

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Northside Middle School, 1400 27th Street, Columbus, IN 47201, on Monday, January 27, 2020 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. Pat Bryant, Secretary  
                                 Dr. Julie Bilz, Member  
                                 Mr. Rich Stenner, 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  
                                 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education  
                                 Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services  
                                 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
                                 Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Absent:                     Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education

School Attorney:           Mr. Chris Monroe

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Persinger shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Caldwell shared the Mission and Vision statements.

Mr. Caldwell noted the high expectation objectives.

## **WHO/WHY**

### **Northside Middle School Best Practice (Mrs. Dixon)**

Mrs. Dixon shared an informational slide referencing the building architect as well as highlighting Northside's growing diversity, state level academic successes, and the steady increase in high school credits Northside students have earned.

The Northside Middle School best practice presentation featured Mya their facility dog. Mrs. Dixon reviewed the process Northside followed to obtain the facility dog. School nurse Beth Ballard highlighted the benefits of having Mya in the building as well as shared prerecorded student comments of how well they enjoyed Mya's presence. The students shared that Mya often provides comfort when they are anxious before a test or with other personal situations. Nurse Ballard shared Northside students know they can come see Mya at any time in the school office. Mya doesn't always stay in the office; she often assists students in the classroom by standing beside them when they make a presentation or calming them down prior to a test. Nurse Ballard concluded that Mya often meets needs of students that staff members are not always able to meet.

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

Mr. Stenner acknowledged the leadership of BCSC for supporting nursing. He shared BCSC has a director of nursing and a nurse in every building to support efforts such as the facility dog and to reinforce school corporation goals that have been established for students.

### **Presentation of Duke Foundation Donation for BCSC STEM Initiatives**

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager, Chip Orben presented a check for \$7,500.00 from the Duke Foundation to Dr. Roberts. The funds will be used for STEM program initiative efforts within BCSC.

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

Jeff Caldwell thanked Mr. Orben for coming and for the continued support The Duke Foundation provides BCSC.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed in to speak.

## **WHAT**

### **1) Board Commendations:**

Mr. Caldwell commended the IT department for acknowledging BCSC employees who have successfully avoided phishing attempts.

Dr. Shedd recognized Columbus East Varsity Football Coach Bob Gaddis for a recent award. Coach Gaddis received the 2018-2019 “Indiana Football Coach of the Year Award” from the National Federation of High School Sports. She also commended Columbus East Strength and Conditioning Coach Scott Pherson. Coach Pherson is a state finalist for the “Strength Coach of the Year Award”. This award is given by the National High School Strength and Conditioning Association. Dr. Shedd congratulated both coaches for their achievements.

### **2) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

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

Mr. Caldwell gave an update on the Redevelopment Commission and shared information on the annual report.

### **4) Cabinet Reports**

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

Mr. Phillips reviewed the annual state law required Board of Finance Report. He recognized the 2020 board officers, discussed policy review, reviewed 2019 investments, and shared the history of earned income from investments.

Mr. Phillips also explained the new required DUAB fiscal indicators. He shared BCSC data from the indicators and indicated the data is located on the state DUAB website.

- **Technology Department Annual Update (Dr. Boezeman/Mr. Williams)**

Mr. Williams presented the annual technology update and introduced the technology leadership team. He defined each team member’s role within BCSC and reviewed the school district’s strategic plan for the technology department. Mr. Williams also highlighted the collaboration and training presentations the technology department is able to do within the community and throughout the state and country. He concluded with sharing how the department is looking ahead with continuation of a strong support structure, continuous training and the scaling of innovative technology.

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

Jeff Caldwell asked about the process for collecting feedback from the teacher community in regards to technology needs. Mr. Williams explained that each building has a teacher representative to serve as a liaison to the technology staff. There are also regular site visits as well as survey distribution to better gather instructional and classroom needs.

Mr. Stenner inquired about the process the technology department follows for onboarding and orienting new teachers. Mr. Williams responded that information is provided during new teacher orientation as well as ongoing staff training is available to new teachers. He also added that updated online information, optional after school monthly employee workshops and resources through the new teacher academy are additional communication tools. This is an ongoing process that is talked about daily not only for teachers, but for support staff as well.

Mr. Stenner also inquired how the level of competency is maintained. Mr. Williams talked about cyber security within the key technology systems of the corporation. He shared the staff is trained to work these systems and stressed there are group training sessions and specialized group meeting times to keep everyone up to date.

## **HOW**

### **5) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 13, 2020 (attachment)
- 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. Resolution for Transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund (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. Bryant seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, items 5) a-f were unanimously approved.

### **6) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:**

Dr. Bilz made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations, and Mr. Persinger seconded the motion.

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

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

President Caldwell reported that the next school board meeting would be February 17, 6:30 p.m. at Parkside Elementary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

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