

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Northside Middle School, 1400 27th Street, Columbus, IN 47201, on Monday, February 12, 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. James Persinger, Secretary
 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mr. Rich Stenner, 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

There was a 6:00 p.m. reception in honor of Karen Garrity, the 2018 Education Hall of Fame Award recipient.

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Bryant shared reflections.

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

WHO/WHY

Presentation of the 2018 Education Hall of Fame Award to Karen Garrity:

Dr. Roberts shared that the corporation was blessed to honor Karen Garrity for her excellence in education. The selection committee, including school board representative, Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, received and considered applications for the Education Hall of Fame award. The award criteria was shared and Dr. Roberts read the inscription on Mrs. Garrity's plaque that recognized her going above and beyond for staff and students and acknowledged her being

responsible for many initiatives in the corporation. Dr. Roberts congratulated Ms. Garrity and thanked her for her service to BCSC.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that she remembers when Ms. Garrity initiated the programs and said they were very important. Ms. Garrity's passion for students and her leadership helped jump any hurdles in the process. Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared her appreciation for Ms. Garrity's service to students and the community.

Dr. Roberts noted that there was an outstanding article in *The Republic*, written by Matthew Kent, highlighting Ms. Garrity.

Ms. Garrity thanked everyone and shared that she was both humbled and honored to be the 2018 Education Hall of Fame recipient. She was quick to add that the award was also for family, colleagues, and friends that supported her and worked hard to help the initiatives come to fruition. She thanked everyone for the award and noted that the work was not finished, and as long as there was work to be done, she would continue working for students and the community. Ms. Garrity received a personal plaque and one to hang in the BCSC building of her choosing.

On My Way Pre-K:

Dr. Pleak noted that Ms. Garrity was a champion for Pre-K so this presentation was fitting as the corporation continues to build the Pre-K program. She introduced Ms. Woodward, Project Manager SIEOC CCR&R, and Mr. Yates, BCSC Pre-K Director.

Ms. Woodward and Mr. Yates shared a presentation on the On My Way Pre-K program. On My Pre-K is Indiana's state-funded pilot administered by the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). The primary goal is to promote access to high-quality Pre-K for low-income children. Bartholomew County was selected as one of the new counties to pilot the program due to a program expansion by the Indiana General Assembly. The feedback and research from the first two years of the pilot program concludes that four-year-olds show improvement in early learning skills, readiness for kindergarten, language comprehension, early literacy skills and classroom behavior. Eligible families will receive a full-time grant for the Pre-K program that includes care during school breaks and the summer.

Ms. Woodward thanked Mrs. Oren, Community Education Coalition (CEC) and County Lead, for being instrumental in advocating for the Pre-K expansion and for writing the grant. The CEC will provide the required county match dollars.

There are currently eight approved On My Way Pre-K providers in Bartholomew County, including Busy Bees Academy and Taylorsville Elementary School. BCSC has received 18 of the 33 January 2018 grants approved for Bartholomew County. Qualification information was shared along with the Children's Bureau intake process. Ms. Woodward shared the importance of reaching as many children as possible to complete the application process. The target for the fall of 2018 is to have 100 students approved for On My Way Pre-K in Bartholomew County. She asked everyone to help spread the word about free Pre-K. To be eligible children must be

four-years-old by August 1, the family's income must fall within federal poverty guidelines and parents or guardians must be employed or enrolled in school.

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

Providers of On My Way Pre-K must be rated a level three or four in Paths to Quality for Public Schools. This includes requiring 50% of the staff, including teaching assistants, to have a degree in early education or to be working towards a bachelor's degree. In BCSC the Pre-K rooms have one teacher and two teaching assistants. Some rooms also have a special education assistant.

Families presently pay \$150 per week for Pre-K.

There is a need for 200 to 250 applicants to meet the goal of 100 approved students. McDowell Education Center has been valuable by helping remove barriers for parents. McDowell held orientation sessions for families, and it was noted that BCSC had been an innovative partner. Each family is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Barrett, program manager with the FSSA, shared that state-issued cell phones would be provided to project managers to improve communication with parents throughout the enrollment process. They have found that texting is a great tool.

Once children are enrolled, families find the high quality Pre-K program helps remove some barriers. The program requires students have an 85% attendance rate.

Before and after school care is offered, permitting the student's day to begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

At this point, there have been 180 applicants for the 2018-2019 school year. Present Pre-K parents have been asked to help spread the word and encourage others to apply. There are marketing materials being distributed across the county.

Most children attending the private Pre-K programs will eventually be BCSC students.

The Legado Spanish Immersion Academy will be held at Clifty Creek Elementary. On My Way Pre-K students will attend Busy Bees Academy or Taylorsville Elementary School.

The program is assured to be in place for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

WHAT

1) Board Commendations:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Columbus North Girls' Basketball Coach, Pat McKee, for being named the coach of the Girls' Indiana All-Star Team. The Indiana All-Stars will play against the Kentucky All-Stars on June 8 and June 9 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended the Columbus East High School Girls' Basketball team for winning the sectional.

Mr. Stenner commended Columbus North High School students, Jannis Anderson, Vamshi Balanga, Drew Riordan and Yijiang Zhao, for earning the top designation of "Outstanding" in the International Mathematical Modeling Contest. The challenge involved designing and optimizing a new Olympic caliber ski resort on a real parcel of land in Utah. The team had 36 hours to research, model, communicate and submit their 26-page solution paper.

Dr. Shedd commended CSA-New Tech Biology/Environmental Science teacher, Cynthia Wirth, for being named a semi-finalist for the Albert Einstein Distinguished Fellowship Program through the US Department of Energy.

Mr. Abrams commended Columbus North students, Jenna Hashagen and Rachel Deak, for being awarded a Silver Key for their artwork submitted to the Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Their work is exhibited at Clowes Memorial Hall.

2) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

3) School Board Member Reports:

Dr. Shedd attended the School Foundation Board meeting where they discussed the great efforts of the foundation. Work continues on fund management and the development of a strategic plan. The Board approved the added position of a part-time fund raising coordinator.

Dr. Shedd also reported on her participation in an Indiana School Board Association webinar, and she shared an overview of education related legislation.

Mr. Caldwell shared that the Health Trust met and comparative data revealed that, in the past year, the membership spent 1000 less days in the hospital. Participation in the Health Trust has increased, and positive reports were shared at the meeting.

4) Cabinet Reports:

Mr. Jensen shared that the Community Education Coalition and EcO Network are hosting a day-long workshop for legislators and state agencies to share how educational opportunities and economic and workforce opportunities align. The group will tour the Manufacturing Center and hear career connections and talent testimonial from education, business and student stakeholders.

Dr. Roberts shared that a Chinese educator would be visiting Schmitt Elementary and C4 this week to learn about Project-Based Learning (PBL) and STEM programming.

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 22, 2018 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Purchase School Buses (attachment)
- f. Change Order for Clifty Creek, Smith and Taylorsville Elementary School Renovations (attachment)

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

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Mr. Persinger seconded the motion.

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

The special needs buses are wheelchair accessible and will be larger to allow for more use; they will seat 42 students. The corporation has 27 wheelchair accessible buses and eleven spares. They plan to sell two of them at auction.

All the money budgeted for buses will be spent on the new purchases.

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. Persinger made a motion to approve the human resources recommendations, and Dr. Shedd seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Dr. Shedd thanked Northside Middle School for hosting the meeting, and she thanked the Education Hall of Fame selection committee for their great choice of Karen Garrity.

Mr. Persinger noted that he was highly impressed with the list of programs Ms. Garrity initiated, and he shared that several benefited his children.

Mr. Caldwell stated that Ms. Garrity had significantly contributed to the corporation, and that the list of established programs was amazing.

The next school board meeting would be February 26, 6:30 p.m. at Northside Middle School. Board members were reminded to meet Dr. Roberts for a tour of Northside Middle School at 5:45 p.m. prior to the board meeting. Third House Sessions are on Mondays, 7:30 a.m. at Mill Race Center.

President Caldwell shared the exciting news that he had a grandson born Saturday night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President