

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

August 22, 2012

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

### First Week of School Activities:

- Dr. Bourff stated that because most buildings and staffs were reorganized this school year there was an extra effort throughout the entire district to be ready for the first day of school. Dr. Bourff thanked everyone for the extraordinary help and effort that was given.
- Bob Coddington reported that all buildings were ready for the first day of school. There were issues with transportation, however, child safety was the top priority and that led to late buses and other issues. The Bus Garage has now sent information to families with the name and cell phone number of their bus driver so that they will be able to reach them directly with any questions. Principals will have a green pass to give to bus drivers to accommodate any special transportation needs.
- Dr. Parker visited schools and observed teachers that were ready to go and working hard. At Hibberd the study body participated in a scavenger hunt that helped them to become familiar with the building.
- Mark Millis visited the intermediate schools and observed students excited to be there and doing well.
- Rob Tidrow reported that there are new labs in many buildings and all pre-kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms have SmartBoards installed, as well as some intermediate classrooms. Training on the SmartBoards is taking place. Wi-Fi is available in all buildings.
- Barb Bergdoll visited Crestdale and stated that the Life Skills teachers are very happy with their new rooms. Ms. Bergdoll thanked Mr. Maze for working closely with the staff at both Crestdale and Hibberd in order to know what was needed in the classrooms.
- Aleasia Stewart stated that the goody bags containing snacks, drinks, and fresh fruit that were delivered by Food Service to all staff members was appreciated by all. Retired librarians assisted in at least three buildings to help to get libraries ready for the start of school.
- Board members and Dr. Bourff worked along with the staff in getting the buildings ready. Students were eager and ready to begin the new school year.

Head Start/Preschool: Barb Bergdoll presented information on the RCS preschool program. There are four preschool classrooms at Crestdale, two at Elizabeth Starr, two at Fairview, and one each at Vaile and Westview. 247 students were offered preschool slots and there are 94 students on the waiting list. The preschool curriculum aligns with the kindergarten curriculum. The preschool classrooms proximity to the kindergarten classrooms allows for collaboration between the teachers. There will be an emphasis on preschool assessment using the literacy assessment as well as Dibels during the school year. Options on how to eliminate the need for a waiting list was discussed.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Capital Projects Fund, Bus Replacement Plan and 2013 Budgets: The Public hearings were held prior to plan adoption. The adoption date will be September 12, 2012. There were no public comments.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Donations: Acceptance of \$1,680.00 in donations.  
Transfer of Appropriations: Approval of the Resolution to transfer \$1,025,000 from the Transportation Operating Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.  
Latch Key Bids: Approval of the YMCA Agreement.

## MASTER PLANNING

Service Contracts: Approval of the Service Contracts with Maze Design, Inc. for Hibberd and for the Dennis gym.  
Dennis Gymnasium Bids: Granted permission to Advertise for Bids for Dennis Gymnasium Construction Project.  
Projects Update: Mr. Ron Maze presented an update on the Crestdale, Dennis, Hibberd, and Test projects. Baxter and the Elizabeth Starr Academy parking lot are completed. The Ron Robinson Memorial Entrance at Hibberd should be completed by December 1, 2012.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2012 Board Meeting and Executive Session.  
Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignations, Separation of Service, and Change In Status.  
Account Payable: Approval of the August 2012 Accounts Payable Voucher Register and Payroll Claim Listings for July and August 2012 for a grand total of \$4,074,963.31.  
Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the Monthly Financial Report.  
Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the 2012-2013 Assessment Calendar.

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

RHS Band: Terry Bettner, Nathan Rigsby, Terry Runnels, Andi Wise, and band students shared information regarding the third place finish of the RHS Band at the Indiana State Fair. A resolution was read in honor of the Band. The DVD of the competition was viewed.

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