

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at Clifty Creek Elementary School, 4625 E 50 N, Columbus, IN 47203, on Monday, September 25, 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: Mr. Rich Stenner, President
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Secretary
 Mr. Robert Abrams, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mr. James Persinger, Member
 Dr. Jill Shedd, Member

Absent: Mr. Jeff Caldwell, Vice President

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

School Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe

REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared reflections.

Clifty Creek students, Anika Kotakonda, Anisha Kotakonda and Isabel Branum led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

WHO/WHY

The Clifty Creek Elementary students read the mission and vision. Mr. Stenner noted the high expectation objectives.

Dr. Roberts shared an informational slide on Clifty Creek Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING

2018 Budget (Mr. Phillips)

President Stenner opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Phillips shared the summary of the seven funds that feed the budget and noted a 2.18% increase.

Mr. Phillips noted that the most dominant factor for the General Fund would be state support based on the ADM count on September 15, 2017. The projected budget is based on an assumption that the ADM count is up 36 students but the preliminary count shows that there will be a larger increase. There are still conflicts to work out due to students being counted in two different corporations. Mr. Phillips expects the total revenues for the General Fund to be \$75.3M, an increase from \$72.9M in 2017. The expenditure assumption for the General Fund was \$75.3M up from \$72.9M in 2017.

The General Fund reserves for January 2018 were estimated to be \$1,300,000, and in addition to this, there are \$6,274,348 in the Rainy Day Fund. This is nearly 10% of the General Fund Budget in reserves.

Mr. Phillips shared the Debt Service Fund Budgets. The Debt Service Fund totaled \$9,853,900. The Pension Debt Fund totaled \$314,127. The Pension Bond payments have to reduce the budget elsewhere, so the payments become neutralized. With the Pension Debt Fund being 78.40% lower, the bond neutrality amount will be less in 2018; 100% of the offset will come from the Bus Replacement Budget. The Referendum Debt Fund for the 2010 High School Bond totaled \$7,925,000. This will continue to decrease each year and will expire in 2029.

The 2018 Capital Projects Fund benefits from an anticipated increase in the AV and from not having to offset the Pension Bond debt. The assumed budget was \$14,198,609, an increase of 5.77%. Building, acquisition, construction improvements, and technology line items indicated an increase. A great deal of the technology expenditure is for salaries.

Mr. Phillips shared that the Transportation Fund budget is projected to be \$6,076,721, an increase of 2.41%. There were five Pre-K bus drivers and five Pre-K monitors added to the budget. This budget will not be altered by the Pension Bond neutrality.

The initial Bus Replacement Plan would have allowed ten buses to be purchased at the approximate cost of \$1,383,141. Mr. Phillips noted that the pension bond neutralization would reduce the number of buses to be purchased to seven or eight.

The tax rate history was shared noting that the advertised rate is slowly decreasing and getting closer to the final rate. The 2018 tax rate is expected to be very close to or lower than the 2017 rate of .8446.

Mr. Phillips shared the budget summary that indicated the proposed total budget would be \$115,094,005. This is an estimated increase of 2.18% with the tax rate to stay stable or be slightly lower. Mr. Phillips noted that at the October 23rd board meeting the board would be requested to adopt the 2018 budget.

The Public Hearing was opened up for questions and comments from the public and the board. There were none. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m. and the board meeting resumed.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

No one spoke at this time.

WHAT

1) Three-Year Calendar Recommendation 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 (Ms. Heiny)

Ms. Heiny shared that this was the third cycle for the three-year modified balanced calendar. Families are anxious to receive the calendar for vacation planning purposes. The board will be asked to approve the calendar at the October 23rd board meeting. If the legislature would change the statute for school calendars, the committee would reconvene.

Ms. Heiny shared the goals used to create the calendar and recognized the committee members; many whom were in attendance. The committee included a board member, BCSC staff members, parents and community members.

There were 4,838 individuals that completed the on-line calendar survey. Ms. Heiny shared the survey results and noted that comments most often canceled each other out. The majority of responses were in favor of the following: reducing Thanksgiving Break to three days; Good Friday being a day off school and not used for a snow make-up day; and using the first week of spring break as snow make-up days if needed. Ms. Heiny shared the proposed calendar dates for the three school years that were partly determined by the majority of survey responses. She noted that the final school day each year is in May.

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

Several survey comments requested summer break to be as long as possible and winter break to be shorter.

After finding winter break dates, and moving backwards to include the required school days, there is little wiggle room in the calendar.

Beginning the sixth day out of school for inclement weather, eLearning days would be used for make-up days. The state does not have a limit on eLearning days, but administrators believe using the Spring Break snow make-up days first is best because a day with students physically in classrooms is best for learning. There are still concerns regarding computer access for all students in the corporation if eLearning days are used.

If school was to start after Labor Day and end before Memorial Day, Fall Break would have to be eliminated. Fall Break is very popular, and the corporation offers comprehensive child care support for families through iCARE.

A survey has been conducted each time the corporation has had a three-year modified balanced calendar.

The number of days per quarter and semester was incorrect in the presentation and will be corrected.

The board will be requested to approve the calendar at the October 23rd school board meeting at Mt. Healthy Elementary School.

2) Board Commendations:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared her appreciation for all those involved in caring for students and staff at the bus accident last week.

Dr. Roberts commended Brett Findley, CSA-Lincoln Principal, and all others involved in the Lincoln Elementary 50 Year Golden Anniversary Celebration. The dedication ceremony was a great experience and included Dr. McCormick, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. All 350 Lincoln students sang the fight song led by Mrs. Thompson, former Lincoln secretary. The playground project at CSA-Lincoln was also highlighted at the celebration.

Mr. Stenner shared that he enjoyed the CSA-Lincoln Golden Anniversary Celebration video on Facebook and others thanked him for sharing the post.

3) School Attorney Report:

No reports were shared.

4) School Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared that the Special Education Parent Forum would be on October 18, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Terrace Room.

5) Cabinet Reports:

Mr. Jensen shared that BCSC partnered with CAST, an educational research and development organization out of Boston, for a two-day Universal Design for Learning (UDL) symposium. There were 120 individuals present from 12 different states. Those attending were bussed to schools to see how UDL ties into the actual classroom. Mr. Jensen noted it was a great symposium and thanked Cummins for their support. He also commended BCSC personnel, Dr. Van Horn, Mrs. Laswell, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Wieneke for their efforts.

Dr. Hack shared an update on the progress of the Two-Way Immersion Pathway. She noted that Rosa Molina, an expert in Two-Way Immersion from California, visited and worked with Clifty Creek staff and the leadership team. She will be back in November to speak with the Administrative Council. Dr. Hack noted that there have been several positive comments received regarding the Two-Way Immersion Pathway.

Mr. Phillips noted that the initial ADM student count is higher than the assumed number used for the budget. There are still conflicts to clean-up but the count has increased by more than the 36 predicted.

HOW

6) Requests for Approval: (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 11, 2017 (attachment)
- b. Supplemental Contracts (attachment)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (attachment)
- d. Claims (attachment)
- e. Advertise to Bid Site and Playground Improvements at Multiple Sites (Mr. Forster)

Dr. Roberts requested approval of the reviewed items.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the reviewed items, and Dr. Shedd seconded the motion.

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

6) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

Ms. Heiny requested approval of the human resources recommendations as presented.

Mr. Persinger made a motion to approve the human resources recommendations, and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT/REVIEW

Dr. Shedd thanked all those that served on the Calendar Committee.

Dr. Roberts announced that Fall Break would be the week of October 9th.

President Stenner noted that the next school board meeting would be October 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Healthy Elementary School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President