

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at L.F. Smith Elementary School, 4505 Waycross Drive, Columbus, IN 47203, on Monday, November 13, 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. Rich Stenner, President
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Vice President
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Secretary
 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mr. James Persinger, Member
 Dr. Jill Shedd, 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

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Dr. Shedd shared reflections.

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

WHO/WHY

Smith Elementary students, Allison and Anna Halstead, read the mission and vision. Mr. Stenner noted the high expectation objectives.

Dr. Roberts shared an informational slide on Smith Elementary School.

Smith Elementary School Best Practice:

Mr. Payne, Smith Principal, Mr. Musillami, Ms. Haines and Ms. Mitchell, Smith Teachers, shared a presentation on a first grade project that focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). The project “Sonics Design Columbus” allowed students to Discover Columbus on a field trip where they saw architectural design and they explored the Exhibit Columbus installations. Exhibit Columbus is an annual exploration of architecture, art, design and community. Students then were asked to think like a Scientist, a Technologist, an Engineer, an Artist and a Mathematician and build replicas of the buildings they had seen. This was a month-long project.

2017 Indiana Youth Survey and Counseling Counts:

Mr. Perkinson, Student Assistance Coordinator, shared data from the 2017 Indiana Youth Survey that measures tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drug use of students in grades six through twelve. When comparing percentages to 2015, alcohol use had decreased and tobacco and marijuana use increased. The percentage of students using prescription drugs remained the same. There were survey questions about parent circumstances and the effects on the mental health of students. The survey indicated that trauma and stress increases substance use. Mr. Perkinson noted that our students face many challenges, but the majority make good choices. The corporation needs to better educate families and the community on the perceptions regarding the harms of substances. The mental health related questions showed that the highest percentages are at the middle school level for students that feel sad and hopeless and have considered attempting suicide. The Counseling Counts grant is a community effort that will address relationships and the mental health needs of students.

Dr. Moore, Counseling Counts Coordinator, shared that the corporation received a grant of \$1.1 million from the Lilly Endowment Inc. as a part of the Endowment’s Comprehensive Counseling Initiative for Indiana K-12 Students. BCSC’s two-tiered approach will include the provision of preventative services through focusing and developing student assets and to have responsive supports in place. This will be a holistic, systems approach to addressing the mental health needs of all students. Developmental assets are building blocks of healthy development, and they will provide a baseline for assessment. Health curriculum in the future will be asset based as well. Workshops in the corporation have begun with over 180 attending, and there will be more opportunities for training in the future.

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

BCSC staff will be acutely aware of signs to watch for in students as they identify them for available services.

Of the \$1.1 million dollar grant, approximately \$6,000 has been spent. The estimated cost for therapists from Center Stone and Family Services will be \$850,000. Having the additional personnel in the schools would allow time for BCSC counselors to have a more personal mental health support approach with students.

Parents or guardians will be contacted before services are provided for their child.

The corporation is already looking for funding to sustain the additional mental health support.

This is a hearts and mind campaign and building relationships with the community will continue. Everyone senses there is a need for mental health support, so this will be a collaborative approach. The 40 Developmental Assets have been a part of BCSC's vocabulary for several years, but now the goal is to make the assets a part of the culture. It was noted that hope is found through relationships.

There will be two more student surveys taken before the end of the grant.

2017 Miyoshi Ambassador Trip-Miyoshi, Japan:

Mr. Findley, CSA-Lincoln Campus Principal, shared information and pictures of his Miyoshi, Japan Ambassador Trip taken in October. His trip included visiting and participating in school and community events. Mr. Findley noted the significance of the Miyoshi partnership and shared information on the next steps. Miyoshi students and adults will visit BCSC in August and the plan is to be as welcoming to them as they were to Mr. Findley.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

WHAT

1) Board Commendations:

Dr. Shedd recognized Mr. Persinger for playing in the Wizards vs. School Foundation basketball game. Dr. Roberts added that this fundraising effort went very well, and he thanked all that participated. He commended the School Foundation Executive Director, Mrs. Bruin, for the successful, well-attended event.

2) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

3) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that the Education Hall of Fame Nomination Committee would be meeting on December 4th to review the nominations and determine the winner. The award will be presented in February 2018.

Mr. Abrams attended the Diversity Council meeting where they were led through an enlightening exercise on bias awareness by the IU Center for Teacher Quality (ICTQ). The protocol will be shared throughout the corporation.

Mr. Stenner is a member of the Council for Youth Development and they will be encouraged as a group to use the 40 Developmental Assets as a system of measurement.

Mr. Caldwell noted that the Health Trust met and their work was around the insurance and prescription drug changes for the Columbus Educators Association (CEA) contract. The changes were covered in detail at the special board meeting held to approve the contract.

4) Cabinet Reports:

Mr. Phillips referred to a memo he sent in Friday Notes about the refunding of the 2010 High School Bonds. He noted that the district was presented the opportunity to refund debt at lower rates thanks to a tax reform bill. If the interest rates are found to be favorable, Mr. Phillips will bring a recommendation to the December 11th board meeting. Moving forward with this refunding before the first of the year could save BCSC approximately \$3 million. There is an aggressive timeline because of proposed federal legislation.

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 October 23, 2017, Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of October 27, 2017, Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of November 1, 2017 and Minutes of the Executive Session of November 1, 2017 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Additional Appropriations (attachment)
- f. Revised LIT Resolution (attachment)

Dr. Roberts shared that the Additional Appropriations request is asking to increase the General Fund expenditures by \$1,040,000 with dollars we have available. The approval to spend more than the approved budget for the calendar year is the result of preparing and approving the budget before the increase in health premiums were known and because the collectively bargained raises approved for 2017-2018 averaged 3.2% and were budgeted for 2%.

Dr. Roberts requested approval of the reviewed items.

Dr. Shedd made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

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

The General Fund balance will not decrease due to the additional appropriations. The General Fund revenue has increased due to a higher than projected ADM and an increase in interest revenue. The balance will be greater than projected.

The final approval for the School Foundation Innovation Grant for “Paws in the Halls”, a therapy dog, is still on hold. Mr. Monroe will work on a policy revision that adds therapy dogs to the policy that now addresses service dogs.

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

6) 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, and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

President Stenner noted that there would be a Retirement Reception for Dr. Vaughn Sylva at 6:00 p.m. on December 11th at Columbus East High School near room C110. The next school board meeting would be December 11th, 6:30 p.m. at Columbus East High School in room C110.

Dr. Roberts invited the board to meet him at 5:30 p.m. on December 11th to tour Columbus East High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01p.m.

_____Secretary

Attest: _____President