

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Central Middle School, 725 7th Street, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, May 11, 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: Mr. Robert Abrams, President
 Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Member

Absent: Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President

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

Absent: Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education

School Attorney: Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

6:30 p.m. Retiree Reception

BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Caldwell offered reflections.

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

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Abrams noted the BCSC Mission, Vision and High Expectation Objectives.

PRESENTATIONS

Northside Middle School Math Team – State Champions:

Mrs. Dixon, Northside Principal, introduced the State Champion Northside Middle School Math Team: Denver Shepherd, Nick Law, Parker Lee and Vivek Hebbar. The students and coaches, Mr. Glesing and Ms. Schulz, were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

Recognition of 2015 Retirees:

Dr. DeClue shared that she always looks forward to this meeting though it is particularly bitter-sweet this year, as she is a part of the group that is retiring. She said that this was a great time to reflect on how all the retirees, teachers and support staff, have contributed to student success. She thanked the retirees for their dedication to each and every student and noted that it had been a privilege to work with them. Dr. DeClue said that BCSC is a premiere corporation and that she was grateful to have been a part of the district.

Dr. Quick added that Dr. DeClue had been his right arm for the past decade and that he greatly appreciated her. He noted that Dr. DeClue was a great match for Human Resources as she had empathy and great judgement but could be tough when needed.

Dr. DeClue shared information on each retiree present and they were congratulated by the board and cabinet.

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

1) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

a. Appointment of Peter Huse as the Columbus East High School Athletic Director

Mr. Newell, Columbus East High School Principal, introduced Peter Huse and shared that he was privileged and excited to recommend Mr. Huse as the Athletic Director for Columbus East High School. He noted that Mr. Huse comes highly recommended and that he understands the Athletic Department and how it represents the school and community. Mr. Newell thanked Mr. Gaddis, retiring Athletic Director, for building a great foundation at Columbus East.

Dr. DeClue requested approval of the appointment of Peter Huse as the Athletic Director at Columbus East High School.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Huse as the Columbus East High School Athletic Director and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huse shared that he was greatly honored and excited to be selected to serve as the Columbus East Athletic Director. He began his elementary school career in Columbus. That is when he learned how to play baseball and basketball and when he developed his love for education. Teachers took an interest in him and youth coaches taught him to work hard and set goals. He noted BCSC's mission of deeper learning and shared that athletes learn how to handle victory with class and loss with character. Mr. Huse shared that he believes the school system is a triangle of arts, athletics and academics. He plans to do his part in keeping athletics something that the community can take pride. He thanked the board for their support.

b. Additional Human Resources recommendations

Dr. DeClue requested approval of the Human Resources recommendations as presented, including additional items given to the board that evening.

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

Upon a call for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Quick shared that the board had appointed Evan Burton as the Assistant Principal of Northside Middle School. Mr. Burton was a 2003 graduate of Columbus North. He is presently an Assistant Principal in Florida but is anxious to return to Columbus. Mr. Burton plans to attend a board meeting at a later date.

PRESENTATIONS

Health Services Annual Update:

Dr. Sylva shared that the corporation has a talented group of nurses and a talented Director of Health Services, Mrs. Thompson.

Clifty Creek 5th grade student, Mason Hill, shared why his school nurse, Ms. Gust, is important to him and he thanked her for her help in managing his diabetes.

Mrs. Thompson shared the annual Health Services update that included the many services nurses provide for students and staff. She noted their goal is to support education by keeping students, safe, healthy and ready to learn. District statistics of care given by school nurses was shared. School nurses also provide screenings for vision, hearing, height, weight and dental. There must be medical management and treatment plans for each diabetic student. There were no immunization requirement changes this year, and 98% of BCSC students are compliant.

Mrs. Thompson noted that BCSC continues to partner with Columbus Regional Health and they provide two full-time trainers for student athletes. Information sheets on concussions are given to parents and student athletes and they must return a signed form. In July 2015, the same process will be required for Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Mrs. Thompson shared information on several Health Department current projects including: wellness assessments, worker’s compensation, attendance officer support and CPR training for staff and students.

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

There are professional development opportunities for nurses in the summer, one being the Indiana School Health Summit.

Mrs. Thompson meets with the school nurses quarterly.

It is important that coaches, students and families understand the seriousness of concussions. Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Jensen and others are working on academic recovery guidelines for students with concussions.

Dr. Quick commended the board for supporting a licensed nurse in each school building, as not many corporations do this. He noted that families and students often feel the safest with their school nurse.

Central Middle School Best Practice:

Mr. Gratz, Central Middle School Principal, noted that Central’s goal is to have students engaged in authentic, relevant and meaningful learning opportunities. Central Middle School students compete in literacy-based competitions and the following student work was shared. Student, Svani Thalor, shared her Human Rights Commission award winning writing, “Diversity in Education”. Student, Kamebry Wagner, shared her Human Rights Commission award winning writing, “How my Optimism Will Help Me Press On to Greater Achievement in the Future”. Three students, Graham Keele, Helen Rumsey and Grace Wang shared information on plays they had written that received awards from the Indiana Repertory Theatre Young Playwrights competition.

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:

Mr. Stenner commended BCSC personnel that were featured on the front page of *The Republic*. Rose Maudlin, Foreign Language teacher, was highlighted in an article about the use of technology in the English as a Second Language program and Dale Nowlin, Math Department Chair, was highlighted for serving on the National Assessment Governing Board that will meet in Columbus to discuss the Nation's Report Card.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

4) School Attorney Report:

Mrs. Benjamin noted that she had shared some policy and handbook revisions with Mr. Abrams.

5) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Caldwell reported that the Health Trust continues to have great results. He also shared that the Districting and Facility Committee met to discuss expected enrollment growth and options on how to handle the growth.

6) Cabinet Report:

There were no reports.

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 April 27, 2015 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks (electronically to board)
- f. School Board Policy Revisions (attachment)

Dr. Quick shared that the requested tweaks were made to the policies.

Mr. Abrams noted that Mrs. Benjamin had advised some revisions to the policies and handbooks. The definition of "directory information" should be consistent in the handbooks and policies and need to include "school-assigned email accounts".

Mr. Stenner made a motion to approve the items as described by the Superintendent, including the revisions recommended by Mrs. Benjamin to the handbooks and policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caldwell.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Mr. Abrams shared that the next school board meetings would be June 8 and 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building in the M. Sue Pifer Terrace Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

_____Secretary

Attest: _____President