



Mr. Newell, Columbus East Principal, shared that the presentation will show how Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in the Science Department is linear and concrete.

Mr. Lynott, East Science Chair, shared a Science lesson on why iron is his favorite element. His goal, as in the classroom, was to engage/hook the board and cabinet to wonder about Science and see that it can be fun. He shared that the East Science Department goal is to engage students through a three-day cycle of large group lecture, small groups and lab work. Students have many options of representation and expression. He shared that the Science lab at East is the best high school facility in the United States, and an envy of several universities.

East student, Jacob Harpring, shared how East Science teachers engage students both inside and outside the classroom. He noted that the real world learning experiences makes Science come alive. He enjoys the individual student work and responsibility and feels this way of learning is preparing him for college.

East students, Ashleigh Totten and Elizabeth Fraziere, shared how Science teachers, Mr. Lynott and Mr. Chastain, present information in exciting ways and how students have the opportunity to express what they've learned in different ways. They shared how teachers' teaching techniques are for the individualized learner and both on-line and classroom textbooks are available. The students shared that they enjoyed collaborating with other students and having multi-means of engagement and expression.

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

The students shared that the East Science classes have sparked an interest in them for Science and they all plan to pursue varied Science degrees in college. They agreed that Science classes have changed the way they look at the world. Columbus East does a good job at making Science courses exciting, and students want to enroll.

## **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

Dr. Quick introduced *The Republic* reporter, Ben Skirvin, a 2002 Columbus East graduate.

## **STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)**

### **1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:**

No one signed in to speak.

### **2) Board Commendations:**

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended everyone involved in the successful Elementary Cheerleading and Basketball Super Saturday.

Mr. Stenner commended everyone that took part in making the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration a true celebration.

## **MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)**

### **3) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

### **4) School Board Member Reports:**

Mrs. Verbanic attended the High Ability Broad-Based Committee meeting under the new leadership of Shelly Walker. They discussed the cascading of testing events and how to lessen the stress for families and students. Also discussed was the number of times a student may test after the elementary phase. Program determination letters will be mailed to the families in March.

Mr. Abrams attended the Diversity Council meeting where the focus was on the preparation for the Martin Luther King, Jr. community celebration and breakfast. Students had submitted work in reflection of Martin Luther King, Jr.; the council previewed their efforts. He noted that the student work was impressive, and the celebration was excellent. The Diversity Council is looking into being a part of a quarterly community conversation on diversity.

### **5) Cabinet Report:**

- **Board of Finance Report:**

Dr. Sylva noted 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, Bank CD's and Money Market Sweep Accounts. Interest rates have been historically low for a number of years, but short-term rates are moving up slowly. The 2015 investment return for the General Fund was \$93,243 and the investment for all funds was \$109,158.

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

Interest rates for borrowing purposes are still very low but are moving slowly upward.

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. Quick)**

Dr. Quick reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 11, 2016 and Minutes of the Executive Session of January 19, 2016
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Telecommunication Services (attachment)
- f. Budgetary Change Order for Columbus North Softball Fields (attachment)

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the items as described by Dr. Quick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant.

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

## **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. Caldwell made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Verbanic.

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

## **BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Dr. Shedd thanked the students and the Columbus East Science Department for the great presentation. She noted that her son, Taylor, took every Science course available at East and he is now working in marine biology.

Mr. Abrams attended the Third House Session and noted that the law to hold schools and teachers harmless by lowered test scores had been signed into law. He noted this was certainly positive, but if the legislature would have listened five years ago, this could all have been avoided.

Dr. Shedd shared that she had been interviewed by an Indiana University student journalist about legislative proposals that touch education. She noted that she shared that the legislatures were asking better questions, and considering items that had been dismissed over the past four to eight

years. She noted that there were some positive proposals, such as scholarships for students going into the field of Education and incentives for teachers to acquire their master's degree.

President Shedd shared that the next school board meetings would be February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Northside Middle School. There will be a 6:30 p.m. reception prior to the board meeting on the 8th in honor of Larry Perkinson, the 2016 Education Hall of Fame recipient. Third House Sessions will be held each Monday, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ President