BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Administration Building, Columbus, Indiana, on Monday, January 22, 2024, 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:  
Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon, President  
Mr. Rich Stenner, Vice President  
Mr. Todd Grimes, Secretary  
Mr. Pat Bryant, Member  
Mr. Dale Nowlin, Member  
Mr. Jason Major, Member  
Mr. Logan Schulz, Member

Administration:  
Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent  
Dr. Gina Pleak, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education  
Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
Mr. Charles Edwards, Director of Secondary Education  
Mrs. Megan Shaff, Director of Title Services  
Mrs. Jessica Vogel, Director of Special Education

Attorney:  
Mr. Michael McIver, School Attorney

REGULAR SESSION

The business meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Wheeldon, the President, opened the board meeting at 6:32 p.m.
PRESENTATIONS

United Way Check Presentation (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts presented a check to United Way Resource Development Director Sarah Davis and acknowledged Secondary Education Administration Assistant Kirin Sandusky for her effort in coordinating the district campaign. This school year the district raised $26,868.51 through the annual giving campaign.

Best Practice – CSA Lincoln Campus (Mr. Brett Findley)

Principal Mr. Findley presented demographic information and noted the school’s 2021 National Blue Ribbon Award achievement and Purple Star status for service to veterans and their families.

He noted the many ways the students at Lincoln are setting a great foundation for graduation and success at the secondary level. He also noted the challenge the teachers face to remove barriers and create experiences for all students to expand their background knowledge, build confidence, and use those skills to achieve success. The after-school program, Beyond the Bell, was developed during a Professional Development Day to help with this challenge and create equitable access to learn, grow, and demonstrate success for all students.

The program is free for students, accessible for families, certified and classified staff members participate, and a yearly budget has been established. Mr. Findley shared the timeline for the program, the process for registration, and the classes that have been offered. He noted the results thus far with the program, sharing that over 90% of students participate and every student that registered is placed in a program.

The following information was given in response to questions from the board:

The most popular events have been cross country, folk dancing, baking, and crafts.

The economically disadvantaged student participants do participate in other extra-curricular activities outside of school. Transportation is a barrier for this population.

Many other BCSC schools are hosting activities after school and in the evening.

School-Based Health Clinic (Mrs. Kelli Thompson/ Mr. Scott Rollett – CEO of WindRose Health Network)

Mrs. Thompson shared the opportunity for a school-based clinic within BCSC. She noted the focus work of the BCSC Strategic Plan is Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Environments and highlighted that every learner needs access to resources to thrive. She shared that access to care is a need in many of our buildings.

Mr. Scott Rollett, CEO of WindRose Health Network, provided information regarding WindRose services and noted the demographic patient groups now receiving services. The clinic will be a separate facility and operate within a BCSC building or on a school property. The mobile unit will move to different schools as needed. The clinic will be funded through an HRSA (Health Resources Services Administration) Grant, with WindRose managing billing, budget, equipment, medical records, and staffing. The district would be responsible for providing the physical space, custodial services, and utilities for the clinic. Mr. Rollett noted that WindRose will submit the grant application and shared the timeline for approval. The remainder of the funding would come from patient service revenues. The services include primary care, acute care, sports physicals, immunizations, and behavioral health.
The following information was given in response to questions from the board:

The deadline for the application will be determined as soon as Congress announces the budget and funding award.

The operating hours for the clinic would be during regular school hours.

The clinic would follow the federal sliding fee scale. The vast number of patients fall into the flat fee category.

The student is released from school and the parent takes the student to the clinic.

The WindRose Clinic has a long-standing relationship with Columbus Regional Hospital and medical records can be accessed.

The grant application is for 24 months. If the district demonstrates success, the grant is typically reviewed and is intended to be ongoing.

The clinic will allow other options for families that have barriers to their health care.

We will look to maximize the school that has the greatest needs. Once the grant is approved, a mobile unit would be utilized and then work would begin to establish a clinic within a BCSC building with the greatest need.

A community health care assessment gathers the data to determine health care needs. Healthy Communities issues a survey every 3 years and provides data indicating the need for care.

The total grant amount for BCSC will be made available when the grant is released. The district would be responsible for operational costs.

The mobile clinic would be available to go back and forth to the schools with the highest needs. CRH has been involved in this conversation, and it was determined WindRose would be the best partner for BCSC.

A parent has to be present with the student to receive treatment at the clinic.

There are currently health clinics in both New Albany and Floyd County high schools.

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports

Mr. Stenner noted the regularly scheduled Business Advisory meeting was rescheduled for the month of January. Various individuals met with CSO Architects in Indianapolis to address questions regarding upcoming BCSC projects and tour recently completed school buildings that were designed by CSO Architects.
Mr. Major provided a City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission report. He noted the members reviewed the budget, signed resolutions for legal and financial support and he shared that there would be a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29 at City Hall. He provided a Health Trust update thanking Dr. Phillips for scheduling a tour for the committee of the new health clinic at Nexus Park.

Mr. Schulz noted that the CCIC will meet on Thursday, February 8 in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building. The Education Hall of Fame selection committee has named the receipt for the 2024 award. The individual will be recognized and honored at the February 5 school board meeting.

Mr. Grimes noted the BCSF will meet on Tuesday, January 23 and reminded teachers of the scholarship opportunities for classroom projects available through the foundation. He shared an ISBA (Indiana School Board Association) update. He noted 750 total bills have been introduced, and 113 of them are related to K-12 education. He noted Senate Bill 1 involves a proactive comprehensive bill regarding the need to identify students' reading needs as the DOE has a goal to have 95% of the state's 3rd graders reading at grade level by 2027.

Mrs. Wheeldon provided a Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission update noting the new business development within the county.

2) Cabinet Reports

- Book Review Request (Dr. Roberts)

  Dr. Roberts noted a formal request was filed by Mr. Major to review the library book “People Kill People”. He noted that the committee for Review of Materials reviewed the details of the complaint and decided in March of 2023 that the book was appropriate to remain in the CEHS library. Mr. Major is now appealing their response.

  Dr. Roberts reviewed the recent board-approved policy revisions relating to school libraries and the filing of a formal complaint. He shared the timeline for the appeal process, noting that the board has received the documentation regarding the complaint, and according to Indiana Code, will now have 60 business days to review and respond in writing to the appeal.

- Envision 2030 Update (Dr. Phillips/Dr. Boezeman)

  Dr. Phillips noted that confirmation has been received from the County Clerk's office that the window to file a petition to collect signatures for the next ballot has now passed. This confirmation allows the district to move forward with the proposed projects. The first bond issue will be early-to mid-fall.

  Dr. Boezeman provided an update on current projects within the district noting that the renovations at Parkside Elementary are under budget with a projected completion date of July 2024, and the bids for Schmitt Elementary will be going out in February.

  He shared with the board that a phase one draft of projects related to Envision 2030 will be presented at the February 19 Strategic Planning Session. Discussion continues with the CSO partnership and Cummins Foundation for a list of potential design architects for the 12th elementary building. Dr.
Boezeman noted that at the March 3 school board meeting, a phase 1 schedule will be brought to the board for review and approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Crystal Pumphrey
2. Kermit Key

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3) Approval of Board Appointments for January 2024 – December 2024

a. BCSC Health Trust – Jason Major
b. Districting & Facilities Committee – Rich Stenner
c. Diversity Leadership Council – Nikki Wheeldon
d. Business Advisory – Rich Stenner

Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve 3) a-d and the motion was seconded by Mr. Major

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

4) Approval of Board Members Serving as a Liaison with District and Community Advisory Boards and Committees for January 2024 – December 2024

a. High Ability Broad Based Committee – Dale Nowlin
b. Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation – Todd Grimes
c. Corporation Continuous Improvement Council – Logan Schulz
d. Education Hall of Fame Committee – Logan Schulz
e. Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) Delegate Assembly – Todd Grimes
f. ISBA Legislative Liaison – Todd Grimes
g. IUPUC Advisory Board – Dale Nowlin
h. Classified Employee Roundtable – Pat Bryant
i. Council for Youth Development – Dale Nowlin
j. District Wellness Council – Pat Bryant
k. Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – Nikki Wheeldon
l. City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission – Jason Major

Mr. Schulz made a motion to approve 4) a-l as written, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Major.

Upon a call to vote, the motion to amend was carried unanimously.

5) Requests for Approval – Old Business
a. Minutes of the Amended Regular School Board Meeting of December 11, 2023, the Executive Session of January 8, 2024, the Regular Board Meeting of January 8, 2024, and the Executive Session of January 22, 2024.

b. NEOLA Policy Revision Recommendations – Special Update July 2023 (Dr. Roberts)

Mr. Nowlin requested Policy 4121 be pulled from the 5) a-b vote.

Mr. Nowlin made a motion to approve 5) a-b excluding Policy 4121, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz

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

Mr. Nowlin made a motion to amend policy 4121 to indicate that the applicant would be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining the expanded criminal history check and the expanded child protection index check are to be borne by the applicant, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz.

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

Mr. Nowlin made a motion to approve Policy 4121 as amended, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz.

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

6) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)
   c. Field Trips and Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Edwards)
   d. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Edwards)
   e. Claims and Payroll (Dr. Phillips)
   f. Request to Receive Bids for Mechanical HVAC Equipment at Schmitt Elementary (Dr. Boezeman)
   g. Request to Receive Bids for Roof Replacement at CSA Lincoln (Dr. Boezeman)
   h. Request to Accept Bid for Field Lighting at CEHS and CNHS (Dr. Boezeman)
   i. Conflict of Interest for Mrs. Jessica Vogel (Mr. Mclver)
   j. Approval of Print Management Agreement (Dr. Phillips)

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the reviewed items and requested approval.

Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve 6) c-j and the motion was seconded by Mr. Major.

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

7) Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak)

Dr. Pleak requested approval of the Human Resources Recommendations as presented.
Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the Human Resources Recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mr. Major.

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

BOARD INPUT REVIEW

Mr. Grimes congratulated BCSC students and staff for all the notable recent successes, Mr. Edwards for the graduation data provided in the January 19 Friday Notes, Mrs. Thompson regarding the potential health clinic, and Mr. Findley for the CSA Lincoln Best Practice presentation. He reminded the community of the upcoming C4 Open House. He thanked Superintendent Dr. Jim Roberts for his service and congratulated him on his new position.

Mr. Schulz thanked Mr. Findley for his presentation, Mrs. Thompson for the update on the health clinic, and all elementary schools for their efforts in keeping students active and moving during the winter months.

Mr. Nowlin gave commendations to the following BCSC student scholarship recipients: Kellie Hunter, Angel Affana, Aliah Murray, Maleah Dyette, Messiah Trapp, and Layla Sanders. The students received scholarships based on their academic achievement and leadership. This included a matching scholarship to Ivy Tech or IU Columbus. He thanked those who reviewed the book in question and provided detailed input.

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Findley for his Best Practice presentation.

Mr. Major thanked CEHS wrestling coach Mr. Chris Cooper for his work in the program over the last 20 years. He acknowledged CEHS students Monica McMahon and Eden Knight for their state wrestling participation. Monica placed 3rd in the state competition and congratulated the Southside Elementary Robotic programs.

Mr. Stenner thanked Mrs. Thompson for the Health Clinic presentation and additional information. Mrs. Wheeldon thanked Ms. Lisa Haynes and her efforts in organizing the Full Volume Showdown BCSC Robotics tournament on Saturday, January 13, 2024. She acknowledged the many BCSC staff and community volunteers for their efforts in making the day a success. She shared her appreciation for the efforts that go into making the decisions around school delays and closings.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next School Board Meeting
Special Board Meeting Monday, January 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Terrace Room

Regular Board Meeting, February 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Education Hall of Fame Award Reception before the meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Administration Building, Terrace Room

Strategic Planning Session, February 19, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Boardroom
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

[Signature]
Secretary

Attest: [Signature]
Mikki Wheeler
President