

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 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. Rich Stenner, Secretary
Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Member
Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
Mrs. Polly Verbanic, Member

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

School Attorney: Mrs. Kelly Benjamin

BUSINESS MEETING

Mrs. Verbanic offered reflections.

President Abrams called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

CSA-Lincoln student, Karly Harris, read the BCSC Mission, Vision and High Expectation Objectives.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbus Signature Academy-Lincoln Campus Best Practice – Husky Hideaway 2015:

Mrs. Hack introduced Mr. Findley, CSA-Lincoln Principal, and students and noted that they would be presenting learning experiences from their Husky Hideaway stay at Camp Lakeview.

Mr. Findley and sixth grade students shared the why, how and what of their learning experiences as they stayed overnight at Camp Lakeview in Seymour. Through fun and physical activities their key learning goals were communication, achieving a common goal, building relationships, teamwork, finding comfort zones, taking risks, goal setting, knowing talents, leadership, initiative, cooperation, and understanding goals. Forty-one students attended the overnight trip.

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

CSA-Lincoln sixth graders have been taking this trip for several years. This year, the zip line was down so rock climbing was added. Rock climbing was found to be a great opportunity for students to push themselves and to encourage one another.

Students shared that the food at camp was great. In one station, students fed one another applesauce or pudding while blindfolded. This task developed communication, trust and teamwork.

A strategy used in the tug-of-war was to dig your feet into the mud. The girls won, but the boys said they were outnumbered.

PUBLIC HEARING

2016 Budgets:

President Abrams opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Budgets at 7:18 p.m.

Dr. Sylva noted that two weeks ago, he went through the budget to give the board and public an overview. This report was very similar with some differences in the estimates for tax rates. This Public Hearing gave the board and public another opportunity to respond and ask questions.

Dr. Sylva shared that he expects the General Fund revenues to increase \$1.3 million in 2016. This is driven, in part, by an estimated increase of 30 students on the September ADM count. An expenditure assumption in the General Fund was reported as \$71,879,393. Salary increases come from this fund. The December 2015 estimated General Fund balance is \$1 million. There is \$6 million in the Rainy Day Fund.

The General Fund health costs remain unchanged. There are reserves in the Health Trust of \$9,800,000.

Dr. Sylva shared the 2016 Debt Service Fund budgets. The regular Debt Service Fund budget totaled \$9,316,537. The Pension Debt Fund budget totaled \$1,452,113. The Pension Bonds have to reduce the budget elsewhere, so the payments become neutralized. The budgets that will be reduced are the Bus Replacement, Transportation and Capital Projects. The Referendum Debt Fund for the 2010 High School Bond totaled \$8,050,000.

The 2016 Capital Project Plan has an assumed budget of \$13,330,294. This fund is determined by the assessed value.

Dr. Sylva shared that the Transportation Fund was balanced. The assumed revenue was \$5,909,000; expenditures were \$5,908,632, with a net surplus of \$368.

The initial Bus Replacement Plan would replace ten buses at a total cost of \$1,356,021. But, Dr. Sylva noted that the Pension Bond offset in 2016 would reduce the number of new buses to seven or eight.

The budget summary indicated the proposed total budget, before Department of Local Government (DLGF) adjustments, to be \$111,292,989. This is an estimated increase of 2.6%.

Dr. Sylva noted that the law states that budgets have to be advertised higher than expected because they cannot be lowered. The advertised tax rate will be \$1.1311. If assessed value increases, as expected, the tax rate will be the same or lower than last year's rate of \$0.8550. A higher assessed value equals a lower tax rate.

The additional revenue received in excise and property taxes in 2014 will be used by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) as additional revenue in 2016.

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

The 2002 Pension Bonds were issued to meet the obligation of early retirement packages that were negotiated in the 1990's. This debt will end in 2017.

Salary increases were affordable due to savings from retirements and an increase in the foundation amount of state funding.

If there is a balance in tax supported funds, it may be rolled over to the next year. The DLGF can give a corporation less property tax dollars if there was money rolled over from the prior year.

President Abrams asked if there were any patrons that had questions or comments on the 2016 Budgets. No one spoke at this time.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE:

Dr. Quick recognized a Boy Scout that was in attendance to work on a merit badge.

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:

No report was shared.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Verbanic attended the Family School Partner Advisory Board meeting. They are serving 160 families; over 200 children. Of those families, 130 are Latino. The Dancing With the Stars fundraiser is January 16, 2016.

Mr. Stenner shared information on the School Foundation's car wash fundraiser that is taking place this month. Tickets can be purchased on-line in September, but may be redeemed at any time. He also invited everyone to attend the Council for Youth Development breakfast on October 13th at the Commons.

5) Cabinet Report:

No reports were shared.

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 Session of August 24, 2015 and Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 24, 2015 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. To Purchase Three Activity Buses (attachment)

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the items as described by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shedd.

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

Two activity buses will be traded-in, and three new buses will be purchased. The corporation is still a front-runner in regards to seatbelts on buses. Other corporations often inquire about the use of seatbelts.

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:

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

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

Dr. Quick shared that he attended the Youth Leadership luncheon with over 200 Bartholomew County seniors. Mr. Weinheimer, Columbus North English Department Chair and Cross Country Coach, was the featured speaker.

Dr. Quick noted that he received a Columbus High School brick from the family of “Jumpin” Joe Anderson. Mr. Anderson passed away September 2nd at 101 years of age. In high school, Mr. Anderson was one of five named to the Indiana Basketball All-State Team. While playing basketball at Purdue, he roomed with John Wooden. The brick will be placed in the Administration Building trophy case.

Mr. Abrams shared that the next school board meeting would be September 28, 7:00 p.m. at Columbus Signature Academy-Lincoln Campus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

_____Secretary

Attest: _____President