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, IN 47201, on Monday, November 9, 2020 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.

The members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Mr. Jeff Caldwell, President  
Dr. Jill Shedd, Vice President  
Mr. Pat Bryant, Secretary  
Dr. Julie Bilz, Member

Virtual: Mr. Rich Stenner, Member  
Mr. James Persinger, Member  
Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member  
Mr. Chris Monroe, School Attorney

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  
Dr. Gina Pleak, Director of Title Services  
Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations  
Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

**REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Bryant shared reflections.

Following the pledge of allegiance and determination of quorum the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Caldwell referenced the Mission and Vision statements as well as noted the high expectation objectives.
**Recognitions:**

The Columbus North Girls Golf Coach, Mr. Scott Seavers, introduced and recognized senior Nathaly Munnicha. Ms. Munnicha is the first female golfer from Columbus North to receive the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award. She currently has a 4.24 grade point average and is ranked 7th in her class of 452 students. He shared that she is a true student-athlete, always displaying a positive attitude in and out of the classroom.

The Columbus North Girls Cross Country Coach, Mr. Rick Sluder, introduced each runner and recognized their IHSAA 3rd place state finish. He shared that the team had an undefeated regular season and noted that in the history of Columbus North High School Athletics the girls cross country team has won 34 sectionals, 31 regionals and 8 semi-state titles. Coach Sluder added that the team has been invited to run in the National Scholastic Cross Country Meet of Champions.

The Columbus North Boys Cross Country Coach, Mr. Danny Fisher, introduced the 1st place IHSAA State Champion Cross Country runners from Columbus North High School. Coach Fisher shared that the team experienced one loss during the season. He praised the team for their resiliency and their accountability to each other for a common goal. He thanked the school board and administration for trusting the coaches to keep the students racing and training during the uncertainties of the pandemic.

**Presentations:**

**High School Food Pantries (Mr. Greg Lewis)**

Mr. Greg Lewis shared that Columbus East High School started volunteering with the Gleaners Food Bank in April 2013. The Gleaners Food Bank serves a twenty-one county region, including Bartholomew County. He shared that Ms. Rachelle House, Ms. Anne O’Neil, Ms. Susanne Romanski and himself began the efforts to establish the Food Pantry. Mr. Lewis noted that in 2014 he wrote a grant in conjunction with BCSF and Healthy Communities to start and maintain a community garden. The gardening efforts help supplement the prepackaged and canned goods with fresh garden produce.

Mr. Lewis noted that on March 25 of this year an order from the Governor’s Office declared that obtaining food during the pandemic was an essential activity. This order allowed the food pantry to be open for curbside distribution of pre-bagged food items. For the November 20 distribution, the FFA students from North, East and CSA New Tech bagged the items for curbside pickup. Mr. Lewis shared that Gleaners provides the food bank with a monthly $1,000 budget and the rest of the food items are donations from the community.
He also shared the following numbers from 2013 to present in regards to food distribution.

- Distribution dates: 168
- Individuals served: 35,284
- Number of current volunteers: 110

Mr. Lewis also provided an update for the Columbus North Bulldog Pantry. The food pantry at Columbus North began in February 2014 and was originally coordinated by Ms. Libby Arthur. The Bulldog Pantry distributions are made by appointment only. The pantry also coordinates car seat distributions, a clothing drive, Thanksgiving dinner boxes as well as a Holiday Angel Tree Program. Additional information in regards to the food pantry can be found at the following website www.bulldogpantry.com. Mr. Lewis shared that one out of seven people in Central Indiana have food insecurity. He also shared the free and reduced numbers for both high schools are well above 30% and that each pantry always has a need for volunteers.

**WHO/WHY**

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

Dr. Roberts reviewed the eLearning website and quick help reference sheet and thanked the technology team for their ongoing time and effort. He noted that one of the biggest challenges is insuring that every child has adequate and robust capabilities to access the internet. He shared that hot spots continue to be distributed to those students in need.

The following information was shared in regards to questions from the board:

Mr. Nick Williams shared that the technology team has expanded their hours. There is a tech team member available between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to field questions and address internet connectivity challenges. Nick shared his department received 200 calls on the first day of eLearning, there are 250 hot spots out and 50 more were delivered today. His team continues to work with principals and families to distribute those hot spots as they become available.

He indicated that Verizon seems to work the best for students in the west and southwest areas of the school district. He also shared that back in March 400 internet related work orders came in on the first day of eLearning. He noted only 170 work orders were placed today.

Mr. Williams commended his team for their willingness to pitch in and help in all areas. He indicated he has had three to four people fielding incoming calls as well as transcribing messages.

Dr. Roberts shared that there are a few students continuing to come into the buildings. The Legado program and C-4 classes are continuing in-person learning as well as a few special
education and ELL students. Mr. Jensen noted that the students that have had connectivity issues have utilized the supervised spaces set aside at the secondary buildings for internet usage.

Dr. Roberts provided an update on the local community spread and shared the current Bartholomew County COVID-19 Indicators as well as the Indiana State Department of Health County Metrics Map. He noted that close attention will continue to be on the local data as well as the Indiana state map. He shared that each Friday the positive test case information for the school corporation is provided to the BCSC School Board and local media sources.

Dr. Roberts noted that since the first student day, Monday, August 10, there have been 106 positive test cases (70 students, 25 support staff members, 11 teachers). He noted that besides the concern of the spread of COVID-19, the school corporation has a critical operational challenge. He shared that the cumulative numbers of positive test cases and close contacts is greatly affecting the daily operations of the school corporation.

The following information was shared in regards to questions from the board:

To date approximately 700 individuals (both staff and students) have been quarantined due to either a positive case result or being a close contact.

We currently are running a few buses for special needs students and the C-4 program. Buses are running for all Pre-K sites as well as the Legado program.

**Public Comments:**

No one signed in to speak

**WHAT**

1) First Reading – Revision to Board Policy - 3112

Dr. Roberts read the suggested revisions and presented a draft to the board members.

2) Board Commendations

Dr. Shedd shared that 3 schools have advanced to the state Spell Bowl competition. Those schools representing BCSC are North High School, Northside Middle and Central Middle. Central Middle School had a perfect score in the semifinal round.

Mr. Caldwell showed his appreciation for the administration leadership team, certified staff and the support staff for their hard work to keep schools open as long as they could. He also noted the hard work and extra steps the custodians took to help keep the buildings clean and sanitized.

3) School Board Member Reports – no reports shared.
4) Cabinet Reports

Dr. Laura Hack shared that Love Chapel and BCSC are partnering together to provide nutritional meals to approximately 465 elementary students. She shared that starting this month Love Chapel will deliver care packs to elementary schools. The care packs will be sent home with the students on Fridays.

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 October 19, 2020, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, October 23, 2020 and Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session October 30, 2020
b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen) – no requests
d. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
e. Claims and Payroll (Mr. Phillips)
f. Policy Update – COVID-19 related policies and Volume 32.2

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

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the reviewed Items 4) a-f and Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

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

6) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations:

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

Dr. Bilz made a motion to approve the recommendations, Dr. Shedd seconded the motion.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.
Dr. Bilz thanked Mr. Bill Jensen and the team that worked on the post-election protocols.

Dr. Shedd noted it is so easy to think about school as learning, textbooks, lessons and exams. Tonight it was a wonderful reminder that our school corporation is so much more. She thanked both the coaches, students and those involved in the food distribution process for their efforts.

Next School Board Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting, December 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building Terrace Room.

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

__________________________________Secretary

Attest: ________________________________President