



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 11.25.2019



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Approval of Gift Applications
 - The Rotary Club of Carmel gave a \$500 grant to Orchard Park Elementary Teacher, Rene Moyer.
 - Prairie Trace Elementary received a \$25 Lilly U.S. Matching Gifts Program from the Eli Lilly & Company Foundation, Inc.
 - West Clay Elementary received a \$75 Lilly U.S. Matching Gifts Program grant from the Eli Lilly & Company Foundation, Inc.
 - Five teachers of the 4th Grade teaching team at West Clay Elementary each received a donation of \$30 from the National Energy Foundation to support energy education in the classroom. Teachers are Lisa Fortney, Laura Gilmore, Doug McCreary, Libby Patino and Tyson Smith.
 - The New York Life Foundation awarded a \$500 grant to Carmel Middle School to support efforts toward becoming a Grief-Sensitive School.

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CONSENT AGENDA (CONT.)

The following items were approved:

- Approval of Gift Applications
 - Amy Schumacher donated \$2,535 to the Best Buddies Club at Carmel Middle School.
 - Carmel Middle School received a donation of \$45.18 through their Coca-Cola Give program.
 - Horton, Inc. donated \$500 to the Carmel High School TechHounds.
 - The Carmel High School PTO donated \$2,000 to support library programming, professional development or other beneficial activities for students and staff of the Carmel High School Media Center.
- Minutes: Workshop Session October 14, 2019
- Minutes: Regular Session October 28, 2019

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized CCS educators for receiving a 2019 Fall Carmel Education Foundation Grant.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized CHS student Sapna Nakshatri for receiving the 2019 Indiana Outstanding High School Student of Spanish Award.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Leila Antony and Lauren Littell as IHSAA Girls Tennis State Doubles Champions.



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized Olivia Fray as the IHSAA Girls Soccer Mental Attitude Award Winner.

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized the CHS Boys Tennis Team for winning the IHSAA State Championship. Congratulations to Tyler Burnett, Broc Fletcher, Jack Jentz, Uday Lomada, Srisanth Malpeddi, Jones McNamar, Eli Mercer, Presley Thieneman, Ethan Zhang and John Zirkelbach.

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PUBLIC HEARING

- Additional Appropriation Public Hearing Regarding Education Fund and Referendum Fund

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carmel resident Tricia Hackett, spoke on the topic of school safety via Indiana referenda and the CCS legislative common interests.

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STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT

- Dr. Michael Beresford, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Carmel Clay Schools' Strategic Plan.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

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STUDENT DATA REPORT

- Dr. Amy Dudley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented the NWEA Student Data Report.

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ACTION ITEMS

- Adopt Resolution of Additional Appropriation
- Bid Award - Security and Access Upgrades at Woodbrook Elementary School
- Bid Award - Interior Renovation for Units A & B at Carmel High School
- 2020 School Board Meeting Dates

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- 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, since 2011, has earned a national designation, "From Darkness to Light," empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse.
- Board Member, Mrs. Layla Spanenberg, provided a legislative update. She stated that November 19th was Organization Day at the Indiana Statehouse and Red for Ed Day. Mrs. Spanenberg reported that she and Dr. Beresford continue to meet with legislators to discuss common interests in public education. She reported that Hamilton Heights will host the Hamilton County Legislative Luncheon on December 18th. This event brings together local school administrators and board members and state lawmakers.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford shared that he was proud of the many CCS educators who attended the Red for Ed Rally on November 19th. He also mentioned that he was proud of the teachers who supported their colleagues by wearing red in the classroom and making sure students had a safe and productive learning environment. He thanked everyone for their collaboration and teamwork.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the HiLite staff for being named a NSPA Pacemaker Award winner. The HiLite was one of only 19 winners in the country and the only winner from Indiana. The Pacemaker, often called the "Pulitzer Prize of Scholastic Journalism," is one of the most prestigious national awards a journalism staff can earn. This marks the eighth consecutive Pacemaker for the HiLite staff. In addition, the HiLite staff earned two more recognitions. First, seniors Jackie Hur and Hari Patel earned first place nationally in the Infographic of the Year competition. Second, the HiLite staff earned a third place best of show in the large school website category.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Greyhound Cheer Team for winning the small group varsity division, which has earned them a bid to the National competition in February.
- Dr. Beresford stated that Carmel High School had a record number of 37 student athletes sign their National Letter of Intent to play their sport at the collegiate level. He congratulated them for their hard work and discipline throughout their high school career. He looks forward to seeing their success in college!
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Math Club for winning the 54th annual Rose-Hulman High School Math Competition. This victory marked the CHS Math Club's 11th consecutive win. This year, they won every grade level team competition and 22 of the 29 individual awards.
- Dr. Beresford shared that he attended the CCS Spell Bowl Competition. He congratulated all teams on a job well done! He shared that Smoky Row Rockets won the District Spell Bowl and State Spell Bowl with a perfect score of 56! College Wood Elementary placed 3rd in the state and Orchard Park and Prairie Trace placed in the Top 10 in the state.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Creekside Spell Bowl team for winning the Indiana Academic State Spell Bowl Championship with a perfect score of 72. It's has been 34 years since a middle school in Carmel has won the State Spell Bowl!
- Dr. Beresford Congratulated the CHS Football Team on defeating Merrillville 38-17. The Greyhounds will be going to the state championship game for the 10th time in the last 14 years! They will play Center Grove for the state title on November 30th at Lucas Oil Stadium.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated middle school students, staff and parent volunteers for a successful and outstanding musical! Creekside Middle School students performed "Bye, Bye Birdie," Carmel Middle School performed "Footloose," and Clay Middle School students performed "The Music Man."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford's Bell Ringer of the evening was Carmel High School Principal, Dr. Tom Harmas, who was named Indiana Association of School Principals' 2019 Indiana High School Principal of the Year! This honor qualifies him to be in the running for National High School Principal of the Year. At the award ceremony, Dr. Harmas was surprised by 20 of his Carmel High School colleagues who came to see him accept his award. During his acceptance speech, Dr. Harmas emphasized the value of teamwork and collaboration. The evening was very special and we congratulate Dr. Harmas for earning this huge recognition!

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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. 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 9:31 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2019

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

Nov. 27-29--Thanksgiving Break (No School)

DECEMBER 2019

Dec. 16--School Board Regular Session

Dec. 20--Quarter 2 Ends

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