

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

June 12, 2013

WORK SESSION

The Future of Richmond Community Schools: Dr. Bourff stated that formulating discussions that have taken place at previous meetings and incorporating that information into the strategic plan will assist in providing forward momentum to realize the mission and vision of Richmond Community Schools. There was discussion regarding defining the term “joy of learning,” technology, pathways, problem based and project based curriculum, and other topics. Dr. Bourff will meet with the new Richmond Education Association leadership to create a draft plan for next year to guide staff.

REPORTS DISCUSSION TOPICS

Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement—Indiana Bond Bank and RCS: Bob Coddington reported that the Pension Bond refinancing will save RCS \$62,527.51 every six months on the Pension Bond payment.

FOLLOW UP-OLD BUSINESS

- The K. C. STEMM Academy has provided addresses, but not individual data, for their students. Postcards with information regarding Richmond Community Schools have been sent to the addresses provided. There was discussion regarding having special orientations and open houses for all new students and their parents. Dr. Parker stated that a consultant has been assigned by the Department of Education to assist with the closing of the STEMM Academy and that they will host a school choice fair later this summer.
- Ron Maze gave an update on the Richmond High School, Hibberd, Dennis, and Charles projects. A discussion followed on student safety, increased usage of the athletic field, and other topics. All projects are on schedule to be completed by August 2, 2013.
- Dr. Bourff congratulated the 2013 Richmond High School graduates, and specifically Henry Dickman for his outstanding graduation speech. The end of year activities and all student accomplishments during the year were celebrated.
- There are over 200 students enrolled in the Richmond Community Schools summer school program. Stephanie Quinn and Jennifer O'Brien are the administrators for summer school. The Third Grade Academy has 102 students enrolled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Proposed Amended 2013-2015 Capital Projects Fund Plan was held.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution: Approval of the Resolution to Adopt the 2013-2015 Amended Capital Projects Fund Plan and permission granted to publish the Notice of Adoption.

Lease Agreements: Approval of the Lease Agreements for the C. R. Richardson Building with the Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond and Goodwill Educational Initiatives Inc.

Permission to Advertise: Granted permission to publish the required Notice to Taxpayers for the bidding for the C. R. Richardson Sprinkler System.

Textbook Adoption: Approval of the following Textbook Adoption Recommendations:

K-4 Grades: Reading Street Common Core Edition 2013, Pearson Company.

Grades 5-8: Continued use for next year and delay adoption and evaluation into 2013-2014.

Grades 9-12: Continued use for next year and delay adoption and evaluation into 2013-2014.

Kelly Services Agreement: Approval of the Kelly Services Agreement, effective June 1, 2013.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of May 22, 2013 Board Meeting and Executive Session and June 5, 2013 Executive Session.

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

Textbook Fees: Approval of the textbook fees for the 2013-2014 school year. Fees can be viewed at the following link: [Textbook Fees on BoardDocs](#).

Civic Hall-Foundation Grant: Acceptance of a \$2500.00 grant from the Wayne County Foundation in support of the 2013-2014 Proudly Presenting Series.

Alternative Education: Approval to renew the Alternative Education Grant with the Department of Education.

Cosmetology Agreement: Approval of the agreement between Richmond Community Schools and PJ's College of Cosmetology for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the Student Handbooks for Charles, Fairview, and Westview Elementary Schools.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

President's Award: Sue Routson, Director Peer Information Center for Teens, was presented the President's Award in recognition of the 27 years of support she has provided to RCS. The President's Award is a special recognition that the Board gives to acknowledge outstanding commitment to the students of RCS.