

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, August 26, 2019 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Administration Building, 1200 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN, 47201, on Monday, August 26, 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. Jeff Caldwell, Member
 Mr. James Persinger, Member

Absent: Mr. Pat Bryant, 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
 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education
 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services
 Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Rich Stenner shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Dr. Shedd noted the mission, vision and high expectation objectives.

WHO/WHY

Presentation of TIF\$ for Education (Dr. Roberts/Mrs. Welmer (City Clerk Treasurer)/Mr. Jensen/Mr. Phillips)

Dr. Roberts shared the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Dollars for Education presentation that was presented to the Columbus Redevelopment Commission and the City Council as a request for \$750,000. The request had been approved and Mrs. Welmer, City Clerk Treasurer, presented Dr. Roberts with a \$750,000 check. The funding will impact workforce development through the following programs: iGrad – Embedded systemic approach in the high schools and middle schools to achieve a high school graduation rate of 100%; STEM – Middle school and high school courses that teach science, technology, engineering, and math; Transition Programs – Systemically developed approaches to transition students of special needs into the workforce or post-secondary opportunities. Information on each program was presented and Dr. Roberts thanked the City of Columbus for their support and shared a list of things that would not have been possible but for the TIF dollars. A Transition Program video showing students working successfully in the community was shared.

Mr. Caldwell noted that the Redevelopment Commission and the City Council were impressed with how the TIF dollars were used in the corporation and they both were fully behind supporting BCSC's request for \$750,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one spoke at this time.

WHAT

1) School Board Policies (Dr. Roberts)

Policy 3220.01-Teacher Appreciation Grants

Policy 5136-Personal Communication Devices

Policy 5512-Use of Tobacco/Nicotine

Policy 5530-Drug Prevention

Dr. Roberts shared that state statute requires the Teacher Appreciation Grant policy be board approved and submitted to the state each year. The BCSC policy has not changed, and it includes the requirement that a difference of 25% or more be distributed to Highly Effective teachers than the amount given to teachers rated Effective. The board would be asked to approve this policy later in the meeting.

Dr. Roberts explained that the remaining three policies have popped up as ones that needed to be addressed quickly. He shared information on each policy and noted the board would be asked to approve these at the next school board meeting.

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

In regards to the Teacher Appreciation grant dollars received, BCSC does distribute 25% more in stipends to the Highly Effective teachers than the stipends given to teachers rated as Effective.

Policy 5136-Personal Communication Devices does not change any present expectations or practices. It did not previously exist as a BCSC policy.

Policy 5512-Use of Tobacco/Nicotine and Policy 5530-Drug Prevention both align with the recent policy changes by the city. The policy adds JUUL and e-cigarettes as substances that contain tobacco or nicotine.

2) Board Commendations:

Mr. Caldwell commended Shane Yates, Pre-K Director, for being named the Columbus Young Professionals NextGen 2019 Educator of the Year. This award is for creativity, initiative, and excellence in an education role. The presentation and celebration will be September 13.

3) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Caldwell reported that the City Redevelopment Commission shared an update on the railroad overpass project. It is moving along well; the work is proposed to be completed in less than 2.5 years.

4) Cabinet Reports

There were no reports shared.

HOW

5) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 8, 2019 and Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 12, 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. Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy (Ms. Heiny)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the requests for approval. He requested approval of Items 5) a-f.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillips noted that the claims and payroll requests have been reviewed and are in order.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve Items 5) a-f.

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

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

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations, and Mr. Stenner seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer said it was great to see all the teachers in attendance that were supporting Red for Ed. She shared her appreciation for all that teachers do for students in the classroom and beyond. Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer also shared her support for the Transition Program, and said it was nice to see individuals with challenges feeling that they are hardworking and giving back to society.

Dr. Shedd reported that the next school board meetings would be September 9 and 23, 6:30 p.m. at Clifty Creek Elementary School. There will be a 5:45 p.m. tour of Clifty Creek Elementary. The 2020 Budget Workshop will be held at the September 9 school board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President