

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 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, IN 47203, on Monday, January 22, 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. Jeff Caldwell, President
 Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President
 Mr. James Persinger, Secretary
 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mr. Rich Stenner, 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

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Caldwell shared reflections.

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

WHO/WHY

Parkside Elementary students, Michael Hernandez and Nimisha Gaikwad, read the mission and vision, and President Caldwell noted the high expectation objectives.

Parkside Elementary School Best Practice:

Mr. Smith, Parkside Principal, Mrs. Voelz, Parkside Assistant Principal, third grade teachers and students shared a presentation on goal setting strategies and how they use data binders. Student data binders allow students to have ownership of their learning by setting personal goals and by helping students identify their strengths and areas in need of growth.

Growth and Opportunity Time (Go Time) takes place daily and student data drives the instruction for GO Time. Each day, students receive intensive interventions and scaffolds to help bridge the achievement gaps, and this instills the importance of being lifelong learners. The goal setting strategies at Parkside Elementary supports the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework of engagement, action and expression, and representation.

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

Teachers have a common planning time one day a week when students attend related arts classes. Some grade levels meet for collaboration in the morning before students arrive.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

WHAT

1) Technology Department Annual Update:

Mr. Jamerson shared the Technology Department annual update noting that they support Deeper Learning, College & Career Readiness, UDL and the corporation High Expectation Objectives (HEOs). There are over 14,000 student and staff member technology accounts with 15,559 devices that include Chromebooks, laptops and desktops. The digital learning management system, itslearning, expands the school day, as there has been over 1.3 million visits since August 2, 2017. Staff and students are signing on to itslearning each day of the week. Mr. Jamerson noted that there had been an increase in external audience communication through the BCSC website, Facebook, Twitter and BCSC360 TV show. The department has told the BCSC technology story through several conferences, seminars, webinars, radio and published articles. Mr. Jamerson shared information on digital citizenship, the protection of BCSC's data, and the need to address the internet access availability across Bartholomew County. Mr. Jamerson applauded the entire technology staff for all their efforts.

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

Mr. Jamerson continues to work with county officials in regards to digital access across the county, especially in the southwest and northern areas. There could be some organized efforts with neighboring counties for more regional access.

There has been a decrease since 2000 in the cost of devices. Recently, with devices becoming more rugged, more powerful and faster, the prices have remained nearly the same.

The Title IV Grant will provide mobile hot spots for students to check out from the school library. Service providers have been tested, and service is available in almost all areas through the mobile hot spots. The pilot program will allow English Language Learners (ELL) at Taylorsville Elementary, Northside Middle and Columbus North High School to check out the

hot spots. Those attendance areas have the highest non-reliable connectivity, and there is a need for academic improvement in the ELL population.

The main challenges for the technology department are damages to devices, stability during on-line assessments, and cyber security.

Classroom technology such as cameras, projectors and smartboards are easy to use and have stood the test of time. There is a technology replacement plan. This summer, technology upgrades are scheduled at three elementary schools, and there are a number of rooms that will be upgraded at both high schools. Chromebooks and laptops are on a four-year replacement cycle, with ninth grade devices being the first to be replaced.

Students are encouraged to bring their own devices, but there can be an issue of equity. The device is required to meet the needs of the students' classroom work, and for online testing, there needs to be a consistency of devices. The brand of device does not matter, but the capability to complete assignments is important.

Some teachers use technology in the classrooms more than others, but an increase in use has been noted. There is instructional technology professional development taking place on a quarterly basis at the schools. This helps the department determine the needs at each school. Technology personnel are also included in the curriculum adoption process.

The corporation percentage of itslearning usage is at a level that very few corporations accomplish.

Students are digital natives. They know how to access information and how to determine if the information is true. There is a district-wide platform for keyboarding and digital citizenship.

BCSC has seen successful results with technology in the classroom. Training of the UDL framework for staff and students on multiple means of representation, engagement and expression have contributed to the success.

2) Board Commendations:

Mr. Stenner commended the BCSC personnel that helped with hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Columbus North High School. He also commended all those involved in the upcoming Dance Marathon that supports Turning Point Domestic Violence Center.

3) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Dr. Shedd attended the Corporation Continuous Improvement Council (CCIC) meeting where they discussed the District Plan on a Page, the Legado Spanish Immersion Academy and On My Way Pre-K. Information was shared on the high school improvement projects, including the soccer fields, that will be funded through the sale of bonds made possible by the refunding the Build America Bonds. Dr. Shedd also reported on her participation in an Indiana School Board Association webinar where Director Terry Spradlin shared an overview of education related legislation.

It was noted that, at this point, there had been 81 students show interest in the Legado Academy and that community informational presentations continue. Clifty Creek Elementary will house the pathway, and there will be an informational session and school tour on Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. The plan would be to have 100 pre-k and kindergarten students enrolled for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Dr. Roberts commended Dr. Shedd for being a panelist at the community discussion on “Are Public Schools in Peril?” and he noted that this was a good chance to share the great things going on in BCSC.

Mr. Abrams attended the Business Advisory meeting where they discussed how the \$750,000 from the Columbus Redevelopment Commission was being utilized by the corporation. They heard an update on the graduation pathways being proposed by the State Board of Education and the recently approved high school renovation projects.

Mr. Stenner attended the Council for Youth Development meeting, and he suggested everyone visit their website at www.cydbartholomew.org. The council is working on a master plan on how to best serve students.

5) Cabinet Reports:

- **Board of Finance Report (Mr. Phillips)**

Mr. Phillips shared that the state requires the corporation to report yearly on their investments of public funds. By state law and school board policy, the corporation investments are limited to Treasury Bills, Bank CD’s and Money Market Sweep Accounts. BCSC has not invested in CD’s for a number of years. Mr. Phillips shared comparative data of the investment returns noting as interest rates drop the earnings drop and as they rise, the earnings rise. The 2017 investment return for the General Fund was \$462,703, and the investment return for all funds was \$476,731.

HOW

6) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 8, 2018 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Internet Access Agreement (attachment)
- f. Youth Services World Area Network (WAN) Connection Agreement (attachment)
- g. 2017 Appropriation Adjustments for Tax Supported Funds (attachment)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the requests for approval. He requested approval of the reviewed items.

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

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

The internet providers would not sign an agreement that would keep them from slowing the service and then charging more to increase the speed. Mr. Jamerson noted that he does not anticipate providers slowing down the internet speed for the corporation.

The claims include the December payment of the tax anticipation warrants, and the semi-annual payment on all debt is paid in December.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried to approve the Items 6) a-g as described by Dr. Roberts.

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

7) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

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

Board members thanked Parkside Elementary for the tour and the presentation. They appreciated the students sharing their data binders.

Mr. Caldwell announced that the next school board meetings would be February 12 and 26, 6:30 p.m. at Northside Middle School.

Dr. Roberts shared that there would be a 6:00 p.m. reception on February 12 at Northside Middle School to recognize the winner of the 2018 Education Hall of Fame Award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President