume of calls for their assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

WHAT

**School Board Policy-Responsible Use of Social Media
(Dr. Roberts/Dr. Boezeman/Mr. Williams)**

Dr. Roberts shared that there was a need to add this new policy to make sure the corporation was responsible and aware as things happen in social media. The policy provides direction to staff members on the appropriate use of social media. This was the first reading of the policy and discussion is welcome prior to asking approval at the next school board meeting.

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

The current BCSC policy on social media is vague. The wording of the new policy was

based on a draft from Seamus Boyce, an attorney with Church Church Hittle + Antrim. Dr. Boezeman, Mr. Williams and the technology team have reviewed and revised the proposed policy.

2) Board Commendations:

Mr. Stenner commended Mr. Perkinson, BCSC Student Assistance Coordinator, for receiving the Larry Perkinson Community Voice Award, which will be given annually by the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council to recognize an individual or organization who has made a significant impact to the community. Mr. Perkinson will retire in December.

Mr. Stenner invited Pre-K to 6th grade students to attend the Lights on After School event at the kidscommons on Thursday, October 24.

3) School Board Member Reports:

No reports were shared.

3) Cabinet Reports

- 3rd Quarter Financial Report (Mr. Phillips)

Mr. Phillips shared highlights from the 3rd quarter financial report. The Education Fund revenues are as expected; the reduction in the ADM is tempered by the increase in per pupil support. He also noted that the August salaries and benefits reflect a three-pay month. There was also a large expenditure for technology audio-visual equipment upgrades across the district. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the cash balance is down just over \$1 Million when compared to January 1, but this is almost the same cash balance in the General Fund as at the end of the 3rd quarter in 2018.

Mr. Phillips noted that he anticipates requesting an additional appropriation in November.

Mr. Phillips shared information on the Operations Fund and noted that the cash balance from the Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund and Bus Replacement Fund was transferred at the beginning of the year. In September, a property insurance claim reimbursement for wind storm damage was received. The negative operating cash is expected this time of year and is why we issue Tax Anticipation Warrants. The property tax collections are expected to be received by the December school board meeting; the tax cap losses are unknown.

Mr. Phillips noted the positive Health Trust reserves at the end of September. There were three weeks in a row where generated revenues were enough to pay the claims. Dental reserves remain fine.

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

Reinsurance for large claims will add to the Health Trust reserves.

Tax Anticipation Warrants are temporary loans that are paid back after the tax draw is received. The corporation borrows the maximum amount allowed. The money is deposited into funds and is paid back from the Debt Service Fund.

School Attorney Report: Mr. Monroe noted that the property at 2153 23rd Street was damaged by fire and was declared uninhabitable. The owner of the home claimed it to the City of Columbus and the home has been demolished. This property is across from CSA-New Tech High School. The City of Columbus is giving the property to BCSC and no expenditures will be made. Mr. Monroe will complete the legal paperwork, and no board action is necessary.

HOW

4) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Executive Session of September 23, 2019 and minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 23, 2019
- b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- d. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- e. Claims and Payroll (Mr. Phillips)
- f. Adopt the 2020 Budget: Form 4 Resolution; Bus Replacement Plan; Capital Projects Plan; Resolution to Authorize Reductions; LIT Resolution (Mr. Phillips)
- g. Adopt the Additional Appropriation Resolution for the Technology Bond (Mr. Monroe/Mr. Phillips)
- h. Adopt the Final Technology Bond Resolution: Continuing Disclosure Undertaking; Appointment of Bid Committee (Mr. Monroe/Mr. Phillips)
- i. Adopt the Technology Bond Resolution Approving Amended and Restatement Post-Issuance Procedures (Mr. Monroe/Mr. Phillips)
- j. Award Bids for the LED Lighting Project (Dr. Boezeman)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the requests for approval. He requested approval of Items 4) a-j.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillips noted that the claims and payroll requests had been reviewed and were in order.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve Items 4) a-j.

5) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (Ms. Heiny)

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

Mr. Persinger 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

Mr. Caldwell thanked Mrs. Sprong and the SROs for the report and noted it was helpful to see how they are participating in the schools.

Mr. Bryant, a retired police officer, noted that the SROs are great and that he is glad they are here for our kids.

Dr. Shedd reported that the next school board meeting would be November 18, 6:30 p.m. at Smith Elementary School. There will be a tour of the school at 5:45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President