

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

August 10, 2011

WORK SESSION

Continuation of the August 9th Review of Past Proposals for District-Level Master Planning: Dr. Bourff discussed the process of master planning including the following:

- Determination of Objectives
- Basic Assumptions: Focus Groups
- Demographic Study: Enrollment, Trends, Projections
- Facilities Assessment: Condition, Use, Costs, Technology
- Capacity Analysis
- Space Needs Projections
- Scenario Options: Focus Groups
- Recommendations

There was discussion on prioritizing objectives, ensuring focus on student achievement, growing enrollment, building a high performing culture, the pros and cons of internal or external master planning, and other topics. Dr. Bourff will bring back a list of priorities and ask for the Board's reaction at the August 24, 2011 meeting.

Acceptance and Endorsement of the Annual Goals:

1. On our way to 90% by 2013, student achievement, as measured by ISTEP+ scores at all grades tested, will increase by 10% in language arts and mathematics.
2. On our way to 90% by 2013, student achievement, as measured by IRead3 scores at the third grade, will increase by 6%.
3. On our way to 90% by 2013, the graduation rate at Richmond High School will increase by at least 3%.
4. RCS will demonstrate through an increasing enrollment of 25 students that it is a school of choice for families in Richmond and Wayne County.

FOLLOW UP – OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Bourff reported that discussions concerning the student health clinic are continuing. The Wayne County Health Clinic has expressed concerns and RCS would not want to move forward if it jeopardized their welfare or well-being. When the clinic idea first came about it was in discussions regarding a magnet school at the Hibberd building focused on an elementary program dedicated to nutrition, wellness, fitness, and environmental services, as well as having a student health clinic as a connection for families. An update on the student health clinic will be given at the August 24, 2011 Board meeting.

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REPORTS

First Day of School Activities:

- New teacher meetings will be held on August 11th and 12th.
- CIS and Centerstone will be fully staffed when school begins. The Boys & Girls Club will be open the first day of school.
- This is the first year for digital textbooks. Online registration began on August 1st.
- All school buses have passed inspection. There will be dry runs of the routes in the next few days.
- All AEDs that were donated by the Reid Foundation have been installed.
- August 15th is the first day of school for freshmen and is also the back-to-school meeting for all staff. There will be new shirts for all staff and following the meeting a group photograph will be taken. The first day of school for the rest of the students is August 16th. Board members were encouraged to stop by the buildings and welcome staff and students back.

ACTION ITEMS

Request to Advertise and Notice of Public Hearing: Approval of request to advertise 2012 Budgets as expressed in Form 3, and the request to advertise Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing for the 2012–2023 School Bus Replacement Plan and the 2012–2014 Capital Projects Plan.

Cash and Transfer Tuition Rates: Approval of Student Transfer and Cash Tuition Rates for 2011-2012.

Permission to Advertise: Approval for permission to advertise the 2010 Annual Financial Report.

Policy 8122: Approval to move Policy 8122 Registered Sex Offenders to a Second Reading and Adoption.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 27, 2011.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Change in Status, Permission to Employ Prior to Next Board Meeting, Retirement, Resignations, Extra Duty Resignation, and Separation of Service.