

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 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, December 12, 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
 Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon, Vice President
 Mr. Rich Stenner, Secretary
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Dr. Julie Bilz, Member
 Mr. Todd Grimes, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

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

Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer provided Reflections.

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

Dr. Shedd, the President, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

WHO/WHY

REQUEST FOR HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL(S)

(Dr. Pleak/Dr. Roberts)

- **Director of Secondary Education – Charles Edwards**
- **Columbus East High School Athletic Director – David Miller**

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

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer.

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

Dr. Roberts introduced Mr. Charles Edwards and noted that he is currently the Director of Title Services. He is a 1990 Bloomington South High School graduate. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with a concentration in Language Arts from Miami of Ohio in 1995. He received his Master of Arts in Secondary Administration from Butler University in 2000. Before joining BCSC, he taught middle school English in the Lakota School District of West Chester, Ohio, and both high school and middle school English in the Monroe County Community School Corporation in Bloomington. Charles joined BCSC in 2002 as a Dean at Columbus East High School. He became the Assistant Principal at Columbus East High School in 2005 and served in that role for 15 years. For the past year and a half, he has served as the Director of Title Services. He has also been co-chair of the Diversity Council since its inception.

Mr. Edwards thanked the school board, Dr. Roberts, and the countless mentors he has had through the years. He noted he has worked in a leadership capacity within the corporation for almost 20 years. He shared that this is due to wanting to continue to be part of the work that BCSC is doing. He shared BCSC is where he learned the art and soul of leadership, alongside several talented mentors and administrators who have been responsible to help develop his passion. He shared that he feels lucky and humbled to learn from those around him and use that knowledge to offer more to BCSC students. He shared his excitement to learn and serve in a new capacity but most of all how grateful he is for this opportunity.

The second administrator approval was Mr. David Miller as the Columbus East High School Athletic Director. Mr. Miller is a 1998 Goshen High School graduate. In 2006, he received his Bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Physical Education and, in 2013, a Master's degree in educational leadership from the American College of Education. After a couple of years playing in the NFL (Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears & New York Giants), David joined BCSC in 2006 as a Strength and Conditioning teacher at Columbus East High School and served in that role until 2014. From 2014-2020, he served as a Dean at Columbus East High School. Since 2020, he has served in a split position as Dean and Assistant Athletic Director. David has also served as the Indiana Football Coaches Association's Region 10 Minority Representative since 2006 and as the co-chair for the Restorative Justice Guiding Team for BCSC.

Mr. Miller thanked the school board, Dr. Roberts, and his family for their continual support. He noted the great leadership within BCSC and thanked the following individuals for their particular support: Mr. Bob Gaddis, Mr. Mark Newell, and Mr. Charles Edwards. Mr. Miller noted he is excited about this role and to serve the athletics at CEHS for many years to come.

RECOGNITIONS:

School Board Members (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts thanked school board members Dr. Jill Shedd, Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, and Dr. Julie Bilz for their combined 35 years of service to students and the community. Dr. Roberts commended each of them for serving the students well, noting the tough decisions they often face. Dr. Roberts shared that the heart of education is evident and very well demonstrated in all three of the board members.

State Spell Bowl Champions (Mr. Jay Payne / Mrs. Mindy Summers)

Mr. Payne thanked the school board for the opportunity to recognize the champion spellers from Central Middle School. He shared a brief history of State Championship titles and introduced Spell Bowl Coach, Mrs. Mindy Summers. Mrs. Summers noted that this was the first year CMS had two spell bowl teams. The Orange Team placed 6th and the Blue Team received the State Championship title. Mrs. Summers introduced the students, noting that seven students received perfect scores.

PRESENTATIONS:

Best Practice - Columbus East High School (Mr. Mark Newell and Ms. Laurie Chamblee)

Principal Mr. Mark Newell shared the demographics and history of Columbus East High School. He noted the school doors officially opened on September 11, 1972, and the class of 1974 was the first graduating class. The program at CEHS was designed for students to take responsibility for their own learning culture. The formative years continue to have an impact on the culture of CEHS. The staff worked hard to find creative ways for all students to be successful. The resource and laboratory areas became the most important part of the building as this area is where students do most of their work. With the flexible modular program design, students were given autonomy and the opportunity for self-directed learning. Mr. Newell shared that the culture of CEHS was very diverse and still is today. He noted that the demographics have been changing over the years with the Hispanic population growing the fastest.

The students still have a choice of which resource to attend and access. The academic teams have been very successful with 14 state championships since 2000. Students earn more than 2,500 college credits and over \$12 million in scholarships yearly. Mr. Newell noted that with flexible scheduling many students could experience on-the-job training.

Assistant Principal Laurie Chamblee noted that the building was incomplete when it opened in 1972. The Commons area become a unique space for Physical Education classes and continues to be a creative space for students today. She shared ways that CEHS students continue to be engaged within the campus. The Visual and Performing Arts support creativity, and individual and artistic expression, and the students continue to unify and engage in the campus community by getting involved in students' clubs and organizations.

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

The senior projects were piloted at CEHS and now are available in all three BCSC high schools. The diverse student community has helped carry the culture throughout the years.

Through the years additional structure has been added to help students who were not successful with the originally designed program.

BOARD COMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Grimes shared commendations from Mt. Healthy Principal, Mrs. Sprong. She thanked her certified and classified staff for going above and beyond to make visitors and parents feel welcome daily. She also gave commendations to custodian Ryan Carter for the extra effort he gives to helping students each day. Mr. Grimes shared commendations from Columbus Virtual Pathway (CVP) Principal, Mr. Josh Giebel. Mr. Giebel thanked Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Terry for accompanying students from CVP to the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis;

He also gave commendations to the following: 2023 Lilly Scholarship recipients, CEHS seniors Hallie Randle and Ariana Simpson; CEHS senior Saige Stahl for recently being named IHSAA, District 3 Girls Basketball Player of the week by the IHSAA Basketball Coaches Association; CNHS boys' basketball team and Coach Paul Ferguson for receiving an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior Report for outstanding sportsmanship; the entire CEHS girls' basketball team for receiving an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior Report for sportsmanship and respect of the officials; CNHS Beta Club for their recent state competition placement; the cast and crew of the CNHS Drama Club for their performance in Elf – The Musical; BCSC Transition Coordinator, Mary Hamlin's recent ARC of Indiana Champion Award for The Empower Program; and to Superintendent Dr. Roberts for being the recent recipient of the IAPSS EdTech Trailblazer Award.

Mrs. Wheeldon commended the time and effort the staff contributed to the CEHS Winter Formal.

Mr. Stenner commended the Technology Department and the efforts that continue to support ParentSquare.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one signed in to provide public comment

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports

Mr. Grimes reported that the High Ability Stakeholder Team met to review and discuss changes and considerations moving forward.

Mr. Grimes reported the Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation (BCSF) "Cookies with Santa" fundraising event was a success. The annual Harlem Wizards fundraiser event has been set for Sunday, March 5. Volunteers will be needed. Mr. Grimes attended a webinar hosted by the ISBA and IAPSS on the 2023 legislative priorities.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer reported that the Education Hall of Fame recipients for 2023 have been determined. The recipients will be notified in January and recognized and honored at the February 6 school board meeting.

Mrs. Wheeldon reported that the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission will be voting on contracts for an attorney and a financial management representative.

Mr. Stenner reported an update on the Parkside Elementary renovation project and continued work on the demographic and capacity study were discussed at the last Districting and Facilities meeting.

Dr. Shedd provided an update on the Business Advisory Council. She shared the details of a

beneficial presentation led by UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Coordinator Rhonda Laswell and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Instructional Supports) Coordinator Tina Greene

2) Transportation Report (Dr. Boezeman / Mr. AJ McKeand)

Dr. Boezeman introduced the Director of Transportation, Mr. AJ McKeand, and the Safety Coordinator, Lisa Wheeler. Mr. McKeand recognized the 200-plus total years of experience of the 16 office staff members in the Transportation Department. He shared that there are 140 bus drivers and monitors that strive to safely transport over 8,500 BCSC students to and from school each day.

He noted that BCSC was one of the first school corporations in the State of Indiana to have 3-point seatbelts installed on school buses. These seatbelts have been installed on all but 5 buses within the corporation. The 5 buses without these seatbelts are currently on the spare line and will be going out of service shortly.

He shared the 360 View Cameras and noted the live camera viewing areas. When the bus is stopped the driver can see what might be in their blind spot. Mr. McKeand shared that the stop-arm cameras were updated to help eliminate stop-arm violations. The bus has to be completely stopped and the stop arm extended to correctly record the violation. One of the new technologies added to the buses is rear-end collision avoidance. This system will break the bus to avoid a collision. The internal cameras were updated over the summer. These cameras allow the entire interior of the bus to be viewed from several angles.

Ms. Wheeler shared that the Safety Team visits each BCSC elementary and parochial school each school year. The goal is to show students why there are rules and the importance of following each rule. She shared one of the ways safety lessons are taught to the students is through a puppet show. The students in Pre-K through 3rd grade watch a puppeteer skit that includes bus rules, point and motion signals to cross the street, and the location of danger zones. New this school year is Buster the Bus. Buster helps students have fun while learning about safety. Buster is a small electric bus that interacts with students giving them information about safety and giving students a chance to ask questions.

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

There is no maximum speed for collision control.

HOW

3) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 14, 2022, and Minutes of the Executive Session on December 5, 2022, and Minutes of the Executive Session on December 9, 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. Permission to Declare C4 (Columbus Area Career Connection) Equipment Obsolete (Dr. Boezeman/Dr. Gene Hack)
- h. Reduce Expulsion Examiner's Determination regarding Student Discipline (Dr. Roberts)

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

Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Dr. Bilz seconded the motion. Upon a call for the vote, Items 3) a-h were unanimously approved.

4) Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak)

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

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

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

BOARD INPUT REVIEW

Mr. Bryant thanked Dr. Shedd, Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer, and Dr. Bilz for their years of commitment to teachers and students.

Dr. Bilz shared it has been a good four years and a pleasure to serve the community.

Mrs. Wheeldon thanked the outgoing board members for being great role models.

Mr. Grimes congratulated Dr. Shedd, Dr. Bilz, and Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer and thanked them for their combined 35 years of service.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer thanked the community for the opportunity to serve as a school board member.

Mr. Stenner noted how much he has enjoyed working with the outgoing board members and thanked them for their service.

Dr. Shedd shared that she has been honored that the Columbus community has allowed her to serve on the school board. She noted that serving in this capacity has taught her much both professionally and personally. She noted that Dr. Roberts and the administration team are creative and innovative individuals. The Columbus community has much to be proud of. She thanked her board colleagues and shared her hope that the community would continue to elect wise, board-minded, and talented individuals.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President