

PRESENTATIONS

Columbus North High School Girls' Golf-Team State Finalists and Holly Anderson, Individual State Title:

Mr. Hester thanked the board for recognizing the Columbus North High School athletes, and he noted that he was proud of the Girls' Golf team both on and off the course.

Coach Seavers thanked the board, cabinet and additional BCSC personnel for supporting the Girls' Golf Team. He shared the individual and team accomplishments for the season, including recognizing Holly Anderson for being the first Columbus North Girls' Golfer to win the State Championship. Mr. Seavers noted that the student athletes had an amazing work ethic, great attitudes and they excelled in academics. The team placed third in the State with a score that broke the previous IHSAA golf tournament record. Mr. Seavers introduced and thanked the Assistant Coach Brett White. The team was introduced and congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Taylorsville Elementary School Best Practice:

Mrs. Gant, Taylorsville Principal, multi-age team teachers, Ms. Tyree and Ms. Fradey, and students shared information on the multi-age classroom pathway at Taylorsville Elementary School. The teachers and first, second and third grade students noted that together they achieve more through collaboration. The 51 students in the pathway share a combined open space consisting of two classrooms. The students worked together with school board members to complete a STEM activity showing how valuable it is to work together to solve a problem. The students shared their motto, "You never know who is learning from you" a quote by Tapas Dasmohapatra.

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

The multi-age students are together all day, moving between small groups and whole groups. The Indiana Academic Standards for the three grade levels align vertically. All students would all be working on the same standard, but the complexity for each level would increase. The younger students learn from the older students as they get to hear all levels of learning.

The turn-over of students in the multi-age classroom is the same as in any classroom at Taylorsville. If the students remain at Taylorsville they stay in the pathway for three years. They become a family and are a very welcoming group.

School Foundation Innovation Grants Awarded:

Mrs. Hack shared that the School Foundation was proud to award the fall 2016 Innovation Grants. The grants give teachers the opportunity to be innovative by means of funding from outside of the General Fund. The following School Foundation Grants were awarded:

Columbus East Drama Club—Kevin Welsh- Student teaching materials for Drama Club and technical theatre education.

NASP Archery—John Sims, Rockcreek- To create an archery program for PE classes.

Flexible Seating Implementation- Jamie Bumbalough, Southside- Materials, chairs, Ergo stools for a kinetic teaching environment.

Full STEAM Ahead Fridays!—Laura Burbrink, CSA Lincoln- Funding of books, science kits, and consumables for STEAM activities.

Gosh Squash—Andrew Larson, Laura Burbrink, and students- Purchase materials for education in growing and sustainable resources around the growing of Squash vegetables.

Related Arts Indiana Bicentennial Project—Related Arts Team, Rockcreek- Funding for supplies and the installation of a professional mural commemorating the Indiana bicentennial.

In Focus—Rachel McCarver, Columbus North- Purchase of new cameras for student digital media education and support.

Mustang’s Minds in Motion Maze—Tessa Mayer, Southside- Training and launch materials for the Minds in Motion lab.

STEM and Literacy Connections with Writing Response—K team, Richards- Purchase supplies to complete science activities to enrich reading comprehension, fluency, and writing proficiency.

Musical “Indiana, That’s Where I Belong”—Kim Jones, Rockcreek- Support to produce a musical in conjunction with the Indiana Bicentennial celebration.

Genetics with Wisconsin Fast Plants—Kate Slabosky, Central- To make Mendelian genetics literally come alive for students.

STEAM Powered Animation—Andrea Bartels, Richards- Purchase supplies and computers to support introducing students to animation and animation techniques.

Tin Chef II: Classroom to Table—Cinde Wirth, CSA New Tech- Materials and support for students to learn the importance of growing fresh foods.

Bright Beginnings Bucks—Andrea Quick and Angela Ulm, McDowell- Incentives to keep high school student/parent engagement and focus on school.

Student Choice and Student Voice—Talara Henry, Rockcreek- Fifth grade students at Rockcreek will be responsible for researching and choosing new books for the book list.

STEM Revolution—Sarah Lanam and Dana Calfee, Northside- Develop and unify a robust 8th grade science lab curriculum with technology rich lab experiments.

Mr. Stenner, School Board Representative on the School Foundation, noted that a recent

important duty of the foundation was to hire an Executive Director due to the resignation of Ethan Crough. He introduced the new Executive Director, Suzi Bruin. Mr. Stenner shared that Mrs. Bruin had worked for BCSC on various projects for more than four years. The foundation board found her to be highly qualified, energetic, determined and enthusiastic.

Mrs. Bruin shared that when she moved to Columbus she quickly became aware of the School Foundation and noted that it was the oldest school foundation in the state. She found that the foundation was not stuck in tradition but was springing forward as was revealed through the innovation grants. Mrs. Bruin shared her excitement to continue the rewarding work of the foundation and thanked the board for their support. Mrs. Bruin was welcomed and congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Wellness Policy Implementation and Analyses:

Mrs. Millspaugh, Food Service Director, and Mrs. Thompson, Health Services Director, reviewed the Wellness Policy 8510 as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. They noted some regulations that have changed and shared that the Wellness Committee will focus on the Final Rule guidelines in 2017. A Wellness Policy Evaluation Checklist was shared with the board noting the corporation's present policy meets all requirements.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

2) Board Commendations:

Dr. Shedd commended Nick Williams, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, for receiving the Making It Happen Award from the International Society of Technical Education.

Dr. Shedd received an email from an official of the Central Middle School vs. Martinsville football game that complimented the conduct of the Central football coaches. The official shared that this was the first loss for Central and that the players were upset. The coaches, Mr. Londeree, Mr. Scruggs, Mr. Henry and Mr. Bergman, conducted themselves very well and were a class act. He noted that Mr. Londeree's speech to the team was inspiring and full of valuable life lessons. The coaches and Athletic Director, Mr. Bronkella, were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) ADM Annual Report:

Dr. Sylva shared the ADM student count of September 16, 2016. The total student count was reported to be 11,250.7, a .06 increase from 2015. There was a decrease of 56.5 elementary students, an increase of 94.56 middle school students, and a decrease of 38 high school students. Dr. Sylva shared that enrollment numbers did not increase, in part, due to the Cummins layoffs in 2015 and an increase of enrollment in the private schools. The September ADM generates the state funds for the first half of the school year. The next count will be the DOE-PE, it includes pre-k students and the ADM does not.

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

Parochial students that take one or two courses at Northside Middle School or Central Middle School are counted as partial students.

The increase of .06 was determined by comparing the September 2015 count to the September 2016 count.

4) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

5) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Abrams, Mr. Caldwell and Dr. Roberts attended the regional Indiana School Board Association meeting where they learned of legislative matters they need to keep an eye on. One that was discussed was the recommendation to raise the dollar threshold for school construction projects before triggering a remonstrance or referendum. The present thresholds are \$2 million or \$10 million respectively.

Dr. Shedd attended the Corporation Continuous Improvement Council where they learned more about the Indiana Teacher Quality Grant that was received from the state through the U.S. Department of Education. Also discussed was aligning district efforts while working on a district strategic plan by answering the following driving question: How do we improve learning environments to ensure all students grow and are more successful?

6) Cabinet Reports:

No reports were shared.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)

7) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 26, 2016 and Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of October 7, 2016 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. 2017 Budget: Form 4 Resolution; Bus Replacement Plan; Capital Project Fund Plan; Resolution to Authorize Reductions; Tax Neutrality Resolution (attachments)
- f. Capital Projects Fund Appropriation Reduction for 2016 (attachment)
- g. 2016 General Obligation Preliminary Bond Resolution (attachment)
- h. 2016 General Obligation Bond Reimbursement Resolution (attachment)
- i. Preliminary Taxable General Refunding Bond Resolution (attachment)
- j. Change Order for Rockcreek Elementary (attachment)

Dr. Sylva shared that he had received the assessed value from the county and it was higher than anticipated. This will add dollars to the Capital Projects Fund, and it is possible that the tax rate will go down.

Dr. Roberts requested the board vote on Items 7) a-f and j, and then consider Items 7) g-i in separate votes.

Mr. Abrams made a motion to approve Items 7) a-f and j and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously, 6-0.

Dr. Roberts noted that the remaining items for approval related to the issuing of bonds to do necessary renovations and improvements as the corporation attempts to maintain facilities. A facility study completed this year identified the needs at the 21 buildings. As the corporation has debt coming off, there is an opportunity to spend dollars on these needs.

Amy Matthews, Attorney of Church Church Hittle + Antrim, shared that Items 7) g-h are related to the potential new projects Dr. Roberts spoke of. The first step is to approve the preliminary bond resolution that establishes the maximum amount to be borrowed, the maximum term of repayment and the maximum interest rate.

Mr. Stenner made a motion to approve the 2016 General Obligation Preliminary Bond Resolution. Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

Upon a call of the vote, the motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Ms. Matthews explained that the board would be asked to approve the 2016 General Obligation Bond Reimbursement Resolution. If the corporation pays any preliminary costs related to the projects in advance of receiving the bond proceeds, it may want to reserve its ability to be reimbursed from bond proceeds after the closing. The Internal Revenue Service requires the corporation approve a resolution in order to reimburse the funds.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the 2016 General Obligation Bond Reimbursement Resolution and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously, 6-0.

Ms. Matthews shared that the Preliminary Taxable General Refunding Bond Resolution was to authorize refinancing of a bond from 2006 in order to reduce interest costs over the life of the issue.

Mrs. Verbanic made a motion to approve the Preliminary Taxable General Refunding Bond Resolution and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Dr. Roberts shared that the approval of the bond resolutions was the first step necessary to complete the following renovations and improvements: roof and other exterior improvements to Parkside Elementary School; playground projects at one or more elementary schools; interior renovations, including improvement of instructional spaces, at Clifty Creek Elementary School, Smith Elementary School and Taylorsville Elementary School; and exterior, mechanical and classroom improvements at Schmitt Elementary School and Northside Middle School. Dr. Roberts noted that Public Notice of the projects, including specifics of how the funds will be used, would be published in *The Republic* by November 3, and a Public Hearing will be held at the November 14 school board meeting.

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

8) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny requested approval of the human resources recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the human resources recommendation and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously, 6-0.

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer thanked Taylorsville for hosting the board meeting and shared that she

has heard so many good things about the school from parents and students. She also shared that Corey Londeree, Central Middle School teacher and Coach, was her son's teaching assistant in elementary school several years ago. At that time, Mr. Londeree planned to go to law school. She later learned that he was working on his Special Education teaching degree. Mr. Londeree had changed his career path due to his experiences as a teaching assistant for her son. She shared how proud she was of Mr. Londeree for impacting students in a positive way.

President Shedd shared that the next school board meeting would be November 14, 7:00 p.m. at Columbus Signature Academy-Fodrea Campus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President