

BOARD BRIEFS

Todd Terrill, Superintendent

February 24, 2016

Celebrations

Richmond Community Schools provides a mentor to all first year teachers. In addition, three Master Teacher Mentors, Ashley Garard, Celeste Johnson, and Joni Sullivan host New Teacher Meetings throughout the year. Mr. Terrill introduced Ashley Garard and Celeste Johnson to recognize their work as two of the three Master Teacher Mentors. This afternoon, 24 new teachers met to ask questions, share experiences, and receive support. Mr. Terrill was able to stop by and observe this very enthusiastic group of teachers.

President Dixie Robinson celebrated Susie Hively for her work and dedication to Richmond Community Schools. This was her last board meeting.



Board Reports/Discussion

- The Board discussed the need for an independent climate audit to be able to check the pulse of our school district. Suzanne Derengowski made contact with several organizations to start. Linda Morgason will continue this work as the head of this action. She will bring more information to the next board meeting.
- The board will meet in executive session, Thursday, February 25, 2016 to review board member applications. Interviews will take place next Wednesday, March 2nd. Kelly Baumgartner and Aaron Stevens will take care of arranging the board interview process.

Bell Ringer

Mr. Terrill celebrated the many great things happening at the High School including the Special Olympics team at the recent boys basketball game, Ike Khamis who will be diving in the State Championship at State this weekend, and Austin Bane placing 5th place at the state meet. Mr. Terrill commends the hard work of students in extra-curricular activities.

Action Items

- Donations in the amount of \$650.
- Public Records Officer- the Board approved the appointment of Jennifer O'Brien, Chief Human Resources Officer as the Public Records Officer.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
- Highland Heights Recommendation- the Board accepted the highest bid for the sale of Highland Heights Elementary property in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from Mint Management, LLC.

Old Business

- Rob Tidrow and Ron Maze provided an RCS Energy Management update. They discussed building interiors and exteriors, utilities, and provided data to where RCS stands in energy savings. More details will be forthcoming.
- The Board discussed the need for a benefit package committee. This will be a board committee. Jeff Slifer will take the lead in organizing this committee.

The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2016. at 5:30 p.m. Possible future work session topics include:

- High Ability Audit that was performed by Ball State last year.
- Student Mentoring
- Early Childhood Education
- High School Renovation
- Extension on NWEA reports