

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

August 14, 2013

WORK SESSION

Board Goals: The Board approved the 2013-2014 Board Goals. Dr. Bourff stated that the goals reflect the thoughts and concerns raised in previous discussions and in work sessions involving a wide variety of stakeholders. The next step is to draft a strategic plan. There was discussion on procedures to revise the mission statement to include the joy of learning. To view a copy of the Board Goals please click on the following link: [2013-2014 Board Goals](#)

ACTION ITEMS

Permission to Advertise: Approval to advertise the 2014 Budgets as expressed in Form 3, the Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing for the 2014–2025 School Bus Replacement Plan, and the request to advertise the Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing for the 2014–2016 Capital Projects Plan.

Cash and Tuition Rates: Approval of the Student Transfer and Cash Tuition Rates for 2013-2014.

Permission to Advertise Annual Financial Report: Approval to advertise the 2012 Annual Financial Report.

Human Resources: Approval of the following recommendations:

- Add two new positions to the classified contractual salary schedule (Administrative Assistant for Student Behavior).
- Change ENL Instructional Interpreters from employees on claim to the contractual salary schedule.
- Place the Career Pathway Specialist at Richmond High School on contract starting with the 2013-2014 school year (changed from employee on claim).

Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement: Acceptance of the Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement for Suzanne Derengowski.

Policy 1220 Employment of the Superintendent - First Reading: Approval to move Policy 1220 to a second reading and adoption.

FOLLOW UP - OLD BUSINESS

- There was discussion on making a statement regarding the state A-F grading system in response to current issues at the state level. Board members Aaron Stevens, Pat Heiny, and Dixie Robinson will draft a resolution to bring back to a future Board meeting.
- Board members Linda Morgason, Jeff Slifer, and Dixie Robinson will work together to create a orientation handbook for new board members.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of July 24, 2013 Board Meeting and Executive Session.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Change in Status, Extra Duty Employment, Resignation, Extra Duty Resignations, Termination, Extra Duty Terminations, and Separation of Service.

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF LEARNING

Richmond High School Band: Band Director Terry Bettner, Associate Director Nathan Rigsby, and Director of Devillettes Terry Runnels, along with band students shared information regarding the third place finish of the Richmond High School Band at the 2013 Indiana State Fair. Board Secretary Jeff Slifer read a resolution in honor of the Band. The DVD of the competition was viewed. The band received a grant from the Stamm-Koechlein Foundation which provided the funding for a new marching percussion line.

First Week of School Activities:

- A number of teachers participated in training sessions over the summer including: Indiana Science Initiative, Early College Program, Advanced Placement Training, Teaching American History Grant, eLearning Conference, and the Chinese Program.
- Back-to-school activities included a mandatory day for fifth and ninth grade students on August 9th, back-to-school evenings at the buildings, Dennis Intermediate School teachers moving back into the building following renovations, new teacher orientations and preparations, and school visitations on the first day of school by Board members and Administrators.



- Dr. Bourff stated that enrollment has increased by more than one hundred students.

Chinese Student Visitors: Misty Hollis stated that nineteen high school students will arrive on August 16th for three weeks to shadow Richmond High School students and to visit area colleges and sites. Also on August 16th, thirteen elementary students will arrive to spend a week at Charles Elementary School. Four international students have applied to attend Richmond High School and are scheduled to arrive during the week of August 26th. Ms. Hollis stated that a few host homes are still needed.