

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation was held in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building, Columbus, Indiana, on Monday, June 12, 2023, 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: Mrs. Nikki Wheeldon, President
 Mr. Rich Stenner, Vice President
 Mr. Todd Grimes, Secretary
 Mr. Jason Major, Member
 Mr. Dale Nowlin, Member
 Mr. Logan Schulz, Member
 Mr. Pat Bryant, Member

Administration: Dr. Jim Roberts, Superintendent
 Dr. Gina Pleak, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Dr. Chad Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
 Dr. Laura Hack, Director of Elementary Education
 Dr. Brett Boezeman, Director of Operations
 Mr. Charles Edwards, Director of Title Services

Absent: Mr. Bill Jensen, Director of Secondary Education
 Dr. George Van Horn, Director of Special Education

Attorney: Mr. Michael McIver, School Attorney

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

Mrs. Wheeldon, the President, opened the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

RECOGNITIONS:

“Poetry Out Loud” National Championship (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the history of the competition and the requirements needed to reach the national level. He introduced CNHS Junior Sreepadaarchana Munjuluri as the 2023 National “Poetry Out Loud” Champion. Sreepadaarchana read two of the poems she recited in Washington D.C. at the National Competition.

BOARD COMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Schulz provided commendations to the following individuals: Dr. Boezeman and Mr. Greg Ferguson for hosting the building tour of the Parkside Elementary School renovations; CNHS student Kathryn Wilson for her IHSA State Championship in individual girl’s tennis; and the facilities and transportation teams for their building readiness efforts over the summer months.

Mr. Grimes provided commendations to the following individuals: the 82 high school students who recently received the “Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate”; the 120 middle school students who earned the “Work Ethic Certificate” from the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; the 222 elementary students who received the “Mayor’s Work Ethic Certificate”; the CNHS Girl’s State Champion 4x800 Relay Team; and Dr. Pleak and the Human Resources Department for the administration of the Employee Engagement Survey.

Mrs. Wheeldon provided commendations to the following individuals: Dr. Boezeman and Mr. Greg Ferguson for hosting the Parkside Elementary School building tour; and the Parkside Elementary School teachers and staff for their flexibility and support during the renovation.

Mr. Major thanked all of the administrators, teachers, and staff for a successful school year. He congratulated the high school graduates and wished them well in the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Bryant provided commendations to the CNHS, CEHS, and CSA New Tech students on their recent high school graduation.

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports

Mr. Shultz reported that the CCIC (Corporation Continuous Improvement Council) met on May 10. A discussion was held regarding Professional Development for the following school year; the new high school team model; potential building renovation plans across the district; policy changes; and the new 3-year calendar.

Mr. Nowlin provided a High Ability Broad Based Report. He noted the new state requirements on the 5-part program. He shared an update from the CYD (Council of Youth Development) meeting noting that the council has started the process to identify new student leaders at CEHS, CNHS, and CSA New Tech. He noted that the CYD and the FFY (Foundation for Youth) have online training available to complement Developmental Assets and Developmental Relationships training.

Mr. Grimes provided a BCSF (Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation) report. He highlighted the many BCSF programs that support teachers and students throughout the district. He provided a legislative report noting he would be serving on the ISBA (Indiana School Boards Association) Awards Committee for Region 10. He will work with other committee members to select the Indiana “Outstanding Educator Award” and “Outstanding Boardmanship Award”. The ISBA released the Digest

of New Education Laws for 2023. There are 48 Indiana laws impacting education that will take effect on July 1, 2023.

Mrs. Wheeldon provided an update for the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission. She noted a resolution recently passed which allows collected taxes from the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) to continue to build until enough wealth has been collected for a project.

Mr. Stenner provided a Business Advisory report. He noted the discussion around the introduction of the Health Sciences Pathway. The retirement of the Director of Secondary Education Mr. Bill Jensen was recognized. Mr. Stenner provided a District & Facilities Committee report, noting a discussion was held on community growth and how that might affect BCSC. He thanked CEA Vice President Mrs. Mandy Keele for meeting with interested elementary teachers to gather their impact regarding future building needs.

Mr. Major provided a City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission report. He gave an update on the downtown developments.

Mr. Grimes reported on the School Board Agenda Subcommittee. He presented a proposal to be voted upon at the July 17 school board meeting. The modifications to the agenda would be as follows: presentations lasting no longer than 10 minutes and no more than two presentations per meeting; the Board Commendations will be incorporated into Board Input and Review; a minimum of two Cabinet Reports from each department per calendar year; and Public Comments would allow the public to speak on any topic with priority given to those who sign up to speak on agenda topics. The sign-in sheet will be modified to include additional information from those requesting to comment.

Mr. Stenner noted that the Public Engagement Subcommittee continues to work to develop a framework for maximum public engagement to help the board make informed decisions. Mr. Nowlin noted that these recommendations would reflect changes to current Policy 0167.3.

2) Cabinet Reports

Extra-Curricular Accounts (ECA) Report (Dr. Phillips)

Dr. Phillips gave a bi-annual ECA Report. He shared that receipts exceeded the expenditures by just under 6% over the last semester. He noted that approximately \$16,000 was the result of the investments. Dr. Phillips shared that all but one school took an opportunity to invest their funds and have determined to do the same for the upcoming school year.

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

The treasuries purchased will mature at the end of December, with an expected gain of about \$38,000 during that time.

First Reading of NEOLA Policies Volume 35 No.1 (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed each policy in Volume 35 No. 1 and shared the suggested NEOLA recommendations.

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

The 48 recently passed bills of legislation are not included in this volume of NEOLA policy recommendations.

First Reading of 2024-2027 / 3-Year Calendar (Dr. Pleak)

Dr. Pleak explained the process of developing a 3-year calendar and thanked CEA Vice-President Mandy Keele and the 16-member committee who met to discuss and propose the 3-year calendar. Dr. Pleak shared that the committee discussed the pros and cons of different start and end dates of the school year and took into consideration the need to have the high schools have both an A and B day in the first week of the school year. She shared that the school corporation plans to continue to apply for the state flexibility waiver which allows Professional Development Days for teachers and staff. She noted that four PD Days have been built into the 3-year calendar with the 4th PD Day being different each year in the 3-year proposed calendar.

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

The days that students would not be attendance were reviewed for each year of the proposed 3- year calendar.

Each school building is required to have CCIC approval and a building vote to determine teacher work days.

There are 88 days each semester. The first and third quarters have extra days.

The application for a flexibility waiver is required to be completed every year. If the waiver would not be granted, board approval would be needed to amend the calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals signed in to provide public comment:

1. Cindy Frey
2. Kristin Munn
3. Mark Niemoeller
4. Erik Ferrill
5. Amy Hale
6. Eric Grow

HOW

3) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of May 8, 2023, Special Board Meeting of May 16, 2023, and Executive Session of June 7, 2023
- b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- c. School Fundraisers (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- d. Field Trips and Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- e. Claims and Payroll (Dr. Phillips)
- f. Dual Language Grant Application (Mr. Edwards)
- g. Permission for Chiller Equipment Replacement at Northside Middle School (Dr. Boezeman)
- h. Permission to Expend Donation received for Taylorsville Elementary (Dr. Roberts)

- i. Permission to Participate in the Search Institute CADRE Project (Dr. Roberts)
- j. Reapproval with Full Board of NEOLA Policy Revisions (Dr. Roberts)

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

Mr. Schulz asked that approval items 3) i and 3) j be voted on separately, and the motion was seconded Mr. Major.

Mr. Major made a motion to approve items 3) a-h, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz.

Upon a call to vote, the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Mr. Nowlin made a motion to approve item 3) i, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes.

Dr. Roberts provided additional information regarding the process of the Search Institute CADRE Project.

Upon a call to vote, the motion passed 5-2.

Mr. Nowlin made a motion to approve 3) j and the motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant.

Mr. Schulz made a motion to amend Mr. Nowlin's motion to approval item 3) j and to incorporate his proposed amendments, Mr. Major made a second to the proposed amendments from Mr. Schulz.

Upon a call to vote to amend 3) j, the motion failed 2-5.

Upon a call to vote to approve item 3) j, the motion passed 5-2.

4) Human Resources Recommendations (Dr. Pleak)

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

Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the Human Resources Recommendations and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz.

Upon a call for the vote, the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

BOARD INPUT AND REVIEW

Mr. Nowlin congratulated CNHS student Streepadaarchana Munjuluri for attending the school board meeting and reciting her national championship poetry pieces. Mr. Nowlin noted the need for continued work on policy review and shared that the Council of Youth Developmental holds regular workshops to help deepen knowledge of developmental assets and developmental relationships.

Mr. Schulz noted the continued policy work to be done and thanked the public for their input.

Mr. Grimes congratulated "Poetry Out Loud" National Champion Streepadaarchana Munjuluri. He thanked Dr. Boezeman and Mr. Ferguson for the Parkside Elementary tour. He shared that he voted in favor of the CADRE Project in hopes to help promote developmental relationships.

Mrs. Wheeldon thanked those involved in preparing for the high school graduation ceremonies and the work that continues to be done with the restructuring of the secondary level.

Mr. Stenner echoed the comments from Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Schulz regarding policy recommendations.

Mr. Major noted his concerns with the CADRE Project and the policy recommendations. He shared he felt the need to delay the vote on the two approval items.

Mr. Bryant thanked the Streepadaarchana Munjuluri for sharing her poetry with the school board members.


NEXT BOARD MEETING

Executive Session of the Board, July 10, 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting, July 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Terrace Room

Strategic Planning Session, July 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Administration Building,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

 Secretary

Attest:  President