



# RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS August 11, 2010

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## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

First Day of School Activities for the New School Year: Dr. Bourff announced that the Back-to-School First Day Rally, coordinated by Alumni Director Mary Lou Griffey, will be held on August 17th. Traditionally Board members join administrators in visiting the buildings on the first day of school to welcome back students and teachers. Freshmen will begin school on August 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will meet with their mentors at that time. The All Staff meeting will be held on August 16th.

Budget Form 3: Budget Form 3 was resubmitted due to changes made on page two after meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance. By making this change the tax rates are the same as the tax rates on Form 4B and Form 5 in the Capital Projects Fund.

## WORK SESSION

Title I: Dr. Kathy Parker presented information on Title I planning and implementation including policies, allocations, district requirements, program evaluation, and school plans.

## FOLLOW UP—OLD BUSINESS

Susie Hively announced that RCS has received a Teaching American History grant. The grant is for \$489,884 for three years with an option for a two year renewal. Lisa Faulkenberg and Susie Hively, RCS; Marilyn Watkins and Joanne Passet, Indiana University East; and Jim Harlan, Richmond Historical Museum, worked on the grant.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: Approval of July 28, 2010 minutes.

Human Resources: Employment, RIF Recall, Extra Duty Employment, Resignations, Separation of Service, Change of Assignment and Unpaid Leave of Absence.

Career Education Agreement: Approval of the agreement with David Demuth Institute of Cosmetology. There will be a 3% increase for each student per semester, which is the first increase in three years.

Grant – Mentoring Program: Ratification of the approval for RHS to apply for a grant for \$5,000 from the Wayne County Foundation for Mentoring Program speakers.

Grant – Cheer Uniforms: Ratification of the approval for RHS to apply for a grant for \$1,875.00 from the Wayne County Foundation for Cheer Uniforms.

Filing of Reports – Facilities: Approval of the recommendation to approve and file the Facilities Report.

Filing of Reports - Thrive in Five: Approval of the recommendation to approve and file the Thrive in Five Report.

## ACTION ITEMS

Request to Advertise 2011 Form 3 and Notice of Public Hearing for Capital Projects and School Bus Replacement Plan: Approval to advertise 2011 Budgets, and Public Hearings for the Capital Projects and School Bus Replacement Plans.

2010-2011 Cash and Transfer Tuition Rates: Approval of the 2010-2011 Cash and Tuition Rates.

Permission to Advertise the Annual Financial Report: Approval of the request for permission to advertise the 2009 Annual Financial Report as presented.

US Bank Resolution: Approval of the US Bank Corporate Resolution as presented.

Conflict of Interest: Approval of the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Susie Hively.

District Voting Plan: David Stidham discussed voting districts being renamed 1, 2, and 3 rather than A, B, and C and keeping the current four at-large positions. Transitioning would include Member Morgason being the District 1 representative with a notation that she lives 4 blocks outside of the new district lines. Member Baumgartner would represent District 2 and Member Stidham would represent District 3 until July 2011, when his term expires. The timeline for final approval consists of a ten day period to publish the proposed plan, a 120 day period for public input, and submission to the Indiana Department of Education for final approval. If the plan is approved, all current member terms, with the exception of Mr. Stidham's, would be extended by six months due to new terms beginning in January rather than July. Mr. Cross clarified that all voters would still be voting for all school board positions. The Board agreed to revise the District Map and authorized legal counsel to revise the RCS District Plan to incorporate the changes and present the revised plan to the Board for final approval. The Board also agreed to revise the election of School Board Members from the May Primary Election to the November General Election and requested that legal counsel incorporate this change in the revised plan.

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Richmond High School Band: Band Director Terry Bettner, Associate Director Nathan Rigsby, Director of Devilettes Terry Runnels and band students shared information regarding the third place finish of the Richmond High School Band at the 2010 Indiana State Fair. The Band was presented with a resolution in their honor. The DVD of the competition was viewed.

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