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, April 5, 2021 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  
Dr. Julie Bilz, Vice President  
Mr. Pat Bryant, Secretary  
Mr. Rich Stenner, Member  
Ms. Nikki Wheeldon, Member  
Mr. Todd Grimes, Member

Absent: Ms. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member

Administration: Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent  
Ms. Teresa Heiny, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education  
Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services  
Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education  
Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
Mr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
Mr. William Jensen, Director of Secondary Education

Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe, School Attorney

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Pat Bryant offered reflections.

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

Dr. Shedd, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
WHO/WHY

2021 Teacher of the Year Nominations:

Ms. Heiny recognized the 2nd Annual Teacher of the Year Nominations. She reviewed the nomination process and introduced each building representative through Zoom. A video featuring all the nominated teachers was shown in their honor. A district nominee will be determined in August and the selected individual will have the opportunity to complete the state application.

The building nominations are as follows: Clifty Creek Elementary: Angie Kirkham; CSA Fodrea: Lauren Pherson; CSA Lincoln: Delaney George; Mt. Healthy Elementary: Jennifer Justis; Parkside Elementary: Dana Thompson; W.D. Richards Elementary: Taylor Sharp; Rockcreek Elementary: Brittany Boezeman; Schmitt Elementary: Ali Simpson; Smith Elementary: Susan Baute; Southside Elementary: Kristine Davis; Taylorsville Elementary: Caroline Bell; Central Middle School: Karla Eudy; Northside Middle School: Lily Hamilton; CSA New Tech: Matt Morrill; Columbus East High School: Tony Pottorff; Columbus North High School: Stacy Doub; McDowell Educational Center: Angie Boyer; Richard L. Johnson Early Education Center: Jessica Anderson.

Columbus North Gymnastics – State Medalist

Columbus North Varsity Gymnastics Coach Betsy Warble introduced State Medalist, Emily Moore. Emily is a junior at Columbus North. She medaled in three events at the state level and placed 2nd All-Around. Coach Warble shared that Emily set a new school record on the balance beam and is currently holding all but one gymnastic record at Columbus North. Athletic Director, Mr. Brian Lewis recognized the efforts of the entire Columbus North Gymnastics Team and noted the high level of competition the girls experienced at the state level.

Secondary World Language Resource Adoption - 2021

Adoption committee presenters, Ms. Laura Ousley and Ms. Corie Williams shared the goals and the process used to determine the next secondary World Language Resource curriculum. They noted the importance in providing multiple options for the teaching staff to view in order to make the final selection. Their presentation included the goals that were determined and then set in order to evaluate and select grade 7 through grade 12 World Language curriculum. Professional development sessions were held for the teachers, connecting the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework and the seven aspects of Culturally Responsive Teaching. The metaphor for Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Glass Doors was reviewed to help evaluate each resource. They shared the desire to provide a window for students to see into other cultures and perspectives, a mirror for students to see themselves in different cultures and a sliding glass door to allow them to step into other cultures and experiences. Once professional development was complete several vendor sessions were made available to the teaching staff to evaluate the different curriculum options.

They recognized and thanked those individuals who served on the adoption committee and noted that teachers in all departments were virtually able to participate in curriculum selections. On Monday, March 1 all resources for the World Language curriculum were made final.
The Department Coordinators representing all three high schools shared curriculum selections for all of the languages. Marcia Cheek, Department Coordinator from Columbus North High School and Brittany Sullivan, Department Coordinator from Columbus East shared determining factors for the curriculum selections for Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Chinese. They noted the three high schools have different sets of materials based on teacher preference. While programs, teachers and students are different in each building, their goals are all the same. They noted strong collaboration remains among the teachers as they use different strategies to meet their established goals.

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

All curriculum adoption follows a similar process.

Nearly all students who were surveyed wanted to have one class set of material and not receive printed books.

The Spanish Language class has the largest student enrollment.

The course fee is higher for Spanish AP. The reason for the higher cost is fewer students go beyond the third year of study, which does not allow for ordering to be cost-efficient.

The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) guidelines are very accessible with each of the vendors that were selected.

**Update: COVID-19 Plan of Action for 2020-2021 (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts noted all students K-12 are currently in 5 days of in-person learning. He shared that all original mitigation strategies remain in effect to assure all students continue with in-person learning.

He noted that approximately 1,700 students are enrolled in an all eLearning option for the fourth quarter.

Dr. Roberts shared the Bartholomew County Community COVID-19 Indicators and provided an update on the Indiana State Board of Health data. He noted the current data from the state map and shared the positive test cases within the school corporation. The numbers of positive cases since Monday, August 10 are as follows:

614 positive test cases (382 students, 161 support staff members and 71 teachers)

- 3% of Students
- 13% of Support Staff Members
- 9% of Certified Staff Members

Dr. Roberts noted that conversations continue to take place in regards to Prom and Graduation. He shared that options are being weighed and close attention to event restrictions monitored in order to make the safest decision for these two upcoming events. The current plan is to have a modified Prom and Graduation, and to use BCSC facilities for both events. The administration continues to work with Dr.
Niedbalski and local health professionals to plan the events in the safest way possible. He noted that the Prom is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 1 and added detailed information will soon be released. Dr. Roberts reminded how practicing the recommended mitigation strategies could actually help allow these two important events to take place.

The following information was given in response to the board:

As we continue to navigate a plan for high school graduation, we will make a determination on how many guests may attend the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Don Strietelmeier of 9390 E. 400 N., Columbus, Indiana spoke in regards to American History. He stated American History is a priority for him and questioned what kind of history is being taught, what books are being used, and what is being done to reflect a clear picture of the history of America. He shared concern that students are not continuing to be educated of the history in America.

WHAT

1) Board Commendations

Mr. Grimes commended the student efforts of a recent fundraiser. He shared that members of the Columbus North Cross Country Team, CSA New Tech students and teacher Mrs. Morrill worked together to successfully run a highly organized fundraiser.

The Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association conducted an Academic Challenge to determine the state’s top team in terms of combined success on the mat and in the classroom. Coach Chris Cooper and the East Wrestling Team tied with Noblesville High School for the Academic Challenge Championship. Mr. Grimes commended Coach Cooper for placing a strong emphasis on academics each day at practice and taking pride in the team’s academic accomplishments.

Columbus North Senior, Blake Barker was recently named to the Academic All-State Basketball, 1st team. The following team members received Honorable Mention: Reece Harmon, Max Wilson and Jakub Trusina. Coach Ferguson noted he felt honored to be able to coach these fine, true student athletes. The following students also received Honorable Mention: Columbus North Girls Basketball Team Members Emily Herdon, Kanon Matsuno, Alexa McKinley, and Madison White and Columbus East Boys Basketball Team Members Casey Bartholomew, Tyler Boyer, Ben Major, Daniel Murphy and Jacob Pierce. Mr. Grimes commended them for their academic success.

Mr. Grimes shared commendations for the writing efforts of two Central Middle School students. The eighth grade students, Yashika Mehta and Anushka Damle, placed at the state level in the Letters about Literature Contest. Yashika finished 3rd and Anushka received Honorable Mention. Central Middle School Language Arts teacher, Ms. Mindy Summers was also recognized as the 2021 Teacher of the Year for her efforts in the Indiana Letters about Literature Contest.
Mr. Grimes concluded by thanking Dr. Gene Hack for providing him a tour of the C4 facilities. He also thanked the students for the opportunity to hear the BCSC contribution to Exhibit Columbus, “Tunnel Vision”. He noted that BCSC should be proud of the C4 architecture program.

Dr. Shedd acknowledged the BCSC Food Service Department. The department was recently presented the Golden Delicious Apple Award by the Indiana Department of Education. This award was given to food service departments who continued to provide nutritious and award-winning meals during the nationwide pandemic.

2) Board Member Reports – no reports given

3) Cabinet Reports

Mr. Phillips presented a revised 2021 Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Plan for board review. He noted Dr. Boezeman would like to purchase five maintenance vehicles and two kitchen freezers. This requested revision will allow purchases to be made to address the operational needs of the corporation.

HOW

4) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of March 1, 2021
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. Declare School Buses as Surplus and Permission to Donate/Trade (Dr. Boezeman/Mr. Lasley)
g. Purchase School Buses (Dr. Boezeman/Mr. Lasley)
h. Administration Building Grounds Maintenance Contract with Engledow Group (Dr. Boezeman)

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

Mr. Stenner made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Ms. Wheeldon seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, Items 4) a-h were unanimously approved.

5) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (Ms. Heiny)

Ms. Heiny requested approval of the Human Resources Recommendations as presented.
Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Human Resources Recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes.

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

**BOARD INPUT/REVIEW**

Mr. Grimes congratulated all the teachers who were nominated for the 2021 Teacher of the Year Award. He noted, as a public school corporation, there are many great things occurring and it is important to continue to share those happenings. He also noted the importance to continue to contact state legislators in regards to pertinent public school matters.

Ms. Wheeldon thanked Mr. Bryant for his opening remarks. She also commended the HR Team for their hiring efforts and thanked the adoption committee for their resourceful presentation.

Mr. Stenner shared a reminder of the work we have in front of us to allow liberty and justice to be available for all.

Dr. Shedd thanked Mr. Bryant for his opening reflections and noted she was proud of the “Hate is not welcomed here” signs that are currently displayed throughout the community.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Dr. Shedd announced that there would be a Strategic Planning Session on Thursday, April 15, 5:00 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

Tour of Potential Virtual Pathway Site, Monday, April 19, 5:00 p.m.
Clover Center – 2401 Beam Road

The next School Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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