



# CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 1.27.2020



## CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Approval of Gift Applications
- The New York Life Foundation awarded a \$500 grant to Carmel Elementary to support efforts toward becoming a Grief-Sensitive School.
- The New York Life Foundation awarded a \$500 grant to College Wood Elementary to support efforts toward becoming a Grief-Sensitive School.
- The Walmart Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to Prairie Trace Elementary Media Specialist, Denise Dragash.
- The New York Life Foundation awarded a \$500 grant to Woodbrook Elementary to support efforts toward becoming a Grief-Sensitive School.
- The Old Town Design Group, LLC donated \$500 to the Culture of Care Initiative Committee at Carmel High School to be used for the purchase of staff shirts.
- Overflow Church, Inc. donated \$1094 to Carmel Clay Schools for use at the Superintendent's Discretion.

## VIEW THE MEETING

## CONSENT AGENDA (CONT.)

- Minutes: Regular Session 12.16.2019

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Associate Superintendent of Business Affairs, Mr. Roger McMichael, presented the Year End Financial Update.

[Watch the Financial Update](#)

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Carmel Education Foundation Co-Executive Directors Stephanie McDonald and Barbara Danquist.

[Watch the Special Presentation](#)

## ACTION ITEMS

- Revised - Adopt a Resolution to Establish a School Safety Referendum Fund
- Bid Award - New Carmel Elementary School
- Bid Award - Creekside Middle School - Finishes and Renovations
- Budget Appropriation Transfer
- Amended Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund
- Adopt Policy 2220 - Staff Evaluation
- Adopt Policy 8120 - Volunteers
- Adopt Policy 9160 - Public Attendance at School Events

[Watch the Action Items](#)

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- First Reading of Policy 9150 - School Visitors
- First Reading of Bylaw 0144.2 - Board Member Ethics

[Watch the Discussion Items](#)

## STUDENT DATA REPORT

- Dr. Amy Dudley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented a report on PSAT and SAT data.

[Watch the Student Data Report](#)

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board Member Mrs. Layla Spanenberg provided a legislative update. She reported there are 170 education related bills that are active in the Statehouse and that the district continues to monitor these pieces of legislation. On February 11, Mrs. Spanenberg shared that she will be attending the ISBA Statehouse Day. Mrs. Spanenberg mentioned that the CCS website has been updated with the 2020 CCS Legislative Priorities and areas of common interest and focus.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford congratulated CHS athlete Katie Mattingly who became Carmel's first Wrestling Coaches Association Girls State Champion. Katie dominated the regional competition and came into the state finals ranked #2. Her finals match was against a girl who defeated Katie last year, but this time, Katie scored a late take-down and near fall to claim the title of state champion in the 126 lb. weight class. Katie and her sister, Haley, are both part of the wrestling program and wrestle with the team every day. Haley is also a talented wrestler and placed state runner-up in the 120 lb. weight class.
- Dr. Beresford mentioned that Carmel Clay Schools will be offering another round of Parent QPR Training on February 11th. Similar to CPR, QPR is a 90 minute training course designed to assist participants with recognizing a crisis and warning signs for someone who may be contemplating suicide. Each participant will learn and practice the Question, Persuade, and Referral method and will be provided with resources and supports that are available in the community. Each participant will receive a QPR Gatekeeper Certificate upon successful completion of the training. To sign up for the parent class, please [click here](#).
- Dr. Beresford reported that tickets are on sale for the 17th Annual Taste of Carmel. This event is Orchard Park Elementary's biggest fundraiser of the year and helps support the costs of classroom materials, field trips, and school-wide programs for students. The event will be held on March 5th at 502 East Event Center in Carmel. More than 1,000 guests will come together to sample food and drink from nearly 50 vendors. There is also a silent auction in which 100% of the proceeds go towards Orchard Park Elementary. To purchase tickets, you can visit [www.tasteofcarmel.com](http://www.tasteofcarmel.com).



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that there is a critical bus driver shortage facing the school district. He stated that the district has been actively recruiting drivers, identifying new ways to connect with potential drivers and traveling to hiring fairs across the state. Despite these efforts, the district is receiving only a few applicants. He mentioned that due to the bus driver shortage, the transportation department struggles each morning to cover multiple routes. The district began "double-routing" as a stop-gap measure last year, and unfortunately, this "double-routing" pattern has continued into this school year. Dr. Beresford warned that if the bus driver shortage continues, the district may need to lengthen bus routes, establish walk zones around our schools or go to multiple school day start and end times to be able to cover bus routes. The district is forming a bus driver recruitment task force to evaluate the situation and make recommendations. Dr. Beresford encouraged the public to reach out to friends, neighbors and anyone that might be interested in driving a school bus. He stated the district provides paid training for you to earn a CDL license and has experienced bus trainers that will travel routes with you until you are comfortable to drive alone. He shared that the transportation department is an exceptional group of people who make a positive difference in the lives of kids and families across the district. He encourages anyone who is interested becoming a bus driver to contact our Human Resources Department at 317-844-9961 and email Assistant Director of Human Resources Shelley Coover at [scoover@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:scoover@ccs.k12.in.us).

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**If you are interested please contact Shelley Coover,**  
**Assistant Director of Human Resources ([scoover@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:scoover@ccs.k12.in.us))**  
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- Dr. Beresford's Bellringer of the evening was congratulating 5th grade Mohawk Trails Elementary teacher Mrs. Cherie Struve for receiving the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award! Mrs. Struve was surprised in her classroom last week by the WISH-TV crew and was presented a golden apple trophy, a \$500 check and a heartwarming nomination video. Mrs. Struve was nominated by a parent who said that she has positively changed the lives of their family and their children. The parent said that Mrs. Struve has helped their children achieve academically and always shows love and kindness. To watch the surprise, [click here](#).

[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 Robyn Schroeder and Amy Skeens-Benton. 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 7:23 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY 2020

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

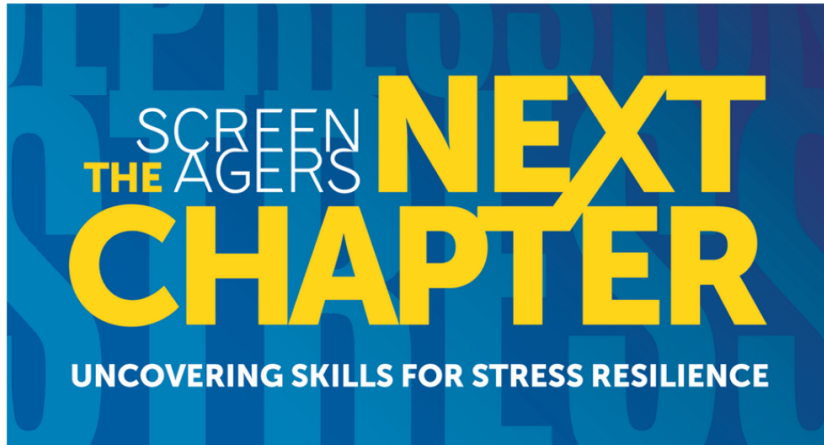
Feb. 10 - School Board Workshop  
Feb. 17 - President's Day (No School)  
Feb. 24 - School Board Regular Session

### MARCH 2020

March 9 - School Board Workshop Session  
March 23 - School Board Regular Session

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for a free screening of



**February 13, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
**Carmel High School**



Thank you to CYAP for sponsoring the film.

The film is recommended for parents and students grades 6-12. We encourage parents, teens, grandparents, educators, friends and anyone wanting to support and encourage young adults in today's fast-paced, social media driven world to attend.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A, featuring experts in adolescent mental health and education. The panelists include:



**Stephanie Whiteside, LCSW**

Stephanie Whiteside, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Therapist. She has worked in Children's Mental Health since 2008. Stephanie is the Mental Health Coordinator for Carmel Clay Schools where she heads the mental health and social-emotional learning initiatives for the district.



**Megan Peck, MEd, MSW, LCSW**

Megan Peck is co-owner of the Mini Minds, a comprehensive practice that offers a variety of services and supports to address the whole child and family. Megan Peck is also a Licensed Mental Health Therapist.



**Dr. Nerissa Bauer**

Dr. Nerissa Bauer is a behavioral pediatrician, blogger at Let's Talk Kids' Health, entrepreneur, Tweetiatrician and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics. She started a part-time behavioral health private practice in April 2019 in Indianapolis and offers parent training and Girlology programs.



**SRO Sgt. D.J. Schoeff**

Sgt. D.J. Schoeff oversees the SRO unit at Carmel Clay Schools. He currently serves as 1st Vice President of the National Association of SROs. Throughout his career, he's provided social media safety tips and education to thousands of parents and students.

Are you watching your children scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Could social media be impacting your child's mental health?

We invite you to join us Thursday, February 13th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Carmel High School for our Parent Awareness Night, which includes a free showing of SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience. This 70 minute film examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media and most importantly, offers strategies on what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

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To watch the trailer of the film, [click here](#).

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