

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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, March 7, 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
 Mr. Todd Grimes, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Virtual: Dr. Julie Bilz, Member

Administration: Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent
 Mr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 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

Virtual: Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Attorney: Mr. Chris Monroe, School Attorney

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Todd Grimes 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

RECOGNITION:

Columbus East Athletic Director, Mr. Pete Huse introduced and recognized the accomplishments of Columbus East Wrestling Coach, Mr. Chris Cooper. Coach Cooper was recently awarded the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association - 3A Coach of the Year. Coach Cooper's wrestling program has earned 7 straight sectional titles, 6 straight regional titles, 5 conference titles, and just this year he coached the wrestling team to a 3-A Team State Dual Meet Championship. Mr. Huse shared a few memorable wrestling moments of Coach Cooper and noted he has produced many state qualifiers, many of who move on to take their athletic skills to the next level academically.

Coach Cooper introduced senior wrestler, Cade Law. Both Coach Cooper and Mr. Huse spoke of the time and effort Cade has put into the program, the achievements he has made throughout his high school career, and that Cade will be wrestling at Purdue University. Coach Cooper noted he places a strong emphasis on academic success and shared ten of the wrestlers achieved academic all-state.

SPECIAL APPROVALS:

Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak)

Dr. Pleak 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 Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon.

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

Dr. Pleak requested approval of the selection of Mr. Evan Burton as the Principal at Northside Middle School. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Mr. Burton as the Principal at Northside Middle School and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon

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

Mr. Evan Burton shared his gratitude and appreciation for the confidence that the Northside staff and the school corporation have in him to step into the principal role at Northside Middle School. He thanked the current principal, Mrs. Amy Dixon for the advice and guidance that he has received, working alongside with her, in the vice-principal position.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rockcreek Elementary / Best Practice (Mrs. Jennifer Dettmer)

Mrs. Dettmer, Rockcreek Elementary Principal, shared the school information slide. Mrs. Dettmer, Mrs. Tabetha Tedder, UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Coordinator, Mrs. Amy Elsbury, Fifth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Amanda Glick, Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Krea Hill, Third Grade Teacher shared a presentation on “Number Talks”. The math strategy is being utilized in grades K-6 to contribute to growth in computation and overall proficiency in math. The teachers noted that math is about making sense of numerical relationships and through the consistent use of “Number Talks”, students have a stronger understanding of place value and begin to use relationships within numbers to work through various strategies. Two students from Mrs. Hill’s class, Caroline Glick and Theo West shared different ways they work together with their classmates to understand and learn math.

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

At the start of the school year testing data is analyzed to identify the areas instruction focus is needed in the classroom. The expectations are then set and assessments continue throughout the school year to identify strengths and where growth and review are needed.

Elementary Social Studies Resource Adoption Update: (Dr. Hack/Mrs. Jeannie Long)

Elementary Curriculum Specialist, Mrs. Long and Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Mrs. Brenny Kummer presented their recommendation for the Social Study Resource Adoption Mrs. Long noted the individuals on the adoption resource team and shared the steps in developing the rubric. She noted the team gave priority to resources that addressed the Indiana Academic Standards for Social Studies and evaluated the materials using a rubric that aligned with the UDL framework.

Mrs. Long identified the two resources that were evaluated by the committee for adoption. The two resources considered were Studies Weekly and Discovery Education. After evaluation of both resources the committee found Studies Weekly to represent the Indiana State Standards, have both an online and print option, and be cost-effective. Those characteristics were not found with Discovery Education. Mrs. Kummer shared that this resource option is compatible with the existing technologies within the corporation and compatible with the district-supported assisted technologies for students that have additional learning needs. There are several assisted technology pieces built into this platform such as a picture dictionary, closed captions, and multiple languages. The committee recommended Studies Weekly for K-6 grade classrooms to the board for approval.

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

Due to COVID-19, multiple online meetings were held, in place of in-person meetings, with various curriculum providers to narrow the search and make a recommendation.

Teachers will receive all 32 copies of Studies Weekly at the start of the school year.

Studies Weekly integrates well with the Language Arts curriculum.

It was important to the committee to have printable copies available for the students in the classroom and a copy to take home to continue the conversation. The Discovery Education resource is nearly one hundred percent video-based.

Studies Weekly is an established company and is used throughout the State of Indiana and the nation.

Board Commendations:

Mr. Grimes shared the following commendations:

Eight Columbus North High School Students were selected as College Scholarship National Merritt Finalists. Those student finalists are Evan Carr, Tiffany Lin Fu, Sanjana Jain, Chaewon Lee, Matthew Liu, Paige Osbourne, Rishi Rao, and Jiaxuan Wang.

The C4 Career Fair was a success. There were over twelve hundred 8th and 9th-grade BCSC students in attendance.

Central Middle School, Social Studies teacher, Allen Birkemeier was one of thirty teachers throughout the nation to be selected to participate in the program called “Revolutionary Ideas”. Mr. Birkemeier will work with the other selected teachers to write and create lesson plans for an upcoming publication for National History Day.

Mr. Grimes gave commendations to, CSA New Tech Science Teacher and Adventure Club Sponsor, Mr. Andrew Larson. Mr. Larson and The Adventure Club is a group that has impacted many area students by creating opportunities for outside experiences. The Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser raised near \$4000 to fund transportation and equipment for field trips for students.

Mrs. Megan Shaff, Director of McDowell, and several educators from McDowell, Nikki Nolting, Debbie Pope, Arlene Parsons, Mayra Rodriguez, and Lindsay Swan were recognized at the Indiana State House for the vital role they played in teaching Afghanistan refugees English while housed at Camp Atterbury.

Mrs. Sarah Frazier and the educators who are working on the first “Spark Night “for elementary students. The program will give elementary students the opportunity to experience different areas of their interest and then be encouraged to get engaged in those areas.

He shared commendations to Mrs. Jennifer Ryshavy, 5th Grade Teacher at Taylorsville Elementary for being the recent recipient of the 2022 Edna Folger Award.

BCSC Winter Color won first place in their competition this past weekend at Hamilton Southeastern.

Mr. Stenner commended the BCSF (Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation) and the many volunteers for the success of the recent Harlem Wizard fundraiser event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed in to speak.

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Grimes reported that BCSF Harlem Wizard fundraiser was very well attended. The foundation will host a 5K on, Saturday, April 30 at Southside Elementary. Registration will be available online. He reported that Dr. Shedd and himself attended the ISBA (Indiana School Board Association) Day at the Indiana State House.

2) Cabinet Reports:

First Reading NEOLA Policy 8310 Revision (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts noted Policy 8310 and provided information for the first reading.

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 February 7, 2022, and Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of February 21, 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. Permission to receive bids for a roofing project at Taylorsville Elementary (Dr. Boezeman)
- g. BCSC Strategic Plan 2026 (Dr. Roberts)
- h. Adoption of Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Order
- i. Permission to Declare C4 (Columbus Area Career Connection) Equipment Obsolete (Dr. Boezeman/Dr. Gene Hack)
- j. Appointment of Mr. Michael McIver (Sharpnack, Bigley, Stroh & Washburn) as School Attorney (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 Ms. Dayhoff-Dwyer seconded the motion.

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

BOARD INPUT AND REVIEW:

Mr. Stenner thanked all of those who provided presentations and participated in the school board meeting. He noted Judge Chris Monroe and his service to the school corporation and welcomed Attorney, Michael McIver.

Mrs. Wheeldon noted how thankful she was that the school board meeting could be conducted without wearing a mask. She also thanked the two Rockcreek Elementary students and their willingness to share their classroom experiences with the school board.

Mr. Grimes congratulated Mr. Burton on being appointed the next principal at Northside Middle School, Mrs. Dettmer and her staff for the “Number Talks” presentation, and those individuals on the Elementary Resource Adoption Committee for their time and efforts in determining the next Social Studies curriculum.

Dr. Shedd thanked Mr. Huse and Coach Cooper for their enthusiasm, and the time and effort they put into their students. She thanked Principal, Mrs. Amy Dixon for her years of leadership to BCSC, and the Rockcreek Elementary students for their discussion on “Number Talks”.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Strategic Planning Session, March 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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