

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

August 28, 2013

REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Strategic Plan Draft: Information from the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan will be updated. An important piece of the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan are the measureables for pathways and other new areas that involve student input. A discussion followed on including information on liability and expectations on the section regarding digital conversion. The term digital conversion better describes what RCS will pursue rather than 1:1 technology. Digital conversion states that every student will have familiarity and assess to digital technology.

Enrollment: The most recent enrollment figures and a comparison to last year's data at the same point in time were reviewed. The data is preliminary until after the official ADM count. This data indicates an increase of one hundred students. Enrollment will be the topic for a future Board Work Session.

Student Involvement/Board Level: The Board determined they would prefer to meet with various groups of students from all grade levels at Board Work Sessions to have informal discussions. The grade level and group of students invited would be determined by the topic of the work session. Dr. Bourff suggested focusing conversations this year of pathways.

ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$1,800.00 in donations.

Policy 1220: Adoption of Policy 1220 Employment of the Superintendent.

Human Resources: Dr. Bourff stated that the paid administrative leave request for Misty Hollis was in recognition of the extensive number of hours of work in preparation of the Chinese Project initiatives. The Board approved the leave from September 6, 2013 through September 11, 2013.

FOLLOW UP — OLD BUSINESS

State A-F Grades: A letter in response to the state A-F Accountability system has been prepared by Board members. The letter states that, while recognizing the need to be held accountable, RCS encourages the creation and development of a comprehensive and fair state accountability model for all the schools in Indiana. This letter will be sent to Governor Pence, State Superintendent Glenda Ritz, area legislators, RCS teachers, and others. The letter will also be submitted to the *Palladium-Item* as a guest opinion piece. The Board unanimously accepted the letter regarding the Indiana A-F Accountability System as presented. To view a copy of the letter click here: [A-F Accountability System Response Letter](#)

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: August 14th Board Meeting and Executive Session and August 27, 2013 Board Meeting.

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

Accounts Payable: Approval of the August 2013 Accounts Payable and Payroll Claim Listings for July and August 2013 for a grand total of \$4,543,474.19.

RHS Athletic Field: Approval of the Add Change Order for the RHS Athletic Field Renovation for Sprinturf, LLC, Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$3,550.00 for cost of rock removal and additional concrete at goal post. The new contract sum including this Change Order will be \$492,750 from the original contract sum of \$489,200.

RHS Bleachers: Approval of the Add Change Order for the RHS Football Field Bleacher and Press Box Renovation for Lee Company, Terre Haute, IN, in the amount of \$8,540 to change the steel columns for the storage area under the press box and an additional bleacher stair unit. The new contract sum including this Change Order will be \$187,040 from the original contract sum of \$178,500.

Career Education Agreements: Approval of the updated Ivy Tech Community College Introductory Health Education Courses and Early College Education Courses for College Based Dual Credit.

Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the Assessment Calendar.

Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the Monthly Financial Report.

PUBLIC HEARING

Capital Projects Fund, Bus Replacement Plan and 2014 Budgets: Mr. Coddington commented on the Capital Projects Fund, School Bus Replacement Plan and the 2014 Budgets. There were no public comments. Adoption date will be September 11, 2013.

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF LEARNING

Chinese Visitors: Misty Hollis and Rae Woolpy thanked those involved with the visit from the Chinese students from Hangzhou School #14, especially host families and study partners. Jessica Yu, Chinese Education Connection President, shared information regarding the background of the Chinese initiative with Richmond Community Schools. The students introduced themselves and made brief remarks.