



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 12.17.2018



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Minutes: Workshop Session: Nov. 15, 2018
- Minutes: Special Session: Nov. 19, 2018
- Minutes: Executive Session: Nov. 19, 2018
- Minutes: Regular Session: Nov. 26, 2018
- Carry Forward of Capital Projects Fund Accounts
- Closing Budget Functions for 2018

ACTION ITEMS

- 2019 School Board Meeting Dates
- Adopt Resolution on the Additional Appropriation for the 2018 General Fund

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Internal Controls Manual
- First Reading Policy 0139 Staff Discipline
- First Reading Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle
- First Reading Policy 8310 Public Records

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PUBLIC HEARING

- Public Hearing Regarding an Additional Appropriation--2018 General Fund

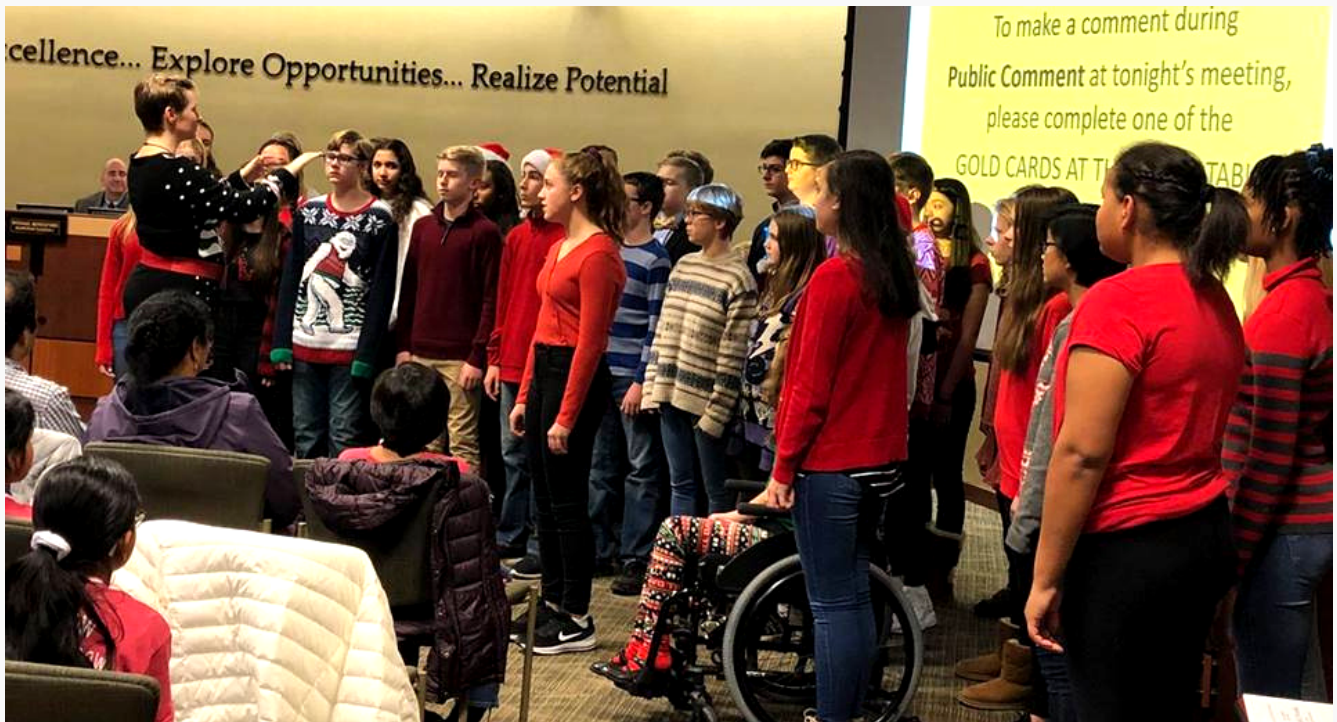
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PUBLIC COMMENT

- One Carmel residents spoke on the topic of free speech.

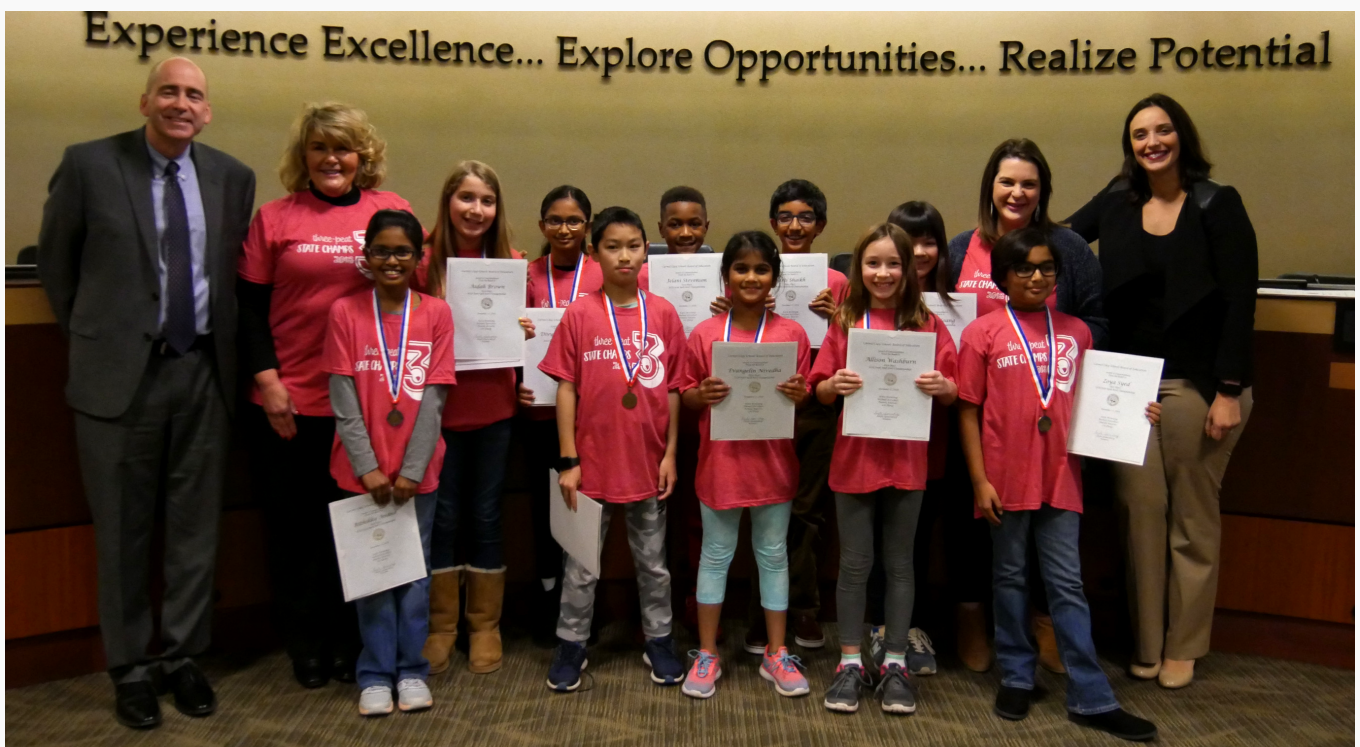
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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Carmel Clay School Board enjoyed a holiday performance from the Creekside Middle School Choir.

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Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Smoky Row Elementary Spell Bowl Team for winning 1st place at the State Spell Bowl Competition.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Orchard Park Elementary Spell Bowl Team for their second place finish at the State Spell Bowl Competition. [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



Carmel Clay School Board recognized the College Wood Elementary Spell Bowl Team for placing third at the State Spell Bowl Competition. [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



Carmel Clay School Board recognized Carmel High School Senior Beau Robbins for being selected as the 2018 IHSA Mental Attitude Award Winner! [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Marching Band for winning their 3rd consecutive Grand National Championship at the Bands of America Competition. The Marching Greyhounds were also recognized for winning the 2018 ISSMA State Competition.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that six CHS students were recognized by Congresswoman Susan Brooks for winning the Congressional App Challenge. The Congressional App Challenge is the most prestigious prize in student computer science. Dr. Beresford congratulated Jared Stigter, Evan Kenyon, Joseph Paavola, Armaan Goel and Andrew Sleugh for creating PassMaster, a phone app that allows teachers to write hall passes electronically. Their app will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building and featured on the U.S. House of Representative's website.
- Dr. Beresford reported that he attended the Hour of Code at Carmel High School. He shared that 500+ elementary students participated in the event, which was led by Carmel High School students. Students learned how to build a computer, learned how to outsmart cybersecurity phishing attempts, and enjoyed learning how to use programming software.
- Dr. Beresford shared that he has enjoyed visiting elementary and middle schools, helping them serve the holiday meal. He praised all the hardworking and wonderful food services employees who make sure our kids are fed a healthy school lunch.
- Dr. Beresford reported that students in middle school and high school are taking finals this week. He wished them good luck as they study and complete the semester.
- Dr. Beresford shared that the STOPit! App, the new anonymous two-way reporting tool, has successfully launched. He reported that students are using the app to report concerns and this new tool is another way in which CCS is continuing to enhance the layers of school safety.
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that David Woodward, Director of Student Services, held the CCS Parent School Safety Academy on December 11th and December 13th. Dr. Beresford reported that the CCS Parent School Safety Academy is a unique and innovative approach to school safety and the goal of the program is to educate and inform parents on best school safety practices.
- Dr. Beresford mentioned that the newly redesigned CCS website will launch over winter break. He also shared a reminder to parents that MyCCS is retiring and parents can now access grades, class schedules, bus schedules and school lunch information in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Dr. Beresford reported that he was honored to attend the CHS Holiday Spectacular. He shared that he was impressed with the talent of the 500+ CHS students and staff and congratulated them on such a special show.
- Dr. Beresford stated that he enjoyed attending the Chef-tacular event that was organized by the CHS culinary students. He shared that students were paired up with local chefs and had a lighthearted competition. He said that food was fantastic and the trio of students who performed jazz songs made for a wonderful atmosphere.
- Dr. Beresford shared that Carmel High School students will be wrapping gifts for donations to Riley Children's Hospital on December 22nd from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and December 23rd from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CON'T.)

- Dr. Beresford shared that Carmel Elementary students and staff donated more than 7,600 food items during the annual food drive. All of the items were donated to the Hamilton Co. Harvest Food Bank.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the 154 Clay Middle School students and their 6th grade teacher Mrs. Kelly Spiedel for raising more than \$17,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation this year and more than \$54,000 since 2014. He shared that the students were recently on the Smiley Morning Show during their annual Request-A-Thon.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board President Layla Spanenberg announced she has been appointed as the Indiana School Board Association's Region 5 Director.
- Board Member Mike Kerschner reported that CCS Board Members attended the OneZone Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast. Mr. Kerschner also shared that Carmel Clay Schools will host the Hamilton Co. legislative luncheon on December 18th. This luncheon will include Hamilton Co. school leaders and legislators.
- Board Secretary Katie Browning reported that Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Board voted to approve the retirement of Director Mark Westermeier.

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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 Becky Theim, Scott Farrell, Roberto Arreola Mandujan, Tunisia Beaver, Catherine Pearsall, Kate Masterson and Jacqueline Goodwin! 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 8:26 p.m.

DECEMBER 2018

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Dec. 24-Jan 7--Winter Break

JANUARY 2019

Jan. 8-- Students return from winter break

Jan. 14--School Board Workshop Session

Jan. 21--No School (MLK Jr. Day)

Jan. 28--School Board Regular Session

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 to please create an account! 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. If you need assistance setting up your Powerschool Parent Portal Account, please click on this [help form](#).

CCS WEBSITE UPDATE!

We are excited to share with you that the newly redesigned website will be launching over winter break! For the past several months, our technology team and webmasters have been working in collaboration with FinalSite to bring you a website that features a new sleek design and offers user-friendly navigation compatible across all mobile devices. Our new website is just one of the many ways we are improving communication with our school community.

Please click [this link](#) to see a “sneak peek” of the website!

