

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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, April 25, 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  
  Dr. Julie Bilz, Member

Administration:                         Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent  
  Mr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
  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

Absent:                                    Dr. Gina Pleak, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
  Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education

Attorney:                                 Mr. Michael McIver, School Attorney

**REGULAR SESSION**

Dr. Shedd provided Reflections.

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

Dr. Shedd, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**WHO/WHY**

## **RECOGNITION:**

### **2022 Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award (Ms. Marsha Van Nahmen)**

Ms. Van Nahmen, Assistant Director for Center for Teaching and Learning at IUPUC, shared the history of the Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award, noting it was designed to recognize teachers for what they do both inside and outside of the classroom. Ms. Van Nahmen introduced Taylorsville Elementary first-grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Ryshavy as the 2022 award recipient.

She shared a few comments received from the nominations: Mrs. Ryshavy is known for putting her students first while supporting her colleagues, her school, and her family. She connects with the whole student, seeing that each child is cared for, valued, believed in, and supported to do their best every day. She is recognized as a natural teacher, innovative and reflective as she takes into account all the needs of her students. She makes learning fun and truly invests in all of the needs of each student.

Mrs. Ryshavy noted she was very honored to receive the award and thanked all of those who were involved in the nomination process. A recognition video was shown in honor of Mrs. Ryshavy, highlighting the differences she is making in the lives of students at Taylorsville Elementary.

### **Columbus East High School Top 10 Seniors (Dr. Roberts/Mr. Mark Newell/Mrs. Kristen Beck)**

Mrs. Beck thanked the school board for the opportunity to recognize the Top Ten Students from both high schools. She introduced each student and, as part of their recognition, a video was shown with each student getting an opportunity to share their post high school plans, favorite school memory, and teachers that most impacted their lives. The Columbus East Top Ten Students are as follows:

1. Jenna Boewe
2. Laurel Knight
3. Olivia Shoaf
4. Weston Romine
5. Jeremiah Kuhlman
6. Emma Perry
7. Jordan Spurgeon
8. Zoe Barnsfather
9. Erin Tyler
10. Jessyka Brown

### **Columbus North High School Top 10 Seniors (Dr. Roberts/Mr. David Clark/Mr. Pat Pemberton)**

Mr. Pemberton introduced each student and, as part of their recognition, a video was shown with each student getting an opportunity to share their post high school plans, favorite school memory, and teachers that most impacted their lives. The Columbus North Top Ten Students are as follows:

1. Matthew Liu
2. Will Littrell
3. Chaewon Lee
4. Tiffany Fu
5. Jiaxuan Wang
6. Sam Settle
7. Anushka Nair
8. Paige Osbourne
9. Sanjana Jain
10. Rishi Rao

## **BOARD COMMENDATIONS:**

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer gave commendations to the Unified Track Team at CNHS for their first-place finish at their opening track meet.

Mr. Grimes gave commendations to the following: W.D. Richards Elementary fourth-grade student Samiksha Singh, winner of the regional essay contest titled “Celebrate your County History” sponsored by the Association of Indiana Counties; CNHS Senior Matthew Liu, first-place in the individual Indiana Math League - State Competition; CNHS Math League Team - second-place finish; Southside Elementary and CSA Lincoln students - State Championship titles in the academic M.A.T.H. Bowl.

Mr. Grimes also gave commendations to the following BCSC staff: The staff members who were part of the planning team for the April 14, Professional Development Day; Ms. Allison Stidam, Teacher of the Year for Columbus Virtual Pathway, on receiving a grant from the Heritage Fund to plan monthly STEAM events for K-6 grade students; and W. D. Richards Elementary Teacher of the Year Ms. Cassidy Duell for her part in implementing the “Citizen of the Week Award”. This award allows students to be able to relate and celebrate one another’s strengths.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed in to speak.

## **WHAT**

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

Mr. Grimes noted that BCSF Community Development Coordinator Angie Emmitt resigned from her position, but she will remain a BCSF Board Member. He shared that the “Good, Better, Best 5K” will be held Saturday, April 30. CSA Fodrea teacher Ms. Jenna Flannery will be recognized just before the race as the winner of the Ross Wallace/Chuck Grimes “Out of the Box Award”.

Mrs. Wheeldon gave a report on a recent Redevelopment Commission meeting, noting the groundbreaking ceremony for the urban grocer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, the newly renovated Commons Playground, and the brick sale for the upcoming 1821 Bicentennial Trail.

### **2) Cabinet Reports:**

#### **First Reading – NEOLA Policy 4434 Revision (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed the requested revision to the current policy, noting that, if board approved, the Federal Holiday Juneteenth will be added to the list of paid holidays for 12-month employees.

#### **First Reading – Internal Complaint Policy (Dr. Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts reviewed this proposed additional policy. He noted it does not replace an employee’s duty to report suspected abuse and/or neglect of a child. The policy would be a formal way for an employee to report an internal complaint.

#### **Q1 Financial Report (Mr. Phillips)**

Mr. Phillips reviewed the first-quarter financials and noted there are no large variances for the quarter. The Education Fund revenue increased nearly 6.8% due to the increase in ADM and state tuition support. The Education Fund expenditures for salaries and benefits are down for 2022 compared to

2021 due to two reasons. In the first-quarter of 2021, COVID-19 stipends were paid to all teachers and support staff for extra work performed, an additional workday was paid to all certified teachers, and January 2021 had three pay dates.

He reported that the expenditures in both the Operation Fund and the Operating Referendum Fund remain consistent to where they need to be at this time of the year.

Mr. Phillips presented the variances in the Fund Cash Balances. The Education Fund expenditures indicate an increase for first-quarter. He shared expenditures per payroll are about \$2M and noted the difference will level back out when the next three pays month occurs. The Operations Fund is down about \$4.2M compared to 2021. He noted that \$3.7M of that amount is because less was borrowed in Tax Anticipation Warrants due to larger cash balances going into this calendar year.

Mr. Phillips noted the same occurred in the Debt Service Fund as \$2.5M less was borrowed for the year for the semi-annual debt payments.

## **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 April 4, 2022, Minutes of the Executive Session of April 6, 2022, Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of April 6, 2022
- b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- d. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen) – No Fundraisers were requested for approval
- e. Claims and Payroll (Mr. Phillips)
- f. Secondary Social Studies Resource Adoption (Mr. Jensen/Mrs. Corie Williams/Mrs. Laura Ousley/Mrs. Brenny Kummer/Mr. Greg Lewis/Mrs. Laurie Martin)
- g. School Meal Prices (Dr. Boezeman/Ms. Millspaugh)
- h. Student Handbooks (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- i. Uphold Expulsion Examiner’s Determination regarding Student Discipline (Dr. Roberts)

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

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

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

*\*\*The call for a motion by President, Dr. Shedd included Items 3) a-j. The approval item, Award Food Services Bids for Milk, Dairy, Dry Goods, Frozen Products and Bread Products, was listed on the slides presented but was not on the board agenda for the evening. BCSC joined Southern Indiana Co-operative Purchasing Group and therefore this item did not require board approval and did not need to be included in the approval list.*

### **4) Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak/Mr. Phillips)**

Mr. Phillips 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 Dr. Bilz

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

**BOARD INPUT AND REVIEW:**

Mr. Grimes shared his appreciation for the student and staff recognitions.

Dr. Bilz was also thankful for the opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate students and teachers.

Mrs. Wheeldon thanked the community for their support to the Robotic Team, and shared her appreciation for all members of the BCSC support staff.

Dr. Roberts shared that Mr. Stenner received recognition from the ISBA (Indiana School Boards Association) for his advanced level participation and engagement with the ISBA.

Dr. Shedd congratulated the seniors and their parents.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ President