

State Championship. Mrs. Kirschman, East Coach, shared the season successes of the Columbus East Gymnastics Team including placing sixth in the state. She introduced the student athletes and they were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Columbus North High School Gymnastics Team – State Champions:

Mr. Hester, Columbus North Athletic Director, thanked the board and cabinet for their support of North athletics. He congratulated Columbus East for their successful season. He noted that Columbus North had won 37 state championships. Mrs. Freshour, North Coach, shared her excitement for the season successes including winning the State Championship. Team Captain, Katrina May, introduced each gymnast and shared their individual highlights. The team score set a new state record. The student athletes and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

1) Request for approval of Dr. Jim Roberts as the Superintendent of Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation:

Mr. Abrams made a motion to approve Dr. Jim Roberts as the Superintendent of Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Verbanic.

Mrs. Verbanic noted that the search was an important job for the board. They looked at some good people, but the decision to choose Dr. Roberts was easy. They could tell he was a leader, bright, complex and had a sense of humor. Mrs. Verbanic shared that she was competitive and wants BCSC to be the best and that led to the decision to choose Dr. Roberts.

Mr. Abrams shared that the search process for a superintendent began in August. The process was well-defined and included asking the opinion of community members and BCSC personnel what they would expect of a new superintendent. The obvious key theme was that they wanted a leader that would be well-connected to the community and approachable. Dr. Quick has set a wonderful standard for both. Dr. Roberts has a history of community collaboration and he stood out among the 17 applicants as having a natural ability to build on collaboration.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion to approve Dr. Jim Roberts as the Superintendent was approved with a vote of six to one. Mr. Bryant voted no.

Dr. Roberts thanked the board for their diligence throughout the challenging selection process. He shared his appreciation for the board's support and for providing him the opportunity to lead. He stated that he will lead with pride the wonderful corporation that has been under the strong guidance of Dr. Quick for 13 years. He appreciates the opportunity to take over in such a good situation and attributed that to a successful Superintendent and Administration. Dr. Roberts shared that he and his family were excited to return to Columbus as they lived here previously. His three daughters were born in Columbus. His wife and daughters were in attendance. Dr. Roberts closed in saying that his strengths lie in community engagement and work ethic and he pledged to put those to work at a

maximum level. He shared his appreciation to the board for the opportunity.

PRESENTATIONS

CSA-New Tech High School Best Practice – Project Based Learning, Authentic Application of Content in New Orleans:

Mr. Jensen noted that it was great to be back at CSA-New Tech and thanked Dr. Quick for supporting the opening of the school eight years ago. He shared that CSA-New Tech students would present how they demonstrated the qualities of expert learners on their trip to New Orleans.

Mr. Reed, CSA-New Tech Principal, also thanked Dr. Quick for the opening of the school eight years ago. Authentic application for course content is at the heart of every grade level at CSA – New Tech. Project-based learning (PBL) answers the “why” I need to learn. The student presentation will share how PBL is the power for learning.

The CSA-New Tech students shared a visual of the PBL process wheel that was created by student Shafer Hess for his senior project. The guide wheel shared the steps from the project launch to the reflection, expression and celebration. Students shared an example of learning the content of electrical wiring and passing a test in the lab with 100% before moving on to the real-world location of a home. Students wired local homes while collaborating with Habitat for Humanity before traveling to New Orleans to work on hurricane damaged homes. They put their learning of wiring, principals in engineering, physics and construction techniques into action and the “why are we learning this?” was answered. Students also shared that they experienced problem solving and a greater appreciation of culture diversity and civic responsibility by having personal connections with the people of the lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

CSA-New Tech Facilitators, Ms. Nowels and Mr. Sayers, shared that they were happy to make the New Orleans trip each year and spend time with students they trust. They grow as teachers, learn from their great students and the experience is rewarding. They thanked Dr. Quick, Mr. Jensen and Mr. Reed for believing in them and approving of the opportunity.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dywer noted how dealing with disasters gives us all a different perspective and she thanked the students and teachers for sharing their story in how this experience made them better people.

Mr. Jensen shared that CSA-New Tech recently had 40 visitors from Kentucky to learn more about PBL and Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Senior Shafer Hess shared the PBL process wheel he designed and the visitors thought he was a teacher.

Elementary Social Studies Adoption:

Mrs. Hack noted that the corporation wants to give all students the experience of global citizenship. The adoption of Social Studies resources gives teachers the best ability to produce global students that are culturally responsive.

Administrators, Dr. Clancy, Mrs. Linneweber, Mr. Findley and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Instructional Coach Mrs. Putnam shared a presentation on the elementary Social Studies Textbook and Resource Adoption process and recommendation. Selection goals were shared which included meeting the UDL guidelines for addressing the needs of all learners and to be compatible with the learning management system, itsLearning. A rubric was developed for teachers to analyze and identify the resources that best meets the determined criteria. After vendor presentations, there was a district and committee vote and the recommendation was to adopt My World Social Studies by Pearson as it gave the best options for engagement and expression for both students and teachers. Pearson also offers a specific book for Indiana history and the resources integrates curriculum. The resource has also proven to connect well with itsLearning. For current events, there is a weekly supplemental resource that will align reading and social studies. The public may contact Mrs. Hack if they would like to see the proposed curriculum. Upon adoption, professional development will begin this summer.

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

The state no longer mandates a list of vendors to consider. Many vendors have not updated their materials and did not have a textbook to highlight Indiana history.

The elementary curriculum will be hardback textbooks with digital resources that allows for up-to-date content. Social Studies adoption will likely take place every six years.

Mr. Williams, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, contacted corporations that use itsLearning and the Pearson curriculum and found that the two connect well.

The adoption committee set the criteria and the rubric was developed prior to meeting with vendors.

The world is ever changing and the digital piece helps with cultural responsiveness and the development of world citizens.

Secondary Social Studies Adoption:

Mr. Jensen reminded the Board that in 2011 the Indiana Department of Education Superintendent, Dr. Bennett, deregulated textbook adoption allowing the decision making to be made closer to the teacher and classroom. BCSC still plans to follow the six-year replacement cycle and will modernize by means of digital resources.

Mrs. Verbanic suggested that a check and balance on what is being taught throughout the six-year cycle would be helpful.

Social Studies Department Chairs, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Arthur, shared the mission and core concepts that were included within the rubric the adoption committee developed. They noted that the materials must include UDL multiple means of representation, expression, engagement, be culturally responsive and be accessible via a single sign-on with itsLearning. Publishers began presenting in September and the resources were scored by teachers using the rubric. Secondary Social Studies represents 24 different courses, therefore it took several publishers to fill the curriculum need. The following publishers were recommended for selection: Discovery Education, Pearson Publishers, EMC and Cengage Publishers, Bedford, Freeman, Worth Publishers and Norton Publishers. The resources recommended are Ebooks and Techbooks (digital resources) and students will have access to primary and secondary sources, interactive tools, activities, document-based investigations and formative and summative assessments. There will be professional development for teachers this summer where UDL and culturally responsive lesson plans using the new resources will be developed.

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

The Human Geography course is a study of humans living on the earth and patterns developed through human interaction in their physical environment. Students select this AP course because they want to be challenged. A post-secondary interest for students interested in Human Geography might be in the field of Demography or City Planning.

No vendor has resources that cover all Social Studies courses and very few cover Sociology.

Book rental costs have reduced with the adoption of digital resources.

The College Board requires AP courses to have an approved text book. Digital resources are also available to students in AP courses.

Some vendors allow material from on-line to be printed for students that would like a hand-held resource.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

2) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

3) Board Commendations:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer commended Mr. Mike Jamerson, Director of Technology, for being appointed the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN).

Mr. Caldwell commended his neighbor, Columbus East senior Alex Galle, for being named an IHSAA Cato Scholarship Winner. This scholarship is awarded to 13 student athletes that demonstrate excellence in academics, school, community involvement, character, sportsmanship and citizenship.

Dr. Shedd commended the Columbus North Academic Super Bowl team for their success in the Brown County Academic Invitational. The students placed first in English, Science and Math and they brought home the overall title of Grand Champion.

Dr. Shedd commended Karla Guerrero, CSA-New Tech Senior, and Bryn Eudy, Columbus East Senior, for receiving a Lilly Endowment Scholarship.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

4) School Attorney Report:

No report was shared.

5) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Verbanic attended a Family School Partners (FSP) meeting. They serve 200 families and there are 20 families on the waiting list. FSP won free advertisement for a year on QMIX radio. A fund raiser was held April 7th at Chipotle. Mrs. Verbanic also shared that the Literacy Festival would be on May 14th at Central Middle School.

Mr. Stenner attended the School Foundation meeting and shared that the Foundation is the fiscal agent for the donations being raised to replace the sculpture that was stolen from the Administration Building fountain. Janice Montgomery is the champion for this cause.

Mr. Caldwell attended the Districting & Facility Committee meeting where they discussed school building capacities and community growth trends. The work going on presently at Rockcreek and Southside will increase their capacity.

6) Cabinet Report:

Mrs. Hack shared that the corporation showcased UDL for 20 visitors from Singapore.

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 Regular School Board Meeting of March 7, 2016 and Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 28, 2016 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Increase School Meal Prices (attachment)
- f. 403b – Roth Account Change (attachment)

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

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

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 requested approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Verbanic made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Mr. Caldwell thanked Mr. Abrams and Dr. Shedd for their leadership the past several months throughout the superintendent search.

Dr. Quick also shared his appreciation of Mr. Abrams, Dr. Shedd and all the board members for their hours spent and great work in their recommendation of Dr. Roberts as the Superintendent. He noted their terrific selection and stated that Dr. Roberts will take the corporation to the next level and not miss a beat. Dr. Quick said it was a great day for the corporation and Dr. Roberts will be the most successful BCSC superintendent.

Dr. Quick congratulated Dr. Laura Hack for receiving her Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

President Shedd shared that the next school board meeting would be April 25, 7:00 p.m. at CSA-New Tech High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President