



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Workshop Session 8.14.2019



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CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved:
- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Authorization to Sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements.

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WORKSHOP TOPIC

- Mr. David Woodward, Director of Student Services provided a school safety update, information on QPR suicide prevention training and engaged Board members through a Stop the Bleed Training.
- Mr. Woodward also identified school safety needs for the district including adding more School Resource Officers, mental health access, and offering future training and technology upgrades.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford reported that the steps necessary to have the district's School Safety Referendum placed on the ballot for the November 5th Election have been completed. The question on the ballot includes the following language:

“For the eight (8) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, should the school corporate impose a property tax rate that does not exceed five cents (\$0.05) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property taxes imposed by the school corporate for the purpose of funding the following in Carmel Clay Schools:

**1. The employment or compensation of school resource officers for all school buildings;
2. Programs to address youth specific mental illness for all students; and 3. Professional development programs for teachers, administrators, and other school employees designed to improve school safety and reduce violence?”**

- Dr. Beresford reminded CCS parents to make sure their contact information is up to date in their PowerSchool Parent Portal. He also shared that if parents would like to receive text alerts from CCS, they can text YES to 68453 on their mobile device.
- Dr. Beresford shared that CCS Food Service is going green! West Clay, College Wood and Clay Middle School have made the switch from plastic to real, reusable silverware. This is a pilot program with the goal of having all schools in the district make the switch.
- Dr. Beresford reported that the district has added new videos to the Parent Resource Center on the CCS website, including School Bus Safety and Tips for Transitioning your Student Back to School. The goal of the Parent Resource Center is to create a space where parents can learn about issues affecting today's youth while also offering resources to equip parents with the knowledge, tools and support to help their child achieve both academic and personal success. He shared that the district plans to continue to add videos and resources throughout the year.
- Dr. Beresford Congratulated CCS Teacher of the Year, Amanda Dillon who was announced as a TOP 30 Finalist for the Indiana Teacher of the Year Program!
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Champions Together team for winning the Special Olympics of Indiana Plane Pull High School Division. They pulled an 80 ton Boeing 757 in 7.97 seconds!
- Dr. Beresford congratulated CHS Student Suhas Chundi on bringing home a gold medal at the International Biology Olympiad! Suhas is also on the CHS wrestling team and earned an IHSAA state wrestling medal last season.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford shared two of his "Bellringers" with the School Board:
 - Dr. Beresford thanked the Carmel Police Department and Carmel Fire Department for continuing their tradition of having a presence at all of the schools to welcome students and families on the first day and alerting motorists to slow down in school zones. It was a special day and CCS appreciates the special care that our community takes to make sure our kids feel loved and safe.
 - Dr. Beresford reported that the first day of school was simply a magnificent day! The district welcomed 16,616 students. Dr. Beresford shared that he visited 13 of 15 of our schools and saw some amazing learning happening all across the district! Many employees from the Educational Services Center were also deployed throughout the district to offer help where needed. Dr. Beresford visited the remaining two schools on the second day and the students and staff were doing a phenomenal job. He shared with the Board that he could not be prouder of our CCS Family!

[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 Stephanie Whiteside and Andrew Lawler. If you would like to send a kudos, please email Colleen Nobis at cnobis@ccs.k12.in.us.

IMPORTANT DATES

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AUGUST 2019

SEPTEMBER 2019

Aug. 26th-Regular Session School Board Meeting

Sept. 2 --Labor Day Holiday (No School)
Sept. 9--School Board Workshop Session
Sept 23--School Board Regular Session

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.