

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at W.D. Richards Elementary School, 3311 Fairlawn Drive, Columbus, IN 47203, on Monday, March 4, 2019 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:                   Dr. Jill Shedd, President  
                              Mr. Richard Stenner, Vice President  
                              Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Secretary  
                              Dr. Julie Bilz, Member  
                              Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Absent:                    Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member  
                              Mr. James Persinger, Member

Administration:         Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent  
                              Ms. Teresa Heiny, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
                              Mr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
                              Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education  
                              Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
                              Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Absent:                    Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education  
                              Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services

School Attorney:        Mr. Chris Monroe

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Stenner shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Richards Elementary students, Ezekiel and Landry Scruggs, shared the Mission and Vision statements.

Dr. Shedd noted the high expectation objectives.

## **WHO/WHY**

### **Columbus North High School Girls' Swimming-State Medalist, Olivia Morlok Columbus North High School Boys' Swimming-State Medalists, Christopher Lee, Jared Carroll, Sam Russell and Rafael Spear (Mr. Hester/Mr. Schaefer)**

Mr. Clark, Columbus North Principal and Coach Schaefer shared the highlights of the swim season and introduced the State Medalists. Coach Schaefer noted that the student athletes were under consideration for being named USA Swimmer Scholastic All-Americans. The swimmers were congratulated by the Board and Cabinet.

### **Columbus East High School Wrestling-State Champions, Cayden Rooks and Nick South State Medalists, Jacob Bolte and Jake Schoenegge (Mr. Huse/Mr. Cooper)**

Mr. Huse, Columbus East Athletic Director and Coach Cooper shared the accomplishments of the State Medalists and the two-time State Champion wrestlers. Coach Cooper noted that three were named Academic All-State Wrestlers and one was Academic Honorable Mention. The wrestlers were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

### **Richards Elementary School Best Practice (Mr. Sprong)**

Mr. Sprong, Richards Elementary Principal, shared the school information slide. Mr. Sprong, Mrs. Nolting, Richards Elementary Counselor, and Ms. Wenzler, Fourth Grade Teacher, shared a presentation on how Richards employs developmental assets to support students. Developmental assets are 40 research-based, positive experiences and qualities that influence young people's development, helping them become caring, responsible, and productive adults. It was noted that relationships matter, and Richards staff has become very intentional in building relationships and assets in their students. Two students, Ethan Poling and Lilly Grunow, shared their "Spark", an example of how they are building assets as they strive to be a "Spark Champion". Ethan's "Spark" was engineering and Lilly's "Spark" was chemistry. The students also noted the following: what makes me special, who am I in the future, and who supports my "Spark" and how.

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

The staff and students use a common language around building assets, and they know the more assets they have, the less likely they are to make unhealthy choices. Everyone can be an asset builder. The staff has become more intentional on building relationships with students.

Most staff meetings at Richards provide professional development around developing assets.

As teachers work with students on their "Sparks", they connect and the teachers learn what the students love. This helps teachers motivate and better support the students.

## **Alternative Scheduling for High Schools (Mr. Clark/Mr. Edwards)**

Mr. Edwards, Columbus East High School Assistant Principal, and Mr. Clark, Columbus North High School Principal, shared a presentation on how block scheduling compliments deeper learning. They thanked the committee that was present for their work on the alternative high school schedule recommendation. It was noted how Richards' presentation connected to their presentation. The proposed block schedule would enhance opportunities to develop assets in students as there would be more time available to build relationships. The BCSC secondary student survey data shows that from 2017 to present there is an increase in the number of students that feel sad or hopeless and have contemplated suicide. The block schedule would allow for a 30 minute advisory period every other day dedicated to social and emotional development and asset building. On alternate days, a 30 minute Student Resource Time (SRT) would provide students with time for individual study, individual help, and enrichment.

The alternative scheduling committee and several teachers visited three schools that have block schedules, and multiple focus groups were held with parents and students from all three high schools. The committee's compelling challenge: To create a schedule that maintains the integrity of a solid academic foundation while allowing opportunities to strengthen the relationships within our school community.

The example of a Block 8 schedule was shared showing four 85 minute classes on day one, four different 85 minute classes on day two, and an alternating 30 minute period for advisory or SRT. Days one and two would rotate. Teachers would teach three classes a day, and have the same students for advisory and SRT. Students would have a 45 minute lunch period. The longer periods would allow for more time to go in depth within a lesson and engage in curriculum in a deeper way. At the April 8 school board meeting, the board will be asked to approve the implementation of the Block 8 schedule in grades 9-12 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

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

There are over 100 schools in the state using a block schedule. Students adapt to change much easier than adults.

BCSC teachers do not lecture the entire period as they follow the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. The longer periods will allow deeper learning, time for homework, questions and reflection. The C4 class periods are presently longer in time.

There will be professional development on curriculum to be implemented during the advisory period.

Overall, the parent and student focus groups were supportive of the Block 8 schedule. They liked the fact that this schedule was similar to a college schedule, and would help students better prepare for college.

BCSC secondary schools are now on a traditional schedule. Other schedule options were studied and pros and cons were considered before deciding that a Block 8 schedule would be the best fit for BCSC high schools. One factor was to have the semester end at the winter break.

Upon approval, all three BCSC high school campuses would be on the same Block 8 schedule beginning the school year 2020-2021.

CSA-New Tech High School presently has an advisory period that is well received and often student led with a teacher present. In addition to study time, the SRT time could be used for a visit from the senior ring vendor or to complete required student surveys. It would also give a student the time to meet with a teacher for support in a subject.

Mr. Pfaffenberger, Special Education Teacher, is on the Alternative Schedule committee and shared that the Block 8 schedule would give students with special needs extra time to work through academics in the classroom. It would also allow deeper relationships between teachers and students.

In the traditional schedule a project gets off to a good start, but then the class is over. The Block 8 schedule would allow extra time for projects.

Social and emotional development and asset building is integrated into the entire school day by teachers.

Dr. Roberts noted that there was more opportunity to discuss and ask questions of the committee and administrators before the board is requested to approve the proposed Block 8 schedule on April 8. He shared that there are pluses and deltas with any schedule, but he is not concerned with the extended classroom time. BCSC elementary teachers are spending more than 85 minutes in a row with their students every day, and they find special and different ways to engage students. It is a teacher's job to engage students. There are excellent examples to draw from within the corporation.

Dr. Shedd noted she was impressed with the thoroughness of the committee's work, and she expressed her appreciation that the proposal was grounded in deeper learning and developmental assets.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed in to speak.

## WHAT

### 1) Board Commendations:

The following commendations were noted:

Thirty **Columbus North High School Soloists** received Gold Ratings at the ISSMA State Contest and ten **Ensembles** received a Gold.

Eleven Columbus North High School Band Students made the Indiana All-State Band, **Dariana Chaevez, Nya Croft, Hyrum Croft, Miyu Fujiwara, Morgan Herndon, Aishwarya Pattel, Julie Deak, Eli Heichelbech, Parker Lee, Nicholas Cooksey and Joe Zhao.**

Nine **Central Middle School soloists** received gold ratings at the ISSMA Festival and eight **Ensembles** received a gold rating.

**Justin Thayer**, Columbus East Band Member and CSA-New Tech student, was named to the Indiana All-State Honor Band.

All three **Columbus North Jazz Ensembles** received Gold Ratings with Jazz I scoring high enough to earn a "With Distinction Award". There were also 13 Solo Awards between the three groups.

### 2) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

### 3) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Stenner had to miss the Districting & Facilities Committee meeting and asked Dr. Roberts to share. Dr. Roberts noted that a discussion was held on the district safety improvements that include door locks and cameras, the improvements for the Transportation and Maintenance Building and the soccer complex at the airport. The board previously approved the projects and the request to receive bids for the safety improvements and the Transportation and Maintenance improvements are on this agenda.

Dr. Shedd serves as the Indiana School Board Association Legislative Liaison. She attended an informative meeting and reminded everyone of their responsibility to pay attention to what is going on in the General Assembly.

### 4) Cabinet Reports

No reports were shared.

## **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 February 11, 2019 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. School Fundraisers (attachment)
- e. Claims and Payroll (attachment)
- f. School Board Policy Updates (attachment)
- g. Permission to Receive Bids for District Safety and Security Improvements (attachment)
- h. Permission to Receive Bids for the Transportation & Maintenance Renovation (attachment)
- i. Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Education Fund (attachment)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the requests for approval. He noted that discussions at the last board meeting led to slight revisions to Policy 5771-Search and Seizure. The policy follows practice. It was noted that Policy 7440-Facility Security Program, addresses the use of metal detectors. Dr. Roberts added that the corporation does not plan to use metal detectors on a regular basis, but they are just another tool that may be used. Dr. Roberts reviewed all the policy updates and shared the rationale for each. He shared that most were revisions to present policies, but a few are new.

Dr. Roberts requested approval of Items 5) a-i.

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

Upon a call for the vote, Items 5) a-i were unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations, and Mr. Stenner seconded the motion.

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

## **BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Mr. Stenner thanked Richards Elementary for hosting and noted his appreciation of both presentations and the discussions around high school scheduling.

Mrs. Schmidt, Columbus Educators Association (CEA) President, shared that the Indiana School Teachers Association (ISTA) was sponsoring a “Red for Ed” rally on Saturday, March 9 at the State House to support public education and teachers. BCSC teachers will join the rally and travel by school bus. They will be joined by family members and retired teachers.

President Shedd reported that there would be a School Board Strategic Session on Friday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building. The next school board meetings would be April 8 & 22, 6:30 p.m. at Columbus North High School. There will be a tour of Columbus North at 5:45 p.m. on April 8.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_President