

Mr. Boezeman, Schmitt Principal, noted that Mr. Aggarwal, Cummins Liaison, was ill and could not be in attendance. Mr. Boezeman and Ms. Green, STEM Lab Coordinator, shared how the lab was produced and how it supports student learning. The lab was developed through the collaboration of Cummins, Columbus Parks & Rec, Foundation for Youth, Schmitt staff, parents, students and Iridescent team members. The STEM lab expands the time spent on Science standards during the school day, gives students intentional local workplace exposure, builds an interest in STEM fields of work and creates a volunteer opportunity for the community. More than 60 local mentors have volunteered in the STEM lab.

Iridescent's Curiosity Machine website curriculum is used in the STEM lab and a sample project was shared noting how the class is structured and how students and mentors work through the engineering design process, the build and student reflection. It was noted how the STEM lab aligns with the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework by transforming new information into meaningful and useable information, by formulating plans for learning and by motivating students by the mastery of learning itself. Schmitt students, Gracie Grimes and Jayna Lykins, shared their STEM projects of making a sound machine and a suspension bridge to support weight.

Mr. Boezeman noted that after a year of STEM lab classes ISTEP+ Science scores have gone up 4% and classroom Science assessments have increased by 15%. Positive feedback was shared from students, teachers and parents.

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

Other corporation schools have STEM opportunities for students, but they do not have a STEM lab. The cost will be examined and consideration will be made in regards to expansion. Schmitt does share project information with other schools. The Cummins partnership helped fund the STEM lab at Schmitt.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

Christopher Clerc, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, shared that there are five high school students participating in the orchestra and that Kathy Dell, Parkside Elementary Music Teacher, and choir students joined them in a concert in December. He noted that collaborating with Mrs. Dell was wonderful and that it was a great opportunity for the students to sing with a live orchestra. Mr. Clerc thanked the board and cabinet for supporting music education. Mrs. Dell noted that collaborating with the community of fine arts is inspiring and educational. The students prepared for hours and hours and performing with the orchestra stretched the students and hopefully inspired them to continue in music throughout their lives. She thanked the board and cabinet for their support and allowing students this opportunity. Two Parkside choir students, Matthew Degner and Caitlyn Day, shared how the experience taught them more about music, increased their poise and confidence and allowed them to experience singing with a live orchestra.

A Richards Elementary parent, Alison Vandergriff, shared her concerns about simple discipline. She shared that her fourth grade daughter stated it was okay to get a clip taken off for behavior because they no longer had to walk the track for discipline. Ms. Vandergriff stated that policy does not allow the use of physical activity for simple punishment. She said the school principal informed her that one discipline that is in place would be to limit chrome book use. She asked for other options of simple discipline.

Dr. Roberts noted that the corporation does not use physical activity for discipline. He explained that the school board passes policies and approves student handbooks, but individual conversations about classroom discipline would be best discussed at the school level, as they are closest to the concern. Contacting the principal first was the right path to take. Dr. Roberts requested Ms. Vandergriff contact his office for further dialogue on the subject.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

Ms. Vandergriff had signed in to speak but had already spoken in public dialogue.

2) Board Commendations

No commendations were shared.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that there would be a Special Education Parent Forum in the Administration Building Terrace Room on February 6 at 6:30. They will discuss district-wide initiatives and topics but will not address individual student information. Parents may schedule appointments for individual needs.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that Janice Montgomery would be recognized as the 2017 Education Hall of Fame winner at the February 13 school board meeting at Richards. There will be a 6:30 reception at Richards in Mrs. Montgomery's honor.

5) Cabinet Reports:

- **Board of Finance Report (Dr. Sylva)**

Dr. Sylva shared that he is required by state law to share the corporation investments for the year in a Board of Finance report. The corporation investments are limited to Treasury Bills

and Bank CD's for two years or less and Money Market Sweep Accounts. The 2016 investment return for the General Fund was \$172,590 and the investment return for all funds was \$192,382. School corporations that invested through the Indiana Treasury had an annual yield of 0.46% and the BCSC yield on the Treasury Bill was 0.629%.

Dr. Sylva noted that the present school Board President, Mr. Stenner, and the present Secretary, Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer, are the officers of the Board of Finance.

The School Board is only required to hear the Board of Finance report, there is no action required.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)

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 9, 2017 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Memorandum of Agreement for the School Performance Awards (attachment)
- f. Change Order for Southside Elementary School (attachment)
- g. Award the Category 2 Equipment Bid (attachment)
- h. School Board Meeting Dates and Locations for July 2017 to July 2018 (attachments)
 1. One Meeting per Month Proposal
 2. Past Practice Proposal (some months have two meetings)

President Stenner said the board would consider Items 6) h, 1 and 2 in a separate vote.

Dr. Roberts reviewed Items 6) a-g for the board.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the reviewed Items 6) a-g and Mr. Persinger seconded the motion.

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

The state School Performance Award dollars will be distributed to all eligible teachers in BCSC. To be eligible a teacher had to be employed by BCSC on December 1, 2016 and had to have been rated as "effective or "highly effective" through the teacher evaluation process. Support staff that were employed on Dec. 1, 2016 and still employed with BCSC will also be compensated. The district had set aside dollars to recognize all other staff for their role in students' growth.

The corporation conducts open bidding for projects. The bids are reviewed by architects, engineers and the BCSC Facility & Maintenance staff. The school board approves the final bid before

a contractor is assigned.

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

Dr. Roberts shared that the two school board meeting proposals were discussed at the previous board meeting. There are two proposals Item 6) e, 1, One Meeting per Month and Item 6) e, 2, Past Practice Proposal (some months have two meetings).

Dr. Roberts noted that board meeting dates through June 2017 were approved a year ago. The present proposals are for July 2017 to July 2018. From an efficiency and operational standpoint, the cabinet has discussed that one meeting a month would still meet all obligations. Presently there are five months with one meeting, and BCSC staff is accustomed to having claims and all other business taken care of at the one meeting. Both options allow for the opportunity to hold meetings at the schools.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept the proposal for one meeting per month, Item 6) e, 1. No one seconded the motion.

Mr. Persinger made a motion to approve the past practice proposal where some months have two meetings, Item 6) e, 2. Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that she had spoken to stakeholders and it was noted that Boy Scouts and high school students have requirements to attend government meetings and having one a month would give them less opportunities to attend. With one meeting per month, recognition of student groups and addressing patron concerns could make the meeting quite long. She wants to be sure all voices are heard. Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer suggested that the first meeting of the month be held at the Administration Building, and the second meeting be held at a school.

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

From an operational standpoint, one meeting would be more efficient in regards to preparing information for the board meeting and the board meeting set-up piece.

The open dialogue about the meeting date options at the two board meetings is an example of how the board works in a transparent fashion.

Most Indiana school corporations have one meeting per month.

Meeting locations are a part of the approval, and it reflects that the two meetings in one month both be held at the same location.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried by a majority vote. Mr. Caldwell voted no.

Mr. Stenner requested Dr. Roberts have a proposal at the next meeting for the start time of board meetings. This topic was discussed at the previous meeting.

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.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the human resources recommendations, and Mr. Caldwell 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 meetings would be February 13 & 27, 7:00 p.m. at Richards Elementary School. On February 13, 6:30 p.m. at Richards Elementary School, an Education Hall of Fame Reception will be held for 2017 award recipient Janice Montgomery. Third House Sessions are on Mondays, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Secretary

Attest: _____
President