



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Workshop Session 3.9.2020



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Superintendent of Staff and Student Services, Dr. Tom Oestreich, announced Mrs. Joanna Mulligan as the new Assistant Director of Special Services.

Mrs. Mulligan earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Elementary Education and Special Education and her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She also received her Director of Exceptional Needs License and an Educational Law Certification from Indiana University. Mrs. Mulligan was a special education teacher at the Center for Inquiry before becoming the Special Education Coordinator with the Hancock, Madison and Shelby Education Services. Most recently, she has served as the Assistant Director of Student Services for the Southern Hancock School Corporation and was responsible for Early Learning Programs, Essential Skills Programs, supervision of special education staff, including teachers, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, physical therapists, school psychologist, and a teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing, among many other responsibilities.

[Watch the Special Announcement](#)

WORKSHOP TOPIC



Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Amy Dudley, presented the topic, "Using Technology to Amplify Learning."

Presenters included Supervisor of Learning Mrs. Anne Arroyo, Technology Director Mrs. Christi Cloud, Woodbrook Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Laura Muse, Woodbrook Elementary Instructional Coach Ms. Lauren Dunlap, CHS World Language Teacher Ms. Lisa Carroll, Clay Middle School Assistant Principal Mr. Mark Smith, and a group of kindergarten students from Woodbrook Elementary.

[Watch the Workshop Topic](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DISCLAIMER

Information in this Board Recap is from March 9th and the most current information can be found on the CCS website at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/about/coronavirus-information>. Future events and activities mentioned in the Board Recap may also have been cancelled or postponed.

- Below is a COVID-19 update to CCS families:

We understand there are many questions surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its impact on our schools. We want to emphasize that there are no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools at this time. As you know, this is a fluid situation. Our plans are being updated on a daily, and even hourly basis. We will share new information with you as it becomes available.

Our plan is to follow national, state and local health department guidelines and recommendations. If we are directed to close one or more of our schools, our staff is prepared to use Canvas and G-Suite Tools to deliver instruction and learning experiences for our students.

In addition, we have created a new web page to answer common questions such as spring break travel, attendance, district/school events, and more. To access the web page [click here](#).

Below are two steps you can take to prepare for virtual learning if one or more of our schools are closed.

- If you are using a personal device at home, test for connectivity and ensure that your student can log in to their Canvas account. For frequently asked questions regarding Canvas, you can [click here](#).
- If you do not have access to a device (computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) for virtual learning, we will provide a device for your family. To do so you can [click here](#) to submit the “Family Mobile Device Check-Out” form.

Any school closures or other emergency information will be communicated using the district’s standard channels of communication, including phone calls, emails, text messages and the CCS website. Parents and guardians should verify that their phone numbers and email addresses are correct in PowerSchool to ensure notifications are received. For phone numbers registered within PowerSchool, CCS families can receive text alerts by texting YES to 68453 on your mobile device.

This is an unusual and challenging situation, but we are confident that together we can do whatever is needed to best serve our students. Thank you for your partnership and support.

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- Dr. Beresford congratulated Carmel High School students on an incredible Dance Marathon on February 29th. More than 600 students danced the evening away for a good cause! The grand total raised for Riley Children’s Hospital was 473,394.15! Dr. Beresford stated that he was so proud of all of the students and staff who helped make the CHS Dance Marathon the largest in the country for student size and amount of money donated.
 - Dr. Beresford congratulated 120 Carmel High School students who competed at the National History Day Central Regional Contest on Saturday! He stated 40 students had qualified for the state competition.
 - Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Baking Team for receiving a gold medal at the FCCLA state competition. He shared the team will now advance to the national competition.
 - Dr. Beresford congratulated the WHJE radio station on receiving 14 national awards at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting Awards! He mentioned that students also had the opportunity to visit New York City NBC4 news anchor and CHS alum Adam Kuperstein.
 - Dr. Beresford congratulated CHS HiLite Magazine students Grace Xu, Sophia Hawkins, Rhea Acharya, Jackie Hur, Riley TerBush, Calina He and Maddie Kosciuszko for winning the Kent State Center for Scholastic Journalism, *Covering Student Activism* contest. The HiLite will receive \$500 for the CHS media program for “Fired Up,” a Sept. 20, 2019 web package that localized activism for climate issues.

- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that Carmel Clay Schools is celebrating food and nutrition staff members this week as a part of National Nutrition Month. He said these staff members have a significant impact on our students, serving millions of healthy and delicious meals that enable them to have the necessary nutrition and energy to stay focused throughout the day. He stated he was thankful to have such caring and committed staff members in our school community!
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that Carmel High School is accepting donations of gently used teen appropriate prom dresses, suits, ties, shoes, jewelry. Prom is an exciting time for high school students, but unfortunately, not everyone has the means to purchase Prom attire. Community members can drop these items off at the CHS Freshman Center Main office between 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CHS is also accepting homecoming dress donations. Prom attire distribution will begin April 17th.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Boys Basketball Team for winning their 6th consecutive IHSAA Sectional Championship. Leading up to the sectional championship, Jackson Jannsen had a buzzer beater for the win over Noblesville 37-39! During the sectional championship against Westfield, Brian Waddell scored 26 points and sophomore Pete Suder added 17 as the Greyhounds used a 14-2 spurt in the first half to roll to a 54-41 victory! The Greyhounds will head to the Logansport Regional next weekend to meet New Haven, the winner at Huntington North.
- Dr. Beresford's Bellringer of the evening was the CHS Boys Swimming & Diving Team winning their 6th consecutive State Championship! The Greyhounds set 5 state records and 2 national records during the state championship. The team won 6 of the 12 total events at the state meet. The 200 Medley Relay started the meet off by setting a new state record with a time of 1:27.94. Jacob Mitchell and Wyatt Davis went on to capture the 200 Freestyle and the 200 Individual Medley, respectively. Davis' title in the 200 Individual Medley broke a 10-year old record as well, finishing the event in 1:44.17. Davis went on to win the 100 Backstroke for the fourth time, breaking the state record and becoming the most decorated swimmer in IHSAA history with a time of :45.88. Mitchell finished the 500 Freestyle in 4:14.68, giving him the title for the third straight year and breaking the record he set last year. The Greyhounds finished the day of records with a new national public high school record time of 2:56.36. Head Coach Chris Plumb won his 23rd overall state title and is now tied for the most state championships of any coach in IHSAA history.

[Watch the Superintendent 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 Trey Brown, Nate Robbins and Zach Higdon! 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 8:18 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2020

APRIL 2020

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

March 23 - School Board Regular Session

April 3-10 - Spring Break (No School)

April 14 - School Board Workshop Session

April 27 - School Board Regular Session



ATTENTION VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

Carmel Clay Schools continues to take proactive steps to keep our students and staff safe. On January 27, 2020, the Carmel Clay School Board approved changes to Policy 8120-Volunteers.

Effective immediately, this policy requires volunteers and visitors in classrooms and lunchrooms to have a background check completed and reviewed every three years. The previous policy required background checks for volunteers every five years and did not require background checks for classroom or lunchroom visitors.

If you currently have a background check on file with Carmel Clay Schools, there is no action to be taken at this time. You will be notified via email prior to your background check expiring.

For individuals who need a background check, please visit <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/volunteer-information>.



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