

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 4, 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
Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Attorney: Mr. Michael McIver, School Attorney

REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon 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

SPECIAL APPROVALS:

Request for Approval of Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak/Mr. Evan Burton)

Mr. Burton made a recommendation to the board to hire Ms. Monica Notestine as the Assistant Principal at Northside Middle School for the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer made a motion to approve the recommendation and the motion was seconded by Dr. Bilz.

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

Mrs. Notestine shared her enthusiasm and excitement for the opportunity to return to BCSC. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the confidence the staff and the school corporation have in her to step into the Assistant Principal role at Northside Middle School.

RECOGNITION:

Columbus North Gymnastics – State Medalist (Mr. David Clark/Ms. Kaitlyn Rediker)

Columbus North High School Gymnastic head coach, Kaitlyn Rediker recognized State Champion, CNHS senior Emily Moore. Emily received three Champion State Medals. She placed first in the Floor and Beam Competitions and also received the All-Around State Champion Medal. The coaching staff noted some of the goals Emily achieved during her high school career, two being All-Conference and All-State for four years. Emily will be attending Indiana State University in the fall.

2022 Teacher of the Year Nominations (Dr. Pleak)

Dr. Pleak commended all BCSC educators for the efforts they put forth for students every day. She explained the nomination process and the steps taken to determine the 2022 Teacher of the Year. The building recipients for 2022 are as follows: C4- Jeff Metz; Clifty Creek- Hayli Bush; Central Middle- Stacey Horner; CSA Fodrea- Stephany Kiel; CSA Lincoln- Dean Wright; CSA New Tech- Veronica Buckler; Columbus Virtual Pathway- Allison Stidam; Columbus East- Suzanne Romanski; PreK/Early Childhood- Jennifer Morlok; McDowell- Donmichael Thompson; Mt. Healthy- Jennifer Justis; Columbus North- David Spencer; Northside Middle- Krista Riordan; Parkside- Edie Logston; Richards- Cassidy Duell; Rockcreek- Angie Ginder; Schmitt- Kim Bockover; Smith- Alicia Johnson; Southside- Mandy Keele; Taylorsville- Kari Tyree. Dr. Pleak noted that the next phase will be for these teachers to apply for the District Teacher of the Year. The committee will review the submitted applications and the 2022 Teacher of the Year will be announced in August.

PRESENTATIONS:

Columbus North High School / Best Practice (Mr. David Clark / Mrs. Jennifer Hester)

Principal, Mr. Clark shared student demographic information in regards to Columbus North High School and noted the student successes in academics, athletics, and performing arts. Mr. Clark shared that one of CNHS's Best Practices for the year resulted from the benefit of the added Professional

Development (PD) Days. He noted the need for professional development and thanked the school board for approving the extra days for teachers and staff. Assistant Principal, Mrs. Hester shared the Professional Development goals, framework for discussion topics, and the benefits of having extra days set aside for PD. She shared how the goals were identified and developed, and noted teachers were surveyed to see what they needed and how they might best be supported. Mrs. Hester shared the plan for the day, sessions available, who presented, and who attended. The many talents of the staff were utilized to present several options and the day concluded with a keynote session by UDL Facilitator, Corie Williams. CNHS teacher, Andy Keffaber shared his Professional Development presentation which focused on creating an authentic conversation between students to encourage inclusiveness and connection to class content. He noted that professional development was very valuable for him as it allowed him to share ideas with his colleagues outside of his department. Mr. Keffaber noted the opportunity he had to share Flipboard. He uses this application to guide discussions and support inclusiveness. CNHS student, Claire Edwards shared the value she finds in lab experiences and small group discussions and she noted how one of the activities Mr. Keffaber implemented from his Professional Development Day enhanced these experiences. Mrs. Hester shared testimonies from teachers who were very appreciative of the time a professional development day provides to learn together with their colleagues.

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

Teachers are learning and adjusting to Block Scheduling, overall it is going well. Details and changes are being made as we move forward.

Flipboard is high-level academic material that is helpful to engage students and provide additional information for students.

Secondary Social Studies Resource Adoption Update

**(Mr. Jensen/Mrs. Corie Williams/Mrs. Laura Ousley/Mrs. Brenny Kummer/
Mr. Greg Lewis/ Ms. Laurie Martin)**

The team for Secondary Social Studies Adoption introduced themselves and acknowledged the department representatives and parents that have been involved in the recommendation. The specific goals and timeline were shared and how they aligned with the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Guidelines. The rubric was reviewed, noting the content that will be kept and what will change. The team shared that the teachers provided a list of vendors that they wished to be contacted. There were thirteen vendors contacted and presentations were heard from all thirteen of those vendors. The school corporation worked alongside SpendBridge to negotiate.

Ms. Kummer shared the differences between the elementary and secondary levels of Discovery Education. She noted the additional resources for teachers and shared this particular resource is a little more robust for the secondary levels compared to the elementary level. The elementary interface is a collection of videos and suggested activities for teachers. The secondary interface includes digital textbooks by course/chapter, activities for teachers, assistive technology supports, primary and secondary courses, and multimedia.

Mr. Lewis, Department Chair for Columbus East High School and Central Middle School, and Ms. Martin, Department Chair for Columbus North High School and Northside Middle School, shared

selections for recommendations for middle and high school. Mr. Lewis thanked Laura, Corie, and Brenny for their help in identifying the vendors and compiling recommendations.

Ms. Martin identified the process the teachers used for their selections. Ms. Martin noted she attended eleven of the thirteen presentations and met with the teachers to provide input and discuss the curriculums. The teachers used the rubric that was developed to help score each vendor and narrow the choices. Ms. Martin shared course selections and identified the budget and cost with each resource.

Mrs. Williams noted that each resource being considered is available to be reviewed along with the teacher's rationale for the selected resources.

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

The cultures of each high school within BCSC are very different. The students have options for accessing the materials and the freedom to go different routes while following the Indiana State Standards and staying within the UDL framework.

Parents are included in the decision making and the resources are available for all to view.

SpendBridge is a third-party procurement service. They take the original quote and negotiate throughout the selection process. This is the first year BCSC has used this service.

All of the materials reviewed and recommended are linked in itsLearning.

The teachers verified all resources to make sure they align with the Indiana State Standards.

Annual Food Service Update (Dr. Boezeman/Ms. Nancy Millspaugh)

Dr. Boezeman introduced Ms. Millspaugh, Director of Food Service, and commended her and her department for navigating the supply chain challenges during the pandemic.

Ms. Millspaugh shared meal participation data and new meal options available for students and staff. She provided an update on the summer feeding program during the pandemic and noted comparisons in meals served from 2020 to 2021. She shared that BCSC is one of three school corporations within Indiana to be a recipient of the "Turnip the Beet Award". This award recognizes school corporations who go above and beyond the requirements to serve high-quality meals to students.

Ms. Millspaugh shared details on the U.S.D.A. waiver and noted the current waiver will expire on June 30, 2022. The universal free meals will end for BCSC at that time. This will continue to give us supply chain challenges. We will continue to offer five components of each food group, but meal service regulations will significantly affect meal service options for the students.

She noted the procurement changes for the upcoming school year. The school corporation will be joining Southern Indiana Commodity Co-Operative. This will allow BCSC to purchase with eleven other school corporations and save on bread, dairy, and paper goods. Ms. Millspaugh provided an update on the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and noted the price for meals did not change due to the universal free meals.

Indiana School Nutrition Association recognizes a Food Serve Employee of the year. BCSC has nominated Ms. Cynthia Dilling from McDowell Education Services. Ms. Millspaugh shared that Ms. Dilling takes pride in a job well done and does her job with kindness and love to all.

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

There are fewer vendors south of Indianapolis. Participating in the Southern Indiana Commodity Co-Operative allows the school corporation to save by purchasing a larger quantity from vendors at one time.

BOARD COMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Grimes shared commendations to CNHS Tucker Smith and the CNHS Track relay team on their recent performance at the Hoosier State Relays indoor track meet in Bloomington. He wished all of the spring sports a successful season. He congratulated the BCSC Winter Guard on their recent 5th place state placement and commended them on their hard work. Commendations were given to CSA New Tech English teacher, Veronica Buckler and her class for their project, "The American Dream". CSA New Tech student, Piper Parks for recently being named the winner of a screenplay contest. Piper's screenplay "Blue" will be filmed here in the Columbus area. He commended the twenty BCSC teachers within the corporation who were nominated for the teacher of the year for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Mr. Stenner gave special commendations to the staff and parents who supported and safely transported students, who are part of "The Sound and Spirit of Columbus", to Florida. The band recently performed on Main Street at Walt Disney World.

Dr. Shedd gave commendations to a 7th-grade student, Chetna Yadav for winning the American League Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest, "How Do We Support Families Who Provide Care To Their Veterans". She commended those BCSC educators who received Lilly Creativity Fellowships. Mr. Michael Walls at CEHS, Ms. Courtney Foreman at Mt. Healthy/Smith Elementary, and Anne Freeman at Northside Middle School. Congratulations to Ms. Brenny Kummer, Director of Instructional Technology who was recently named the Outstanding Technology Educator of the Year from the University of Arkansas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Grow – Columbus, IN

He thanked the two board members who have reached out to him with his past questions. He shared content from two library books and asked the other school board members to provide him with additional feedback.

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Grimes shared information regarding the upcoming Saturday, April 30, BCSF 5K fundraiser and recognition of the Grimes/Wallace "Out of the Box Award". Sixteen individuals have been nominated for the award.

Dr. Shedd shared that the Business Advisory Council met on Friday, March 11. The demographic study was reviewed and discussed.

2) Cabinet Reports:

No reports were shared.

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 March 7, 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. Elementary Social Studies Resource Adoption (Dr. Hack/Mrs. Jeannie Long)
- g. Declare School Buses as Surplus and Permission to Donate/ Trade
(Dr. Boezeman/Mr. A.J. McKeand)
- h. Resolution to Approve Policy 8310 Revision (Dr. Roberts)
- i. Purchase School Buses (Dr. Boezeman/Mr. A.J. McKeand)
- j. Permission to Approve Contract for HVAC Filter Exchanges and Preventative Maintenance
(Dr. Boezeman)

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

Mrs. Wheeldon made a motion to approve the reviewed items and Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Ms. Dayhoff-Dwyer 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 AND REVIEW:

Mrs. Wheeldon thanked CNHS and the staff for their Best Practice Presentation on Professional Development.

Mrs. Dayhoff-Dwyer congratulated the 2022 Teachers of the Year and CNHS gymnast, Emily Moore. She made note that the Columbus North Unified Track Team will have its first meet Wednesday, April 6 at Seymour High School, and Operation Safe Prom will be held at CEHS on Thursday, May 5. She also thanked Mr. Alan Trisler for his help with the Operation Safe Prom presentation.

Dr. Bilz thanked those who were part of the presentations and the effort involved. She welcomed school attorney, Mr. Michael McIver to his new position.

Mr. Grimes congratulated CNHS gymnast, Emily Moore and thanked Mr. Clark and Mrs. Hester for the CNHS Best Practice Presentation, the Secondary Social Studies Resource Adoption team for their research and recommendations, and Ms. Millspaugh for her Food Service update and her staff for their continuous extra efforts in the Food Service Department.

Dr. Shedd noted it was a great night of celebration for many teachers. She thanked those individuals who provided extra efforts for the Professional Development Day. She shared her thankfulness for the great teachers and diversified programs that are offered within the school corporation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

There will be an Executive Session, on April 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Strategic Planning Session, at 6:00 p.m., in the Boardroom of the Administration Building.

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

_____ Secretary

Attest: _____ President