

**BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 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, August 22, 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. Pat Bryant, Member
 Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Member
 Mr. Todd Grimes, Member
 Dr. Julie Bilz, 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

Mr. 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

RECOGNITIONS:

BCSC Teacher of the Year (Dr. Pleak)

Dr. Pleak introduced Mrs. Veronica Buckler as the 2022 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Buckler was hired into BCSC in 2016 as a facilitator at the CSA New Tech Campus, teaching English/Language Arts, World History, and United States History. Dr. Pleak shared comments from Mrs. Buckler's colleagues and former students as having a great passion to make CSA New Tech a better school for students and for keeping students excited, curious, and creative towards learning. Dr. Pleak noted that each building within the school corporation nominates an educator to represent their building, and from those nominations, the Teacher of Year Committee selects the award recipient.

On behalf of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation (BCSF) and staff, Mrs. Nicole Cunningham, Executive Director, presented Mrs. Buckler with a \$500 check.

Mrs. Buckler thanked BCSC and CSA New Tech Principal Mr. Mike Reed and his staff for helping her to continue to grow as an educator. She thanked her husband for his support and for continuing to encourage her to do great things for students.

BOARD COMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Grimes gave commendations to the Columbus GalacTech Robotic Team for their runner-up placement in the Rainbow Rumble in Mason, Michigan, and to Mr. Josh Burnett for his efforts in the informative weekly BCSC newsletter.

Dr. Bilz shared commendations from one of her Ivy Tech co-workers who is a parent of a Richards Elementary student. The parent shared her student is having a great start to the new school year and noted how ParentSquare has been very helpful.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one signed in to speak on an agenda-related topic.

WHAT

1) School Board Member Reports:

Mr. Grimes thanked the Reeves Foundation for their generous Target gift card donations to teachers. He encouraged teachers to submit their creative ideas to DonorsChoose. He also reminded teachers of a special event the Foundation is hosting on September 24 titled "Tea for Teachers". This free event will include stress management activities, snacks, and prizes. Teachers can register for the event on the website www.bcsfstars.org.

He noted that the committee for the High Ability Program will be meeting over the next four months to establish a mission statement and plans going forward on how better to serve students.

Mrs. Wheeldon noted that the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission sidewalk extension is complete and shared that the newly developed Empower Program will be featured at the next Redevelopment Commission meeting on September 16.

Dr. Shedd gave a Business Advisory Meeting report from Friday, August 19. She noted one of the topics of discussion was the demographics of the school corporation.

2) Cabinet Reports:

Project Cost and Funding Update (Dr. Boezeman)

Dr. Boezeman reviewed the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) process through Maxwell Construction and presented costs for the Parkside Renovation Project. He noted that HVAC, plumbing, site work, and concrete bid packages are not included in the presented GMP for board approval. The bids in these areas were returned higher than expected and will be rebid at a future date. Dr. Boezeman noted that the market conditions have had an impact on the cost and funding for the project. He shared that Maxwell Construction did a great job providing estimates, but between receiving the estimates and opening bids on August 3, there was significant volatility in the market conditions.

Mr. Phillips noted that with the Parkside project bids coming in higher than the original estimates, the Public Hearing would be rescheduled to the September meeting to evaluate pricing and provide greater detail on spending. Dr. Boezeman noted that the school corporation does not want to reduce the ongoing prioritization for these projects and will continue to review.

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

The HVAC and plumbing bids were well over the original estimate.

The scope of the project can be reduced without making significant changes or delaying the project. The pavement of the parking lot was slated to be completed in the summer of 2023. This can wait to be rebid without delaying the project.

The major concern with current construction projects is the demand for supplies. Maxwell Construction expects a delay in the flooring and tile package, but it should not affect the timeline.

BCSC will pay Maxwell Construction a flat rate.

The countertop pricing dropped and framing estimates increased due to the vendors who are interested in bidding on the jobs.

The responsibility of the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) is to communicate closely with vendors in the industry to get the best price and rebid if necessary.

Allotted Days for eLearning (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts presented the first reading for the school calendar adjustment. Due to recent changes in legislation, a maximum number of three eLearning days would be counted as educational days for inclement weather. The calendar currently allows five eLearning days. Dr. Roberts recommended that BCSC follow legislation and approve up to three days for inclement weather. He noted that any day after three would be made-up at another time during the school year.

3) Requests for Approval (Dr. Roberts)

Dr. Roberts reviewed the following items for the Board.

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 8, 2022
- b. Supplemental Contracts (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- c. Field Trips/Professional Leaves (Dr. Hack/Mr. Jensen)
- d. Claims and Payroll (Mr. Phillips)
- e. Title I, Part D Grant (Mr. Edwards)
- f. Title III, Park A Grant (Mr. Edwards)

- g. Non-English-Speaking Program (NESP) Grant (Mr. Edwards)
- h. Agreement with Columbus Auto Group (Mr. Phillips/ Mr. Josh Burnett)
- i. Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Parkside Elementary Renovation (Dr. Boezeman)

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

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

3) 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 Dr. Bilz.

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

BOARD INPUT AND REVIEW:

Mrs. Wheeldon thanked those within the school corporation who donate their time to the student athletic programs.

Mr. Stenner thanked Mr. Grimes for providing reflections and for recognizing and honoring teachers for their length of service and hard work.

Mr. Grimes thanked Mr. Sam Simmermaker for his 63 years in local broadcasting of student athletic events and congratulated Mrs. Veronica Buckler for being the recipient of the 2022 Teacher of the Year Award.

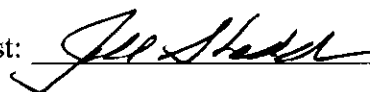
Dr. Shedd wished all the athletic teams well as they participate in rivalry week.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Administration Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

 Secretary

Attest:  President