



RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD BRIEFS
April 28, 2010

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ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$8,480.00 in donations to Richmond Community Schools.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Approval of the proclamation in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: Approval of April 14, 2010 minutes.

Human Resources: Approval of Extra Duty Employment and Retirement.

Accounts Payable: Approval of the Accounts Payable Register for April 2010 and Payroll Claim Listings for March and April 2010 for a grand total of \$4,344,389.60.

BOARD REPORTS/REFLECTIONS/CELEBRATIONS

- Dr. Bourff, Suzanne Derengowski, Kelly Baumgartner, Pat Heiny, Julie Ripperger, and Aaron Stevens attended the National School Board Association Conference in Chicago from April 9 to April 12, 2010. Board members discussed sessions they attended at the conference.
- The Fairview Drama Club presentation, Test Middle School Expo, RHS Academic Teams, and the Elizabeth Starr Academy Micro Night were celebrated.
- The Academic Excellence Celebration will take place on May 1st, Lemonade Day is scheduled for May 2nd, and the Ninth Grade Graduate Together program will take place on May 5th.
- Kristi Knapp celebrated Kelly Baumgartner for her recognition from Indiana University East for achievement in Humanities and Social Science.
- Kristi Knapp stated that Dr. Bourff will be providing information on his attendance at the Johns Hopkins summit on Building Civic Capacity. Ms. Knapp also reported that a Title I onsite review is taking place. Title II, Title III, and Civil Rights for the Vocational Education Department reviews have all been recently completed.
- Aleasia Stewart celebrated the lives of Norma Henderson Ross, RHS graduate and philanthropist, and Faye Price, former RCS teacher, who recently passed away.

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REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Monthly Financial Report: Bob Coddington summarized that revenue is down \$165,000 and that expenditures are down \$90,000. Mr. Coddington reviewed the Cash Flow, Income and Expense Analysis, and Progress to 2011 Balanced Budget.

Monthly Personnel Report: The total number of employees for the month of March 2010 was 823.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant Update: Misty Hollis stated that the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative has been providing programs to RCS in an effort to remove barriers for students since January 2009. The focus of the grant includes creating a safe environment, drug and alcohol prevention, social and emotional well being, mental health services, and early learning. Ms. Hollis gave an update on activities, discussed the evaluation process and shared next steps.

Communication Audit: Kristi Knapp stated that results from the communication audit have been provided to teachers. As a follow up, additional questions regarding assessment and use of data have also been sent to teachers. Conversations are taking place on redesigning the website. A discussion on next steps followed.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Red Devil Players: Juniors Neal Werle and Allison Mopps have each produced a short play for the Red Devil Players. Allison Mopps' play is "Monkey's Paw," a horror story written by W. W. Jacobs. Neal Werle's play is a comedy spoof that he wrote himself entitled, "The Real Inspector Hound." Students John Young, Caleb Wright, Mandy Jones, and Roshni Brahmabhatt performed a portion of this spoof. These plays will be performed in McGuire Hall on May 7th and 9th. Julia Allison, Drama Director, and Cory Irwin, teacher, supervise the students.

RHS State Athletes Recognition: The following Boys and Girls Swim Team members, along with NCC Boy's Coach of the Year Jennifer Ahaus and assistant coaches Gary Rodefeld, Jennifer Wesler and Ben Yoder, were recognized: Thomas Wuertemberger, Nichol Wuertemberger, Sam Rogan, Kurtis Wesler, Austen Baumgartner, Kyle Stewart, Lexi Scott, Chelsey Young, Hannah Weikart and Catherine Ahaus. Kevin Fox was also recognized for qualifying for state in wrestling.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS. PERIOD.