

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held at the Administration Building, 1200 Central Ave., Columbus, Indiana, on Monday, October 24, 2022, 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:                   Dr. Jill Shedd, President  
                              Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary  
                              Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member  
                              Dr. Julie Bilz, Member  
                              Mr. Todd Grimes, Member  
                              Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Absent:                   Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon, Vice President

Administration:         Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent  
                              Dr. Gina Pleak, 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  
                              Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
                              Mr. Charles Edwards, Director of Title Services  
                              Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Attorney:                 Mr. Michael McIver, School Attorney

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Stenner provided Reflections.

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

Dr. Shedd, President, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

## **WHO/WHY**

### **RECOGNITIONS:**

#### **TIFS for Education (Dr. Roberts and Mayor Jim Lienhoop)**

Dr. Roberts introduced and thanked Mayor Jim Lienhoop and the City of Columbus for graciously working alongside BCSC with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars. Mayor Lienhoop thanked BCSC for the continued partnership and presented the school corporation with a \$1M check. The Mayor stated this is the seventh year the City of Columbus and BCSC has partnered together to provide programs related to STEM – science, technology, engineering and math, i-Grad, Information Technology Pathways through Ivy-Tech, and the continuation of the Transitional Planning Program. He expressed how important the continued partnership is to the City of Columbus and shared appreciation for the efforts into these four programs to continue to provide a welcoming, fun, safe, and educational system for children.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Best Practice – CSA Fodrea (Mrs. Lyndsey Linneweber)**

Principal, Mrs. Linneweber, shared the demographic information for CSA Fodrea and noted preparation has begun to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school in 2023. She spoke of the diversity and the unique population within CSA Fodrea and noted 17 different languages spoken among the students.

She shared how CSA Fodrea utilizes a house system titled Squads as a part of the PBIS framework to increase a greater sense of belonging and community among staff and students. This system engages and motivates learners which improves both learning and behavior outcomes. There are seven Squads, each named after a continent.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Facilitator, Ms. Lillian Hamilton, presented the UDL connection. She shared that the Squads house system helps to establish a culture of belonging among the students and staff to improve engagement and overall behavior and learning outcomes. She noted that the first step for students towards learning is feeling that they belong. The Squads provide opportunities to optimize relevance, value, and authenticity to foster collaboration and community and to promote expectations and beliefs that optimize motivation.

CSA Fodrea 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher, Ms. Jenna Flannery, shared the format of a Squads Session, noting the opportunities the students have to unite with each other as they work on character-building lessons. There are approximately 50 students per Squad and they meet for 45 minutes each Friday morning. The session time is designed to allow for student recognition and celebrations. Ms. Flannery introduced each student representative and the Squad they represent. The students were allowed to share their personal experiences and note their favorite part of their Squad family. A global summit is held at the end of each quarter to celebrate student and Squad successes from the previous quarter.

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

Students hold each other accountable for their choices and actions, promote sportsmanship, and provide role models for the younger students.

## **BOARD COMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Grimes gave commendations to CNHS football coach Logan Haston and the football team. The team received an Exemplary Behavior Report from an IHSAA official for their display of good sportsmanship during the Bloomington North football game.

Mr. Grimes commended all BCSC sports teams for a successful fall season. He noted CNHS freshman Ava Bucker for her IHSAA State Championship in golf. He shared she broke every record for CNHS golf and is a great teammate and a great representative of the community of Columbus and CNHS. Mr. Grimes gave commendations to the students recently named Academic All-State and the C4 program for their regular communication highlighting students in the program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Logan Shultz - 6973 W. Paddock Lane, Columbus, IN 47201

Mr. Shultz shared his frustration with the lack of questions the board members are asking during the board meeting in regards to the proposed 2023 Budget. He asked the board to reconsider previous questions in regards to benchmarking and evaluate the graduation rates and math proficiency scores of other schools within the state.

Jason Major – 3241 Overlook Drive, Columbus, IN 47203

Mr. Major shared his appreciation for Mr. Grimes' board commendations. He asked if virtual options could be made available to those wishing to participate in the public comments segment of the board meeting.

Eric Grow – 2247 Rolling Hill Court, Columbus, IN 47201

Mr. Grow asked the board to contend with his request to address library books. He feels some books need to be removed and asked for consideration of a review of the current book removal process.

Christina Carson - 2612 Forest Drive, Columbus, IN 47201

Ms. Carson shared her desires concerning the curriculum. She feels curriculum should not be limited to a particular scope or ideology. She would like the opportunity for parents to be able to vote on the curriculum and to take into consideration the needs of each child.

## **WHAT**

### **1) School Board Member Reports**

Mr. Grimes shared a High Ability Broad Based Committee meeting update. He noted the topic of discussion was centered on K-12 curriculum and instruction.

Mr. Grimes reported the BCSF now has both the Lightening Grants for teachers and the Chick-fil-A Student of the Month programs back in operation, and he noted the DonorsChoose program has supported 30 teachers with 36 different projects.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer shared a reminder that the 2023 Education Hall of Fame nominations are due by Tuesday, November 1. The information regarding the award and instructions for submitting a nomination are available on the BCSC website.

Dr. Shedd provided a Business Advisory Council update. She reported at the last meeting that

Mr. Phillips gave an overall view of the budget and provided a facility update, and Mr. Josh Burnett facilitated an interesting discussion on how to market BCSC within the community

## **2) Cabinet Reports**

### **Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report (Mr. Phillips)**

Mr. Phillips shared a slide indicating the school corporation remains stable with the ADM count. He shared the pleasant surprise that the student count changed by just about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of one student. The school corporation had a very large senior class graduate last year and a historically low birth rate for the current kindergarten class. The district added about 75 students across other grades to maintain the enrollment from a year ago. Mr. Phillips noted that overall the proposed budget is up 5% over 2022, and he expects the Department of Local Government Finance to issue a tax rate that is either flat or slightly lower for 2023.

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

Starting in 2016 the state changed how kindergarten students are counted from a funding perspective.

The students from St. Peters and St. Bartholomew schools who are taking classes within BCSC can only be counted as a portion of the student count.

We are off about 75 students from the budget assumptions. We will collect more in state support than what we budgeted.

We do collect revenue from the school districts that have students attending our C4 program. These students do not affect the enrollment number.

## **3) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 26, 2022
- b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- d. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- e. Claims and Payroll (Mr. Phillips)
- f. Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Educational Improvements (Dr. Boezeman)
- g. Approval of the Change Order Number One Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Educational Improvements (Dr. Boezeman)
- h. Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for HVAC Improvements (Dr. Boezeman)
- i. Approval of the 2023 Health and Dental Rates (Mr. Phillips)
- j. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Budget (Mr. Phillips)
- k. Resolution to Authorize the 2023 Reductions (Mr. Phillips)
- l. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan (Mr. Phillips)
- m. Resolution to Transfer from Education Fund to the Operations Fund (Mr. Phillips)
- n. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Capital Projects Fund Plan (Mr. Phillips)

o. Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Tax Anticipation Warrants (Mr. Phillips)

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

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, Items 3) a-o were unanimously approved.

**4) Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak)**

Dr. Pleak requested approval of the Human Resources Recommendations as presented.

Dr. Bilz made a motion to approve the Human Resources Recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

**BOARD INPUT REVIEW**


Mr. Grimes thanked Mr. Stenner for opening reflections, Mrs. Linneweber and the CSA Fodrea students for their Best Practice presentation, and the City of Columbus for their generous funding partnership with the corporation. He wished both the CNHS boys' soccer and girls and boys cross country teams their best in the state competition.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer provided input from a meeting she attended sponsored by the Arc of Bartholomew County and thanked BCSC for supporting students with special disabilities.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

 Secretary

Attest:  President