



Commerce. Mrs. Chitty was introduced and congratulated. Dr. Roberts shared excerpts of nomination letters from colleagues and parents. The Edna Folger Outstanding Teacher award was designed to raise awareness about the immeasurable influence teachers have on their students and to recognize the image of teachers as important community role models. Full-time elementary or secondary school teachers in Bartholomew County are eligible to receive the annual award.

### **Senior Project-PulsePoint AED:**

Mr. Jensen shared that this is a fun time of year as students engage and are challenged in their own learning journey of choice through their senior projects. He introduced senior, Jennifer Guttman, who demonstrated what she learned through her senior project on the PulsePoint AED App.

Ms. Gutman shared how a free PulsePoint App can be downloaded and an account can be created on cell phones. The location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are added to the App, and in an emergency one can find directions to the nearest AED. There is also a feature that gives you step-by-step instructions for using the AED. The App also allows one to share their location with people nearby who have CPR training. Ms. Gutman noted that she had been working to upload the AED's in the corporation but asked for help from schools to upload the location of the AED in their buildings. Ms. Gutman thanked her mentor and BioMedical teacher, Ms. Behling.

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

Ms. Gutman has an interest in the medical field and the availability and use of AED's has become more important to her because her grandfather has had two open heart surgeries.

Through this project, Ms. Gutman found a nursing home that did not have an AED.

Dr. Roberts noted that the corporation would fulfill the request to help add AED's to the PulsePoint AED App.

Mr. Jensen acknowledged and thanked Ms. Gutman's mentor, Ms. Behling, and he shared that Senior Projects would be presented at all three high schools on April 23 and 24. This is the 18 year for Senior Projects.

### **Rockcreek Elementary School Best Practice:**

Mrs. Hack noted that schools are always working on ways to make sure students and teachers are engaged. Kagan Cooperative Learning is a way to increase engagement in the classroom as it fosters communities and collaboration.

Mrs. Dettmer, Rockcreek principal, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) facilitator, Mrs. Hult, second grade teachers and students shared how Kagan works and is connected to (UDL).

Kagan encourages cooperative learning as it embeds engagement into instruction, minimizes distractions, fosters collaboration and facilitates personal coping skills and strategies. Classroom examples were shared and the board received a handout showing how student collaboration takes place. The students taught the board how to congratulate and encourage one another to reach a goal.

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

All schools have unique approaches to instruction as the district gives options of foundational materials and programs. Rockcreek has flourished by using Kagan Cooperative Learning and as other schools hear about it they may develop pieces of instruction around the program as well.

### **Facility Improvement Projects:**

Mr. Funk, CSO Architect, shared information on the following proposed facility improvement projects that address the highest priority needs as the corporation strives to maintain facilities:

- Build America Bonds fund improvements at Columbus East and Columbus North High Schools – Current bond balance \$3,017,000
- G.O. Bond #1-\$2,000,000 – Parkside Elementary School exterior envelope improvements
- G.O. Bond #2-\$2,000,000 – Elementary School Playgrounds
- G.O. Bond #3-\$2,000,000 – Interior Improvements at Clifty Creek, Smith and Taylorsville Elementary Schools
- G.O. Bond #4-\$735,000 – Chiller and HVAC at Schmitt Elementary and re-roofing and interior improvements at Northside Middle School
- Additional Projects-Unused G.O. Bond and Bond Premiums – Improvements at Rockcreek Elementary, R.L. Johnson Early Education, Southside Elementary and Richards Elementary

Mr. Funk shared the project schedule that included bidding the projects in multiple packages. The approval to solicit bids will be requested at the end of the board meeting. Construction should begin in May 2017.

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

The materials used for the Columbus East High School running track will be the same that was used at Columbus North. It will have a much longer life span than what is presently in place at Columbus East.

In response to the fire in the auditorium at Columbus North High School, 25 damaged seats were replaced, and others were cleaned so the auditorium could be back in use quickly. The proposed work in the auditorium will replace all auditorium seats.

At this meeting, the board will be asked to approve to seek bids; they will not be approving the spending of funds until a later date.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)**

### **1) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:**

#### **a. Appointment of the Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services:**

Dr. Roberts shared that the Human Resources requests were brought to the front of the agenda due to the nature of changing two Cabinet positions. Dr. Roberts noted that due to the resignation of Dr. Vaughn Sylva that he was proud to recommend Mr. Chad Phillips for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services. He shared Mr. Phillips' BCSC career experiences and his educational background. Mr. Phillips is currently working on his Doctorate.

Mr. Calwell made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Phillips, and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion. Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips thanked the Board, Ms. Heiny and Dr. Roberts for the opportunity and noted the large shoes he has to fill as he replaces Dr. Sylva. He thanked his wife and family for their support and he thanked Dr. DeClue, former BCSC Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, as she had hired him for all his prior BCSC positions. Mr. Phillips shared that he had worked with nearly every administrator in the district and was grateful to have learned from each one. He noted that students and teachers work hard every day, and he will try his best to continue to make this a robust, strong and well-funded public school.

#### **b. Appointment of the Director of Title Programs:**

Dr. Roberts shared that he was excited to recommend Dr. Gina Pleak as the Director of Title Programs. Dr. Pleak will be replacing Mr. Phillips. Dr. Roberts noted Dr. Pleak's past work experiences and her educational background that included recently completing her Doctorate Degree.

Mr. Bryant made the motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Pleak, and Mr. Abrams seconded the motion. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Pleak thanked the Board for the opportunity, and she thanked the interview team. She shared that her first appointment at BCSC was at a board meeting also held at Rockcreek and that her children attended the school. Dr. Pleak noted that she felt privileged to be a principal at Clifty Creek and Mt. Healthy Elementary Schools. She said the Rockcreek staff is doing amazing things each day and that she will do all she can to work with them through the transition. Dr. Pleak said that she was excited, felt privileged and humbled, and she looks forward to serving BCSC in her new role. She also thanked her family for their support.

### c. Additional Human Resource Recommendations

Dr. Roberts noted that due to Dr. Pleak's appointment, the posting for the Clifty Creek Principal position would open the next day.

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

Mr. Caldwell 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.

### **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. Roberts commended Mr. Abrams for having an article published in *The American School Board Journal*. The article highlighted STEM activities in BCSC.

Dr. Roberts also commented Dr. Sylva for being named the School Business Official of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO). The award will be presented in May.

### **MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)**

#### **4) Food Service Annual Report:**

Mrs. Millspaugh shared that the school plate lunch participation had increased. Two initiatives that seemed to encourage students to participate were student theme days and student survey results that helped to drive the menu. There was a decline in those served in the summer feeding program most likely due to rain cancelling community activities. Also, the community partners did not distribute fliers like they had in the past. This will be an opportunity for improvement this coming summer. Participation in the on-line payment program has increased by more than \$13,000 a month. Mrs. Millspaugh shared that there had been an increased

collaboration with the community and that over two tons of unopened food had been donated to Love Chapel and the BCSC high school food pantries already this school year. A \$10,000 grant was recently received from the Healthy Communities & Indiana Farm Network that will fund the purchase of a freezer so locally grown produce can be shock-frozen and served throughout the school year. Mrs. Millspaugh explained that Federal law mandates equity in school lunch prices to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the food service account for paid lunches. Schools that charge less than \$2.86 for a paid student lunch are required to adjust their weighted average lunch price. The increase is capped at 10 cents. Mrs. Millspaugh requested a ten cent increase for elementary and secondary lunches and breakfasts. It is proposed that adult lunches be raised 20 cents and adult breakfasts would remain the same. The board will be asked to approve the meal increases at the next board meeting.

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

There could be new laws put in place that would impact the food content that school corporations are allowed to serve students.

### **3) School Attorney Report:**

No report was shared.

### **5) School Board Member Reports:**

Dr. Shedd attended the National School Board Association conference and shared highlights from sessions she attended. The theme for the conference was advocating for public schools.

Mr. Caldwell attended the Districting & Facility Committee meeting where they viewed and discussed the proposed facility improvements that Mr. Funk shared earlier in the meeting. The committee also continues to track enrollment numbers.

### **6) Cabinet Reports:**

Mr. Jensen shared that CSA-New Tech High School will be hosting a tour group of the Department of Defense. There will be individuals from Germany, Japan and the Pentagon. The Department of Defense has \$600 million to spend on schools for children of those serving in the military.

## **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 Executive Session of February 27, 2017, Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 27, 2017 and Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of March 10, 2017 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Bid Facility Improvement Projects (attachment)
- f. Select Mass Notification Software (attachment)

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

Mr. Jamerson noted that those already registered to receive notifications from BCSC by text or email will be prompted to respond yes or no to continue with the new software. The Blackboard notification software will be in place for the start of next school year.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer's place of business uses Blackboard and they have had great success with the software as it is a powerful way to communicate quickly with many. It also allows you to have texts come to more than one phone number.

Little Hoosier Funding that will pay for transportation for Rockcreek students to attend the Louisville Slugger Museum is a company that holds fundraisers throughout the year at the school.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion. Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

### **BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that Safe Prom would be held May 4 at Columbus North High School. This is a demonstration with rescue personnel signifying the importance of safety on prom night.

The next school board meetings would be April 10 & 24, 7:00 p.m. at Central Middle School. Third House Sessions are on Mondays, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ President