



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 12.16.2019



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Approval of Gift Applications
 - Patrons of Creekside Middle School donated \$800 to the Performing Arts Department.
 - The Carmel Education Foundation awarded grants to various clubs and schools within CCS in recognition of their high percentage of participants in the Ghosts and Goblins Run.
 - Best Buddies Club at Carmel Middle School-\$250.00
 - National Honor Society at CHS-\$250.00
 - Mohawk Trails Elementary-\$429.60
 - Prairie Trace Elementary-\$623.00
 - Carmel Middle School-\$168.80
 - Clay Middle School-\$1031.80
 - Carmel High School-\$280.00

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ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved:

- Bid Award-College Wood Elementary Finishes and Renovations
- Bid Award-New Elementary School at Clay Center Road

The following item was tabled:

- Adopt a Resolution to Establish a School Safety Referendum Fund and a School Safety Debt Service Fund

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Carmel High School graduates Mr. Joseph Heerens and Miss Jessica Zhang on receiving the College Board State Advanced Placement Scholar Award.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Dr. Tom Harmas who was named Indiana State High School Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Dr. Steve Stephanoff for his work in the Human Resources Department as Interim Director of Human Resources. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, Dr. Stephanoff!

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Carmel SOS PAC Co-Chairs Mrs. Laura Jarred and Mrs. Nikki McNally for their leadership with the CCS School Safety Referendum.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Mohawk Trails Elementary for earning a National Blue Ribbon Award.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Naming of the New Elementary School on Clay Center Road as Clay Center Elementary
- Time of Day Update from Dr. Beresford
- First Reading of Policy 2220-Staff Evaluation
- First Reading of Policy 8120-Volunteers
- First Reading of Policy 9160-Public Attendance at School Events

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STUDENT DATA REPORT

- Dr. Amy Dudley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment presented information on English Language Learners.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board Member, Mrs. Layla Spanenberg, provided a legislative update. She stated that she and Dr. Beresford met with Senator J.D. Ford and Senator Victoria Spartz and shared common interests for the upcoming legislative session. Mrs. Spanenberg shared that she and Dr. Beresford are having a phone conference this week with Senator Donato who is on the Education Committee. Mrs. Spanenberg reported that she and Mrs. Knowles will be attending the National School Board Association's Equity Symposium as well as the Advocacy Institute that will be held in Washington D.C.
- Board Secretary, Dr. Lin Zheng, provided an update as a Board Member for Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation. She reported that CCPR has established an advisory Extended School Enrichment (ESE) committee to gather feedback for continuous success of the program. Dr. Zheng also shared that the ESE Program is expanding their office space and construction will be complete in the next few weeks. Dr. Zheng reported that the CCPR Summer Camp brochure has been posted on the CCPR website. Summer camp registration will begin January 7, 2020.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford shared that he, along with several other school superintendents, met with the House Education Committee to share common interests and concerns about education in Indiana.
- Dr. Beresford shared that the district had its first weather delay of the year on December 16, 2019. He reminded CCS families that during weather delays or cancellations, they will receive a phone call and email. They can also sign up to receive text messaging by texting YES to 68453. Information regarding delays and cancellations are also posted on the district's Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as local news stations.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated our CHS students in the Carmel Esports Club who won the Indiana High School Esports Network State Championship in three different games (Rocket League, Overwatch and League of Legends.) He also congratulated students who placed second in the Hearthstone game! Esports is growing in popularity and this year's club at Carmel High School has over 100 members.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Clay Middle School "Team Avengers" 6th graders for raising \$19,105.81 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation! Students enjoyed visiting the Smiley Morning Show to share the good news. Since 2014, Clay Middle School Team Avengers have donated more than \$73,000. He shared that he is proud of this team and he loves seeing students and staff give back to the community!
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that he enjoyed participating as a judge at the CHS Culinary Arts' 2nd Annual Winter Chef-tacular. He stated it was an enjoyable evening of delicious food and lively music with proceeds supporting the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. The event pairs CHS students with local chefs who then compete in several categories. The students who created the winning dishes earned scholarships to Sullivan University, one of America's best culinary schools.
- Dr. Beresford reported that Carmel High School Student Government is once again hosting a Gift Wrapping for Riley event. The community can visit the high school to have their gifts wrapped in exchange for a donation to Riley Children's Hospital on Saturday December 21st from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, December 22nd from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that he attended the CHS Winter Orchestra Concert. He mentioned that they have been invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago. The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic is well-known and revered by musicians all over the country and beyond. Music educators from all over the world will be in attendance to experience a variety of performances. He shared that it is an amazing honor to be chosen to perform for this elite audience. He congratulated CHS band conductors Mrs. Ohly-Davis, Mr. Chen, Ms. Hite, and the Carmel High School Symphony Orchestra.
- Dr. Beresford's "Bellringer" of the evening was attending the annual Holiday Spectacular. He shared that more than 600 students are involved in the impressive musical performance. It's a show many members of our community look forward to attending each year!

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 Jill Schipp, Chard Reid, Jessica Niccum, Christy Herring, Courtney Davis, Stew Smith, Rachel Knuttle, Carly Davis, Sarah Awe, Sarah BruBaker, Maria Brown, Mary Wardell, Amy Beaven and Rob Yull! 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 9:07 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 2019

Please click [here](#) to view upcoming Board Meetings, breaks and holidays

Dec. 20-Quarter 2 Ends

Dec. 23-Jan 6--Winter Break (No School)

JANUARY 2020

Jan. 7-School Resumes, Q3 Begins

Jan. 13-School Board Workshop

Jan. 20-Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

Jan. 27-School Board Regular Session