

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Columbus North High School, 1400 25th Street, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, April 13, 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: Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President
 Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Member

Absent: Mr. Robert Abrams, President
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member

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

School Attorney: Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Stenner offered reflections.

Vice President Shedd called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Dr. Shedd noted the BCSC Mission, Vision and High Expectation Objectives.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbus East High School Gymnastics – State Finalist:

Mr. Gaddis, Columbus East High School Athletic Director, thanked the board and cabinet for the recognition of student athletes. He congratulated the Columbus North athletes.

Mrs. Kirschman, Columbus East Gymnastics Coach, introduced gymnast, Becca Bryan.

She shared her season successes that included being a state finalist. Becca is also an honor roll student, cheerleader and is on the track team. She was congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Columbus North High School Gymnastics – State Finalists:

Mr. Hester, Columbus North High School Athletic Director, thanked the board and cabinet for the recognition of student athletes. He congratulated Mr. Gaddis on his retirement from the Athletic Director's position and noted that he would miss working with him. He congratulated Becca Bryan.

Mrs. Freshour, Columbus North Gymnastics Coach, introduced the North gymnastics' team that placed third in the state. She noted that all the girls are honor students. The team captains shared information on the team's undefeated season that included many personal bests. Ashley Holliday was acknowledged as the State Champion on the bars. The team and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Columbus North High School Girls' Basketball – State Champions:

Mr. McKee, Columbus North High School Girls' Basketball Coach, thanked the school corporation for all their support. He noted that the hard work put forth by the girls and assistant coaches led them to the State Championship title. He noted that senior player, Alli Patberg, had won many awards including the National Player of the Year, Gatorade Player of the Year, Miss Indiana Basketball, McDonalds All-American Player, Naismith All-American Player and the Coaches Association Player of the Year. Coach McKee stressed that all 17 players contributed to the success of the team and that they challenged one another to be better. The team and coaches were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Secondary English Language Arts Resource Adoption:

Mr. Jensen commended the Language Arts adoption team for their leadership in facilitating the very long process of this adoption.

Chasidy Kannianen and Rick Weinheimer, Secondary Language Arts Chairs, and CSA-New Tech facilitator, Rachele Antcliff, shared the process that led to the resource adoption proposal. The goals were to find resources that met the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, aligned with the qualities of an expert learner, addressed the new Indiana Academic Standards, would be compatible with itslearning, would be culturally responsive and would be adaptable for future needs. A resource adoption rubric based on the UDL guidelines of multiple means of engagement, representation, action and expression was developed in 2013 and state approved English/Language Arts resources were reviewed. The committee chose to wait a year before making a recommendation due to the unknowns of new standards, a learning management system and the undetermined state assessment. The committee was also discouraged that the vendors' resources had changed very little from the ones that were currently in the schools. Presently, with the improved Wi-Fi, students having Chromebooks/laptops and the implementation of itslearning, the committee is now recommending that itslearning be used to

create BCSC's Untextbook. Consumables and novels would continue to be available to students. Lesson plans and activities that align with UDL will be in shared in itslearning folders. This allows teachers to collaborate and students to have current resources available.

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

A high school student shared that she has enjoyed using itslearning as a resource and stated that it is a good experience before going to college. Her sister is attending Indiana University and her resources are on a learning management system. The student shared that the system allows her to collaborate with classmates and receive a quick reply instead of waiting until they are in class the next day.

Tests will be created on-line and students can complete their papers and assignments on-line. Teachers can grade on-line and give verbal feedback so students can actually hear the teacher's comments.

Students will have the choice as to how they access materials depending on how they are best engaged in learning. Some will choose books, some will choose on-line novels.

The collaboration among schools and teachers allows for more flexibility in finding materials and lesson plans quickly. Teachers know their students and understand how they are best engaged and will continue to monitor this. Teachers will populate courses with materials in itslearning folders. All teachers and students will have access to the same resources. Itslearning allows vertical alignment from one grade level to the next.

Parents will have access to more information than ever before.

In a few years, vendors have said they will not have textbooks and all resources will be digital.

Learning management systems allow students to access current publications, college materials and lectures. Other schools with itslearning will share their libraries with BCSC.

State standards will change and the learning management system allows the flexibility that is needed.

Secondary World Language Resource Adoption:

Mr. Jensen recognized the World Language teachers that were in attendance and thanked Joni Degner, the committee facilitator.

Elizabeth Bays, Japanese/EL teacher, and Brittany Sullivan, Spanish teacher/Department Coordinator, shared the process that led to the adoption of resources for World Language. Their goal was to find resources that would meet the UDL guidelines for addressing the needs of all learners, to align with National and State Standards, to be compatible with itslearning and the

one-to-one environment and to be culturally responsive. The committee worked together to recommend five different adoptions for five languages. They discussed “why” they need engagement, student choice and student-centered approaches. A rubric based on UDL Framework was developed. After evaluation, scoring of the materials based on the rubric, and teacher feedback the resource recommendations were made. The recommendations of textbooks and digital resources were shared with the board.

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

College level textbooks are recommended for adoption for dual-credit courses. There is a community created for all World Language teachers where they can share and support one another. This allows for collaboration between middle school and high school teachers to be sure there is alignment between the grade levels.

Other corporations using itslearning will share their World Language resources.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Additional Appropriation for Debt Service

The public hearing was opened at 7:58 p.m.

Dr. Sylva explained that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) did not add the late 2014 Technology G.O. Bond to the budget request for Debt Service as they had done in the past. The only way it could be added to the 2015 Debt Service Budget was to have the Board approve an additional appropriation for the new debt. Dr. Sylva requested \$419,812.44 be appropriated in 2015 to make the principal, interest and trustee fee payments due in 2015. The funds will come from the Debt Service cash balance, which is almost \$3.4 million.

There were no comments or questions from the board. The hearing was opened to the public and there were no comments or questions from the public.

The public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m. and the board meeting continued.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE:

Dr. Quick introduced, Dennis Glade, a new reporter from *The Republic*. Dr. Quick noted that Mr. Abrams was absent due to the imminent birth of his granddaughter in Chicago.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

2) Board Commendations:

No commendations were shared.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) School Attorney Report:

Mrs. Benjamin shared that the Senate Bill 500 on education deregulation continues to move forward.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Verbanic attended the Literacy Task Force meeting. She shared that April 23rd would be the final day for Book Buddies this school year and that there would be a fundraiser for the program in October. Due to the lack of funding, it was decided to discontinue Tots Reading Lots for one year but to continue the Book Express.

5) Cabinet Report:

Dr. Sylva shared that the House and Senate had proposed their versions of the budget for school corporations. The upcoming economic forecast will drive what happens next.

EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR BOARD ACTION (6.0)

6) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Quick)

Dr. Quick reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Strategic Planning of March 6, 2015 and of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2015 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. School Lunch Prices (attachment)
- f. To Bid Food Service Products (attachment)
- g. Additional Appropriation for Debt Service (attachment)
- h. Award Bids for Smith, Taylorsville and Clifty Creek Elementary Schools (attachment)

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the items as described by the Superintendent and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion passed unanimously to approve the items described by the Superintendent.

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

8) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Dr. DeClue requested approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations as requested and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Dr. Quick shared that he had received news that Mr. Abrams granddaughter, Vivian, had arrived.

Dr. Shedd shared that the next school board meeting would be on April 27, 7:00 p.m. at Columbus North High School. Third House Sessions are held on Monday mornings, 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President