

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Administration Building, 1200 Central Avenue, Columbus, Indiana on Monday, June 8, 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
Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President
Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Member

Absent: Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary

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

Absent: Dr. Vaughn Sylva, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

School Attorney: Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Bryant 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

Columbus East High School Track State Athletes:

Columbus East High School Unified Track State Athletes:

Mr. Gaddis, Columbus East Athletic Director, thanked the Board for the recognition of the Columbus East student athletes.

Mr. Brown, Columbus East Girls' Track Coach, recognized Emily Clancy as a state finalist pole vaulter. She reset the school record three times this season.

Mr. Miller, Columbus East Boys' Track Coach, recognized Rhett Myers for being a state finalist in shot put and discus. He also set the school record this season.

Ms. Myers, Columbus East Unified Track Coach, recognized the Unified Track Team members. This was the first season for the team and they were state finalists.

Columbus North High School Track State Athletes:

Mr. Hester, Columbus North Athletic Director, thanked the Board for the recognition of the North student athletes.

Mr. Sipe, Columbus North Track Coach, recognized the three state finalists: Katrina May-pole vault, Joe Wright-800 meter run and Chase Ballard, 3200 meter run. Columbus North had ten student athletes represented at the state meet.

Duke Energy Grant -Summer Reading Program:

Ms. Heiny noted that the grant from Duke Energy would support the Summer Learning Academy. There are 285 students enrolled. The grant allowed the enrollment of additional students and the hiring of additional staff.

Mr. Orben, Duke Energy District Manager, noted that he was pleased to present the \$30,000 grant to BCSC and that he is proud of the great work done in the corporation. The Duke Energy Foundation is committed to helping schools, as they invest over \$2 million in Indiana schools a year.

The William and Sally Hanley Excellence in Teaching Award Presented to Lori Cash, CSA-Lincoln and Sherry Hashman, CSA-Fodrea:

Ms. Laker, Heritage Fund Scholarship Manager, noted that William and Sally Handley lived in Columbus in the 1960's and their three sons attended schools in BCSC. They were so appreciative of the high level of education they received that they started the endowment to benefit excellent teachers in the corporation. The \$750 awards were presented to Lori Cash, CSA-Lincoln Facilitator and CSA-Fodrea Facilitator, Sherry Hashman.

The Ross Wallace Out of the Box Award Presented to Brenda Frady and Kari Tyree, Taylorsville Elementary:

Mr. Crough, School Foundation Director, shared that the Ross Wallace Out of the Box award recognizes innovative teaching excellence.

Mr. Grimes, retired BCSC Teacher, shared that Mr. Wallace was his mentor and that he was attracted to Mr. Wallace's creativity and his unique perspective on life.

Mr. Crough presented Brenda Frady and Kari Tyree, Taylorsville Elementary Multi-age Team Teachers, a check. The two provided a "Mini Ethnic Expo" project for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.

**Southside Elementary School Facility Improvements G.O. Bond:
Rockcreek Elementary School Facility Improvements G. O. Bond:**

Dr. Quick noted that the corporation continues to look at all campuses and continues to make improvements. The population growth in both Rockcreek and Southside Elementary attendance areas has led to the improvements being presented for those schools. At Southside, the plan is to utilize the building better before building another elementary school. At Rockcreek, the addition of classrooms would allow for growth. Dr. Quick noted that the tax rate dropped two cents last year and this \$4 Million bond would raise the tax rate one cent. The Southside and Rockcreek presentations have been filtered through the Districting & Facility Committee, faculties, and PTO's.

Mr. Funk, CSO Architect, shared the enrollment data for both Southside and Rockcreek. He noted the Southside project funded by a \$2 Million G.O. Bond would add a fire sprinkler system to the entire building. It would allow more flexibility and better use of the upper level, convert some resource and computer labs to classrooms and convert locker room spaces into classroom spaces. This will maximize and better utilize available space within the building as it increases the number of classrooms. The project scope at Southside would also include replacement of steam boilers and furniture for two classrooms. The alternate bids were also shared.

Mr. Funk shared that the Rockcreek \$2 Million G.O. Bond would add four classrooms, student restrooms, staff restrooms and support spaces. Presently, every classroom is occupied. The site work would include sidewalks, landscaping, playground equipment and electrical relocation, sanitary piping and storm water drainage. The HVAC system for the new additions would be geothermal. The scope would also include furniture and equipment for the four new classrooms.

Mr. Funk noted the project schedule with completion of construction being July 1, 2016.

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

An emergency evacuation at Rockcreek Elementary would not be an issue. A fire wall and fire doors will be a part of the renovation.

Southside attendance area was redistricted in 2011 and a number of students began attending Mt. Healthy Elementary School. Also, homes to be built in the future in the Shadow Creek subdivision are now in the Mt. Healthy attendance area. This helped reduce the enrollment at Southside, but housing in the area continues to grow and enrollment increases. Before asking the public to approve another elementary school on the west side of town, Southside needs to be better utilized. This \$2 Million bond will add seven classrooms. Southside's enrollment is over 900, so it is only a matter of time before a new elementary is needed. The corporation owns property for the future elementary school. The Districting & Facility Committee continues to monitor new homes through the Planning Department representative.

Southside was built as a middle school and has assets that other elementary schools do not have. There is a commons, an auditorium and a pool. The pool is not operational. There have been discussions on how to better utilize the pool space, but all are costly.

Consideration has been given to make the work at both schools the least disruptive as possible to students and staff. Some of the work will be very isolated.

Some smaller areas for athletes will remain at Southside.

The numbers of students in classrooms at Rockcreek are a little higher than most schools in the district. This is a concern shared by parents.

CSO Architects completed a Facility Master Plan in 2012 and the renovations at Southside and Rockcreek were on the second phase of this plan.

Dr. Shedd noted that it would be helpful for the Facility Master Plan to be presented again.

Mr. Funk shared that a lot of work had been completed. He will share an update on the 2012 Facility Master Plan at the next Districting & Facility Committee meeting.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE:

No one from the public spoke at this time.

Dr. Quick introduced Neal Early, a reporter from *The Republic*.

Dr. Quick noted that Dr. DeClue's sisters and mother were in attendance in honor of Dr. DeClue's final board meeting. Dr. DeClue introduced her family members and shared that she moved to the central office in 1994 and had attended over 420 board meetings.

STUDENT AND STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (3.0)

1) Comments of Individuals and Delegations:

No one signed in to speak.

2) Board Commendations:

Mr. Abrams commended Mrs. Benjamin for being honored by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce as a Woman in Leadership. She was chosen for her extensive good work and leadership in the workplace in the community.

MEASUREMENT, ANALYSIS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (4.0)

3) School Attorney Report:

Mrs. Benjamin shared that her speech at the Woman in Leadership award luncheon credited people in her life for her ability to stand up and speak. She said that she was very shy and that teachers and coaches, among others, gave her determination, confidence and self-esteem. She commended the corporation for quality personnel and noted that she was grateful for the opportunity to work with those in BCSC.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Verbanic attended the High Ability Broad-based Planning Committee where they discussed student testing that includes kindergarteners. The committee is also working on making changes to the appeal process. The selection process causes a lot of anxiety for families. It costs \$13,840 to test the third through eighth graders and \$17,119 to test kindergartners.

5) Cabinet Report:

Mr. Jensen encouraged everyone to take the survey on the Indiana Department of Education website that proposes diploma requirements for present fifth graders by the time they graduate. Our corporation already has two of the requirements in place; a capstone senior project and college career readiness courses. The proposed diploma requirements would be for all diplomas.

Mr. Jensen thanked Dr. DeClue for all her years of service. He shared that she was on the selection committee that hired him as a Principal in Lebanon and on the committee that hired him as the Principal at Columbus East. He noted that he had worked with Dr. DeClue for 18 years and he thanked her all those years.

Dr. DeClue shared that she often thought of Mr. Jensen as her partner in crime as he has been her side-kick in some light-hearted escapades. Dr. DeClue noted that she and Dr. VanHorn

have a long history of working together as well. She shared that she was excited about what's next in her life but she still plans to be involved with BCSC and will be around to answer questions. Dr. DeClue expressed that her BCSC career had been fabulous, she feels deeply about the corporation, and knows it is in great hands. She shared her gratitude with the Board and noted that she could not have asked for a better Board to work with.

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 Regular School Board Meeting of May 11, 2015 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. To Declare Items as Surplus (attachment)
- f. To Adopt the Preliminary Bond Resolution-Rockcreek Elementary Project (attachment)
- g. To Adopt the Preliminary Bond Resolution-Southside Elementary Project (attachment)
- h. To Adopt the Reimbursement Resolution-Southside/Rockcreek G.O. Bonds (attachment)
- i. To Appoint Jill Shedd as the Acting and Reporting Secretary for the June 8, 2015 School Board Meeting

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the items as described by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

A diverse group of individuals and businesses purchase items from the surplus auction. Items that are not sold may be kept or disposed of. Mr. Jamerson will make the decision on unsold electronics.

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

FACULTY AND STAFF FOCUS FOR ACTION (5.0)

7) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

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

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mrs. Verbanic seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that she is proud of the diversity in the corporation and pleased with how the staff wraps their arms around students and lifts them up.

Dr. Shedd thanked Dr. DeClue for her service to BCSC and noted that Dr. DeClue was all about people as she nurtured all teachers and staff. She noted that the work of the Board was made easier due to the excellent job done by Dr. DeClue.

Mr. Abrams shared that the next school board meeting would be June 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 8:09 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President