

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Schmitt Elementary School, 2675 California Street, Columbus, IN 47201, on Monday, January 28, 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. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member

Absent: 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
 Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education
 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services
 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations

Absent: Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Dr. Bilz shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Through video, Schmitt Elementary students shared the Mission and Vision statements.

Dr. Shedd noted the high expectation objectives.

WHO/WHY

Schmitt Elementary Best Practice (Mrs. Day)

Mrs. Day, Schmitt Elementary Principal, shared the school information slide. Mrs. Day, Mr. Mahaffey, Schmitt Assistant Principal, and Ms. Edgren, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Facilitator, shared how Schmitt provides strategies to students and empowers them to self-regulate during the school day. The entire staff has focused on the social and emotional well-being of students by building relationships. There is an intentional effort to get to know each student. Students have also learned strategies to share their feelings with staff following restorative practices. Schmitt has seen a decrease in classroom discipline referrals over a two-year period.

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

There is still a small core group of students that receive discipline referrals, but a significant drop has been seen.

Parents are responding to the efforts at Schmitt to focus on the emotional well-being of their children, and they are excited to see the strategies working. Mrs. Day calls three to four families a week to give them good news about their children, and to show how proud she is of their child. Parents have also been more open to share a heads-up about their family and children to school personnel, including bus drivers. They will ask them to keep an eye out for their child during a difficult family time. The parents are comforted to know the adults care about their children.

The sensory wall in the cafeteria was pointed out. Schmitt received funding for this through a School Foundation grant.

Legislative Priorities (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts thanked *The Republic* for the great coverage of the community Legislative Gathering that Dr. Roberts hosted in order to share the corporation's viewpoints. The Legislative Gathering presentation slides will be on the BCSC website and in social media. Dr. Roberts shared the following BCSC Legislative Priorities:

1. Improve teacher recruitment and retention by promoting the profession and increasing teacher pay
2. Increase tuition support funding for K-12 students by a minimum of 1.5% above COLA
3. Remove barriers that restrict access to On My Way Pre-K
4. Extend Kindergarten ADM cut-off date to age 5 by October 1 without limiting number of years served
5. Appropriate necessary funds to fulfill current statutory commitment to English Language Learners (ELL)

6. Provide school safety funding equitably to all school corporations without reducing support elsewhere

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed in to speak.

WHAT

1) Board Commendations:

The following commendations were noted:

Denise Briner-Richardson, Columbus North and Northside Science Chair, and Aaron Lynott, Columbus East and Central Science Chair, were invited to participate in the IDOE Science Standard Framework meeting.

Andrew Taube, Columbus East Counselor, was named a Lilly Endowment 2019 Teacher Creativity Fellow. Mr. Taube will have a Costa Rican Spanish Immersion Experience.

Bajorn Gaylord, Columbus North Language Arts, was named a Lilly Endowment 2019 Teacher Creativity Fellow. Mr. Gaylord will travel to Thoreau's Cabin at Walden Pond.

Ten Columbus North Band students made the Indiana All-State Band.

2) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

3) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Caldwell attended the Columbus Redevelopment Commission meeting where they shared that they were moving forward with downtown initiatives to develop a convention center and hotel.

4) Cabinet Reports

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

Mr. Phillips shared this annual report that reviews the corporation investments and what they earned. The only approved investment instruments are: US Treasury Bills and Notes, Bank CDs and Money Market Sweep Accounts. Mr. Phillips reported the income earned from investments for all funds in 2018 was \$751,766.

In response to questions from the board, it was noted that the corporation came out ahead when comparing money earned on investments to interest paid on money borrowed.

- **Building Safety Plans IDOE Compliant (Dr. Boezeman)**

Dr. Boezeman noted that 2018 House Bill 1230 determined that school corporations must develop and submit school safety plans that would be audited by the IDOE. Dr. Boezeman reported that all BCSC schools were found to be 100% compliant well ahead of the deadline. He commended everyone who worked on the school safety plans. It was helpful that there was already a Crisis Plan in place to work with.

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 14, 2019 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. School Fundraisers (none to approve)
- e. Claims and Payroll (attachment)
- f. Resolution for a Recurring Transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund (attachment)
- g. School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department (attachment)
- h. Permission to Request Food Service Bids for Milk, Dairy, Dry Goods, Frozen Products and Bread Products (attachment)

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

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Dr. Bilz seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, Items 5) a-h were unanimously approved.

It was reported that BCSC presently has three School Resource Officers (SROs), two from the City Police and one from the Sheriff's Department. Two more SROs will join BCSC later this year. Flat-Rock Hawcreek has one SRO from the Sheriff's Department.

6) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

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

Ms. Heiny shared that Larry Perkinson, Student Assistance Coordinator, submitted his letter of retirement. He intends to retire in December.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

The board thanked Schmitt for hosting and sharing their presentation.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer announced that Mr. Joel Metzler was the 2019 Education Hall of Fame Recipient. Mr. Metzler retired from BCSC and was a principal at both Lincoln and Southside Elementary Schools.

President Shedd reported that the next school board meeting would be February 11, 6:30 p.m. at Columbus Signature Academy-Lincoln Campus. There will be a 6:00 p.m. reception in honor of the 2019 Education Hall of Fame recipient, Joel Metzler.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President