

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

March 26, 2014

REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Preschool Program: Mrs. Bergdoll gave a brief report on the preschool program. She thanked the Board for supporting early childhood education. This is the second year being in each elementary with a total of 308 students enrolled. Two areas of concern are professional development and principals not feeling they have authority over the preschool program. Immediate goals include working to be sure all preschool instructors are included in all collaboration and to involve principals in district level planning.
- Energy Savings Proposal: Mr. Tidrow and Mr. Maze presented a RCS Energy Management proposal using internal resources. Program investment cost could be 100% funded by district savings. The goal is to obtain energy star certification for all buildings and a five year savings of approximately 1.5 million.
- Transportation: Scheduling the student day to achieve efficiencies in transportation was discussed. To study the topic, a survey will go out to parents, students, and employers. In addition to this discussion, a draft of Administrative Guideline 5120 was presented by Mrs. Misty Hollis.

ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Approved in the amount of \$7456.00
Superintendent Contract Hearing: The Board approved to close the regular business meeting and opened a public hearing for the Superintendent contract. Mrs. Susie Hively made the comment that Dr. Bourff's contract salary has not changed in ten years. The Board then approved to close the hearing and to continue with the regular business meeting.
Compensation Bylaw Section 0144.1 Second Reading and Adoption: The board approved the second reading and adoption.
Grassroots Initiative: Approved the appointment that the Board president is to serve in that capacity with the understanding that upon the election of a new president, the appointment changes to reflect the new person in that office.
Lightspeed Web Filter: Approved as presented.
Wayne County Foundation Grant Application: Approved as presented.
Kids Read Now: Approved as presented
Acceptance of RFP from Every Child Can Read, Inc.: Approved as presented.
Elementary Schools HVAC Improvements-REBID: Approved for a total bid amount of \$1,228,000.00 of Quality Plumbing & Heating of Bunker Hill, IN.
Westview Elementary-New Roof: Approved for a total bid amount of \$356,312.00 by Chomel & Sons of Connersville, IN.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes
Human Resources
RESIGNATION
 Amanda Weaver, Teacher on Leave of Absence, Charles Elementary, effective end of the 2012-2013 school year, (CRT); Jedidiah Henson, Environmental Services II, Central Office, effective 3-28-14, (CL); Amber Anderson, Cafeteria Worker, Fairview Elementary, effective 3-28-14, (NCCL) .
UNPAID INTERMITTENT LEAVE
 Allyson King requests board approval for unpaid intermittent family illness leave beginning and extending through December 31, 2014 to be coordinated and administered by the Superintendent.
Accounts Payable
Filing of Reports-Monthly Financial Report

FOLLOW UP—OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Linda Morgason spoke on her observations at the High School student forum. The students made posters illustrating what they enjoy about Richmond High School.
- Mrs. Susie Hively added it was a great opportunity to see students in action with thoughtful ideas.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS/REFLECTIONS/CELEBRATIONS

- Dr. Bourff brought to attention of the board a meeting with Reid Hospital regarding Highland Heights. Ron Cross will also be in attendance.
- Mrs. Suzanne Derengowski congratulated RCS for a great representation at the basketball semi-state.
- Mrs. Linda Morgason added that she overheard many visitors explaining how impressed they were with RHS.
- Mrs. Misty Hollis gave an update on Senate Bill 353.

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