

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Clifty Creek Elementary School, 4625 E 50 N, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7:00 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. Robert Abrams, President
 Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President
 Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Member

Absent: Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Administration: Dr. John Quick, Superintendent
 Ms. Teresa Heiny, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Dr. Vaughn Sylva, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
 Mrs. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education
 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education

School Attorney: Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer offered reflections.

President Abrams called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Clifty Creek Elementary School students Tanner Roberts and Collin Greenlee read the BCSC Mission and Vision. Mr. Abrams noted the High Expectation Objectives.

PRESENTATIONS

Clifty Creek Elementary School Best Practice:

Mrs. Hack shared that the Learning Management System, itsLearning, wraps different opportunities of instruction into one technology piece and only one log-in is required.

Mrs. Pleak, Clifty Principal, second and third grade teachers and students shared how the itsLearning platform encapsulates instruction all in one place. It's much easier for teachers and students to have one place to go and only one log-in. The presenters looked at itsLearning through the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) lens as they shared the goal, the agenda, the why and the what. The engagement provides options for individualized learning and expression. There is a purpose set for learning and students are self-directed. Teachers can easily access student work and provide needed scaffolds. Through itsLearning, students can choose to complete assignments in a way that is best for them and at their own pace. Students shared why they like itsLearning and how they build background knowledge and the multiple ways they can express what they have learned.

The following information was added in response to questions from the Board.

Teachers can see everything students do on itsLearning and it opens up lines of communication.

In the past, students might have up to eight user names and log-ins for different instructional programs. With itsLearning there is one.

There is less paper with on-line filing and teachers and students can see student growth easily.

Teachers can utilize one another's resources.

The frontloading took time and there have been some glitches in using the student management system with the newly adopted Wonders reading series. ItsLearning creates a seamless and effortless way of communication.

Students can access itsLearning from home and parents can see their child's work.

Grades from itsLearning are transferred to the on-line gradebook.

The Student Council vote was created through a community on itsLearning and the data was easily compiled.

Schools have an in-house itsLearning expert and professional development has been provided.

eLearning Days:

Mr. Jensen noted that the itsLearning presentation was a great segway to the eLearning presentation. He shared that Mr. Williams, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, was hired as more digital tools were added to support the framework of UDL and Positive Behavior Instructional Supports (PBIS). He noted that Mr. Williams was an exceptional teacher at Columbus North and now his talents are shared across the district. He commended Mr. Williams

for doing a thorough job in the research and planning of eLearning Days. Mr. Jensen noted that the eLearning Days are a work in progress.

Mr. Williams shared that all BCSC first through twelfth grade students have a device; kindergartners have iPads, grades one to eight have Chromebooks, and grades nine to twelve have laptops. ItsLearning management system has over 5000 courses and includes over 100 professional development courses. He shared a one-time snapshot of online users showing the total of 13,025. Common Sense Media, a not-for-profit, is used for digital citizenship/internet safety.

Mr. Williams shared that virtual eLearning Days would start on the sixth snow day as another instructional tool in the toolbox. Communication to parents and students will be via website, handouts, media, hotline and email. On eLearning Days, teachers will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Columbus East, Northside Middle and Southside Elementary Schools will be open for any students to get access to the internet, if weather permits. Lunch and a school nurse will be available for students who go to one of the schools. A list of free public wifi spots will be posted and offline assignments will be available for those that cannot connect to technology. The eLearning Day is counted as a school day, and attendance will be taken based on completed learning objectives. Learning objectives will be posted by 9:00 a.m. and modifications will be made to meet the Individual Education Plans of students with special needs. Support staff hours can be worked at a later time, so they will not lose income for the day. The Indiana Department of Education has approved the BCSC eLearning Day system.

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

No BCSC transportation will be provided on eLearning Days.

Teachers will post clear learning objectives for the day based on the UDL framework. Assessments will be attached to the objectives.

The learning objectives for the day will not be busy work, but current materials that would have been covered if students were in the school building that day. This is complex and a work in progress. Research notes that other districts are not doing eLearning Days very well, but those that are doing the best, have a Learning Management System. BCSC has the right framework with itsLearning. The key for BCSC is to have our students cognitively engaged.

If it's known that inclement weather is coming, middle school and elementary school parents have the option to request students bring their Chromebooks home. High School students are allowed to take their devices home on a daily basis.

BCSC will continue to work on logistics of eLearning Days; especially if or when we already have a few snow days.

The eLearning Days are a better option than extending the school year; seniors would be present and the day would be prior to ISTEP testing.

Being flexible will be very important for instances where teachers and students have internet connection issues.

On a rare occasion there might be one school alone that would have to make-up a day. ELearning would work well in this situation as it gives more flexibility.

It was suggested that the BCSC television broadcast could be an additional communication tool.

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:

Mr. Stenner commended Courtney Rushton, Southside Elementary First Grade Teacher and Kate Slabosky, Central Middle School Science Teacher for being named the UDL Teacher Spotlight of the month. The Teacher Spotlight showcases teachers and students utilizing technology or no-tech options in creative and innovative ways to support UDL for learning. The UDL Spotlight will be highlighted each month on the BCSC website.

Mr. Abrams thanked Mr. Jensen, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. VanHorn, Mr. Jamerson, Technology Director, and the Board for all their efforts in the replacement process for Superintendent Quick. The vacancy notice, BCSC brochure and application are posted on the website. The next step is to develop a community survey that will be on the website by November 30th.

Dr. Shedd commended Northside and Central Middle School students and coaches for placing in the top nine in the Indiana Junior Spell Bowl.

Dr. Shedd commended Mr. Jamerson for being chosen as the keynote speaker at itsLearning's "Leading Significant Change in Education" Conference in Norway. He will present BCSC's itsLearning story.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Verbanic attended the Family School Partners Advisory Board meeting. She commended Mrs. Findley, Coordinator, for her efforts in increasing the United Way grant for the program. The Family School Partners (FSP) serve 133 families. The Touch-a-Truck program, sponsored by FSP, was well attended and loved by all. Mrs. Verbanic commended First Financial Bank and Cummins Inc. for providing FSP volunteers.

5) Cabinet Report:

Mr. Jensen thanked the Columbus North Journalism students and teacher, Ms. McCarver, for their great job in creating the Notice of Superintendent Vacancy brochure.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)

7) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Quick)

Dr. Quick reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Executive Session of October 16, 2015 and Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of October 19, 2015 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for funding a County-Wide Radio Communication System (attachment)
- f. To Advertise for Network Equipment (attachment)

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the items as described by Dr. Quick. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Verbanic.

The following information was added in response to a question from the Board.

The cost for the interlocal radio agreement is shared among four groups; City of Columbus, BCSC, Columbus Regional Hospital and Bartholomew County. If not shared, in theory, the investment could be four times the cost.

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

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

8) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny request approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Verbanic made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shedd.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

President Abrams shared that the next school board meeting would be December 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Smith Elementary School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

_____Secretary

Attest: _____President