

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 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, IN 47201, on Monday, April 8, 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
 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
 Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education
 Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education
 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services
 Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Persinger shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Dr. Shedd noted the mission, vision and high expectation objectives.

WHO/WHY

Recognition of Karthik Varigonda-Central Middle School-Geographic Geography Bee State Champion (Ms. Karla Eudy)

Ms. Eudy, Social Studies Teacher, noted that Karthik was the first Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation student to win the State Geographic Geography Championship. He will advance to the National competition. Karthik and Ms. Eudy were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Recognition of Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce Maverick Challenge Awards:

Fatima Arroyo-Columbus North High School (Ms. Laura Daily)

Ms. Daily, Business Teacher, introduced Fatima Arroyo, and noted that Fatima's winning business plan was for an upscale spa focusing on healthy skin. Ms. Daily and Fatima were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Avery Spencer-Columbus East High School/CSA-New Tech (Mr. Bob Hartman)

Mr. Hartman, Business Teacher, introduced Avery Spencer and shared that Avery's winning business plan was for a Taxi Service for high school students. Mr. Hartman and Avery were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Recognition of Karen Nading-Edna Folger Outstanding Teacher Award (Ms. Heiny)

Ms. Heiny introduced Karen Nading, C4 Family Consumer Science Teacher, and noted that Mrs. Nading had taught for 42 years. Mrs. Nading was congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Columbus North High School Best Practice (Mr. Clark)

Mr. Clark shared the Columbus North High School information slide.

Columbus North Counselors, Ms. Tucker, Ms. Shireman and Mr. Ragsdale shared information on the Welcoming Newcomer Program at Columbus North. The goal of the program is to facilitate the positive transition of new students through academics, social and emotional support. The program intentionally connects new students to adults. The staff also connects with parents to help families connect to community resources. Columbus North plans to expand the collaboration, collect data and add additional English Language Learner (ELL) support.

Columbus North student, Carlos Fabian Aguilar, shared his experiences as a newcomer at Columbus North, and noted that he and his family found the experience very supportive as they transitioned into a new country and a new school.

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

This program focuses on intentionally connecting with new students and their families. Columbus North staff helps students and parents connect with community resources so there are less barriers for the families. The resources through the ELL Department and the Counseling Counts Grant also help bridge the gaps.

Many newcomers are from surrounding school corporations and come in as freshmen. Some do not stay for the four years of high school. Data will be retained to see how the program impacts the graduation rate.

Resource Adoption Recommendation for Career & Technical Education (Dr. G. Hack)

Dr. Gene Hack shared that there are C4 classes in all high school buildings, and they work with middle and elementary schools on programming. He thanked the board for their support and introduced C4 instructors, Ms. Marsh, Ms. Daily and Mr. Roeder. The three teachers shared that the goal of the curriculum committee was to select materials and resources for Career & Technical Education that meets Universal Design for Learning (UDL) guidelines, is culturally responsive, aligns with state standards and dual credit requirements, and is compatible with itsLearning and the 1:1 environment. The timeline was shared that included the evaluation of several vendors. The C4 courses have such a broad spectrum so the committee took a lot of input from teachers. They shared the recommended resources for Agriculture, Automotive, Business, Radio/Television, Family and Consumer Science and Culinary Arts & Hospitality. The resource selection committee members were recognized. The board will be asked to approve the recommended resources at the next board meeting.

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

The adoption of Career & Technical Resources is on a six year cycle.

ProSart is being recommended for Culinary Arts & Hospitality again this cycle because the students that successfully complete the course become certified in Culinary Arts.

The cost of the resources is still being negotiated, but the committee is mindful of the cost of consumables and all resources. There are several companies, as not one company has all the resources needed for the many courses BCSC provides through C4. The resources would be implemented next school year.

Mr. Caldwell said the board would need to receive more information on the cost of the resources before they vote at the April 22 school board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Funmi Ige-Wright, parent, shared her concerns about the proposed block scheduling for high schools. Her concerns are around students with special needs being able to stay engaged in an 85-minute class period. She also noted that catching up when a class was missed would be difficult and a consistent schedule would be best. Ms. Ige-Wright noted that some teachers are already struggling with the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. She noted that a designed schedule should address the needs of all students. If a schedule is not done properly it will not harness benefits.

WHAT

1) Food Service Department Annual Report (Ms. Millspaugh)

Food Service Director, Nancy Millspaugh, shared an update on the Food Service Department. She shared percentages of students eating plate lunches and their plans to improve customer service. The summer feeding program numbers decreased mainly due to an extra hot

and rainy summer. Additional summer feeding sites are planned for this coming summer. A donation from Healthy Communities will provide meal vending machines at Columbus East and Columbus North High Schools. Students can use their pre-paid lunch accounts to pay for meals from the vending machines. Ms. Millspaugh shared the history of lunch prices and requested an increase of 10 cents for the elementary lunch, secondary lunch and adult lunch. She noted that schools are federally mandated to raise the price of lunches if they are charging less than the national average that is determined yearly. The requested increase of 10 cents is still less than the national guideline price.

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

The reduced lunch price is 40 cents, and will not be increased. There is no cost for an elementary school breakfast.

2) Board Commendations:

The following commendations were noted:

Chris Monroe, Corporation Attorney, will be honored for serving 24 years as a Bartholomew County Superior Court Judge. There will be a ceremony to unveil his portrait.

3) School Board Member Reports:

Dr. Shedd attended the School Foundation Board meeting where they learned of the exciting financial improvement that supports the corporation. She invited everyone to attend the School Foundation Gala on Saturday, April 15 at the Commons. The innovation grants will be celebrated at the next board meeting.

4) Cabinet Reports

- **Alternative Scheduling Update (Mr. Jensen)**

Mr. Jensen thanked Mr. Clark, Columbus North High School Principal and Mr. Edwards, Columbus East High School Assistant Principal, for their presentation at the past board meeting on the proposed high school block schedule, and he noted how the presentation from Richards Elementary tied into the importance for social and emotional learning. He noted that the board met in Strategic Planning on March 8 and decided they needed more time to better understand the proposed schedule. Mr. Clark and the committee have completed a frequently asked questions document that will be shared soon. Mr. Clark has met with parents to answer their questions, and Mr. Newell, Columbus East High School Principal, met with a student that started a petition drive. Both schools have held informational discussions with staff at faculty meetings.

Mr. Newell shared that he met with the freshman class at Columbus East and answered all their questions on the proposed block schedule. He shared that the extra minutes in a period would give time for teachers and students to check for understanding of materials being taught.

The added time for social and emotional help and relationship building is also a powerful motivator for the block schedule. He noted Columbus East has an outstanding staff that goes above and beyond, and they are ready to meet the challenge and are dedicated to keeping students engaged for the longer periods. He added that there was not a perfect schedule, but the proposed block schedule is best for all.

Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education, noted that Mr. Paffenberger was the special education representative on the block schedule committee. He added that students cannot sit for an 85-minute period, but through Universal Design for Learning (UDL) the longer period adds the opportunity for better engagement and more activities where students are not sitting. Our teachers are following the UDL framework now, and the quality of instruction will just increase with more time in the period. UDL is a part of a teacher's evaluation process and is the backbone for their success. He added that we have great teachers doing a great job and with the block schedule the opportunity for engagement increases.

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

Students' engagement is measured by how they share their understanding of what is being taught. This assessment will not change with block scheduling. Teachers move around the room continually assessing students. The extended period would allow for more creativity and a deeper dive into the curriculum.

Upon approval, the proposed block schedule would be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year. The UDL Institute this summer will include professional development around the instructional learning environment piece of the block schedule including serving students with special needs in regular education classes.

Mr. Caldwell asked for information to be put in the simplest form so everyone can understand.

The focus on the UDL framework makes BCSC different as teachers and administrators focus on the learning environment and design. Several Administrators have had positive experiences with block scheduling before coming to BCSC.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer noted that she now has a better understanding of the block schedule. Mr. Clark explained how it would work for her child's schedule, and that it would also give more time for projects.

Dr. Shedd shared that the added time that the block schedule allows for relationship building between students and staff and between students and peers is important. Also, the focus on having time to dig deeper into content and to use the UDL framework is significant as students help each other learn. The development of students to be caring, socially and emotionally healthy is of the utmost importance and the corporation should focus on this.

Elementary teachers spend long periods with their students and get to know them very

well. The block schedule will give teachers more time to get to know students and build relationships.

Mr. Persinger experienced block scheduling in high school and noted it was hard on some students and discouraging if a day was missed because making up the class was difficult. He noted there needs to be close attention to the fine details so the schedule does not cause student anxiety. Mr. Persinger shared that he knows UDL sets BCSC apart, and that is keeping him from being negative about the proposed schedule. He agrees that additional time for hands-on learning is important in the classroom.

There will be an additional block scheduling fact sheet shared soon with the board and others.

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 March 4, 2019 and Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of March 8, 2019 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. School Fundraisers (attachment)
- e. Claims and Payroll (attachment)
- f. Award Food Service Bids for Milk, Dairy, Dry Goods, Frozen Products and Bread Products (Dr. Boezeman/Ms. Millspaugh)
- g. School Meal Prices (Dr. Boezeman/Ms. Millspaugh)
- h. Award Bids for the Taylorsville Roof Restoration (Dr. Boezeman)
- i. To Purchase School Buses (Dr. Boezeman/Mrs. Wetherald)
- j. To Declare School Buses as Surplus and Permission to Advertise for an Auction (Dr. Boezeman/Mrs. Wetherald)
- k. To Declare Classroom Furniture Obsolete (Dr. Boezeman)
- l. Administration Building Grounds Maintenance Contract with Engledow Group (Dr. Boezeman)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the requests for approval.

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

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Mr. Persinger seconded the motion.

Mr. Caldwell noted the confidence of Columbus East Baseball Coach, Mr. Gratz, for requesting approval to travel to the IHSAA Regional Boys Baseball tournament in advance. The tournament is May 31-June 1.

Mr. Monroe noted that the law and BCSC policy allows the donation of obsolete furniture.

Upon a call for the vote, Items 5) a-1 were unanimously approved.

6) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny requested approval of the Human Resources as presented.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the Human Resources recommendations, and Dr. Bilz seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Heiny thanked the Student Assistance Coordinator interview committee and noted that Janae Norman was just approved by the board for this position. Ms. Norman is a Dean at Columbus North, a life-long resident of Columbus, has a quality education background and experience in counseling.

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

President Shedd reported that the next school board meeting would be April 22, 6:30 p.m. at Columbus North High School.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

_____Secretary

Attest: _____President