



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 11.26.2018



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Minutes: Workshop Session: October 8, 2018
- Minutes: Regular Session: October 22, 2018

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2019 School Board Meeting Dates
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ACTION ITEMS

- Adoption of Preliminary Determination/Reimbursement Resolution
- Permission to Advertise for a Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation - 2018 General Fund
- 2019 CCS Legislative Priorities

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Associate Superintendent of Business Affairs Roger McMichael presented the monthly financial update.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Two Carmel residents spoke on the topic of the High Ability Program.

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PUBLIC HEARING

- Preliminary Determination Public Hearing in conjunction with consideration of the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and/or entering into one or more leases with a Building Corporation which would permit the Building Corporation to issue the first Mortgage Bonds.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Girls Soccer Team for winning the 2018 IHSAA State Championship. [Watch the Special Presentation](#)

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Carmel Clay School Board recognized 15 talented young artists. Their artwork will be proudly displayed at the Educational Services Center. [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



Carmel Clay School Board recognized Carmel High School Boys Tennis Team for winning the 2018 IHSA State Championship! [Watch the Special Presentation](#)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Boys Cross Country Team for winning the 2018 IHSA State Championships! [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



Carmel Education Foundation presented 80 CCS teachers from 11 schools over \$15,000 in educational grants during the School Board meeting on November 26, 2018.

[Watch the Special Presentation](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that the CHS football team was the IHSAA 6A State Runner-Ups. He stated that the team displayed a lot of determination and grit throughout the year and it is always special when a team is able to end their season at the state finals. He also congratulated Beau Robbins on being selected as the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award Winner. This award goes to a student athlete who excels not only as an athlete, but in the classroom while also demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and character.
- Dr. Beresford reported that he attended the Indiana Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Banquet alongside CCS Teacher of the Year Sarah Wolff. It was a nice evening that focused on educators across the state. Dr. Beresford said he was so proud of Sarah for all that she does for students and staff at CCS. He congratulated her for being named a Top 3 educator in the state.
- Dr. Beresford shared that 34 fall student athletes signed their National Letter of Intent to play their sport at the collegiate level. These students will be attending colleges and universities all across the country.
- Dr. Beresford reported that the district had their first "snow day" on November 15th. Communication to CCS families went out regarding the cancellation. If parents would like to receive text messages for emergency communication, they can text YES to 68453.
- Dr. Beresford shared that he had the opportunity to attend two Veterans Day programs, one at CHS and one for the City of Carmel. Dr. Beresford gave kudos to CHS teacher Pete O'Hara for his wonderful speech. Dr. Beresford thanked the City of Carmel for allowing him to participate alongside the Mayor in the ceremony. He also congratulated the elementary poster contest winners, essay contest winners and the nearly 200 Towne Meadow elementary choir students on their performances.
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that Smoky Row Elementary students participated in a special project called the Kindness Matters Rock Garden. The rock garden is in memory of former Smoky Row teacher Dawn Matters. Students painted and wrote inspirational messages on the 1400+ rocks and created a rainbow rock garden in front of their school.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Carmel High School Marching Band on their 3rd consecutive Bands of America Grand National Championship.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated Carmel High School student Audrey Satchivi on her appearance and first round victory in the Jeopardy! Teens Tournament. He stated she was one of only 15 students selected among thousands of students across the country to participate in the game show.
- Dr. Beresford reported that the Parent School Safety Informational Night was well attended. He also reported that 25 parents have signed up for the Parent School Safety Academy led by David Woodward, Director of Student Services.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CON'T.)

- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Carmel High School newsmagazine HiLite on winning their 7th consecutive Pacemaker Award. This prestigious award is known as the "Pulitzer Prize of High School Journalism."
- Dr. Beresford shared his "Bellringer," in which he had the honor to participate in a graduation ceremony and an end of life celebration for CHS student Miriam Sawka. He shared with the Board that Mariam has a terminal illness and she and her family wanted to have a end of life celebration while she was still living. One of Miriam's goals was to graduate from high school. Dr. Beresford thanked CHS Guidance Counselor Emily Clark for organizing and coordinating all the details of the ceremony to make it extra special, including having a string quartet of CHS students play the graduation song. Dr. Beresford also thanked CHS Principal Dr. Harmas for his heartfelt speech during the graduation ceremony. Dr. Beresford shared that Miriam was the first person he has had the honor to confer a degree of diploma, as this is his first year as a superintendent. Dr. Beresford shared that Miriam spoke during the event and was wise beyond her years. He said that she is an incredible and amazing young woman who has a great sense of humor and her actions and words remind us to focus on what is most important in life.

[Watch the Superintendent's Report](#)

CCS KUDOS

The School Board would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff members as brought to their attention by the Carmel community. Kudos to Shawn Blazier, Sam Owens and Lori DeGraff! If you would like to share your positive CCS employee experience with the School Board, please [click here](#).

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

DECEMBER 2018


JANUARY 2019

Please click here to view upcoming Board Meetings, breaks and holidays

Dec. 17 --Regular School Board Meeting
Dec. 24-Jan 7--Winter Break

Jan. 8-- Students return from winter break
Jan 21--No School (MLK Jr. Day)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



myCCS will retire in
December 2018

Access to grades and student
information will be available in the
new PowerSchool parent portal

MyCCS will be retiring in December 2018 and we ask that if you have not created an account to please do so as soon as possible. This easy-to-use portal is a secure website where parents and students can access real-time information such as grades, class schedules, transportation information, athletic information and additional resources such as Canvas and EZSchoolPay.

In addition, we are looking forward to launching a new district website over winter break. Please stay tuned for more information as we prepare to roll out the redesigned website.