

## BOARD BRIEFS

Todd Terrill, Superintendent

August 16, 2017

### Work Session

Bill Payne of Fanning Howey introduced Carl H. Baxmeyer, Demographer, Wightman & Associates, Inc. Mr. Baxmeyer discussed in detail with the board members the 2017 Demographic Study that he prepared for RCS' Facility Master Planning. Next, Mr. Payne discussed with the board members the Feasibility Study, Capacity Analysis.

### Consent Items

- ◆ Approval of Minutes
- ◆ Human Resources
  - ◆ Grants
- ◆ Title I Grant

### Action Items

- ◆ First Reading 3000/4000 policies
- ◆ First Reading of policies previously pulled for review
  - ◆ Second Reading and Adoption of policies
- ◆ Second Reading and Adoption of listed 2017 Legislative Policy Replacements
  - ◆ First Reading of 2017 Legislative Policy Updates
    - ◆ RAM Facility Agreement Renewal
      - ◆ NEOLA

### Board Reports/Old Business

#### 1st Day of School

First day of school went extremely well. Open Houses were very well attended, busses ran on time, schedules were correct and the cafeteria ran smoothly. Walking through the school one would think they were on day 30, not day 1. Custodians and maintenance staff have done a great job getting the school ready for students. Their hard work in the heat of the summer is very much appreciated. Overall it was a very successful first day of school.

#### PowerUp Roll Out Update

Laptop distribution began Thursday at the high school with approximately 40 people helping with the deployment and successfully handing out 1,300 devices in 90 minutes. The staff from each school and central office was very much appreciated. On Friday and Monday, laptop deployment continued at Test, Dennis, Hibberd and CYS. Students from all buildings were very well behaved. Rod Landess and the entire technology department did a great job over the summer getting the laptops prepped and imaged for the students. Custodians and maintenance staff were very helpful in getting areas set up.

The students were using their laptops right away in their classrooms. Laptop insurance is highly recommended for all students. The insurance cost is \$30.00 for the year and will cover virtually all non-intentional damage and theft. Parents should go to [www.weRichmond.com](http://www.weRichmond.com) and buy the insurance by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If a laptop is broken without being insured the student will owe a breakage fee.

On the engagement and curriculum side the laptops are being used to sign on to Canvas to take quizzes, do assignments, access files and modules. When the device is off campus it is still being filtered for proper internet use. This is opening a new way of student engagement. The teachers have received and sought out for themselves many hours of training that has helped so much in the success of the technology roll out. The support of the board members is very much appreciated in this very exciting time.

### Upcoming Meeting and Events

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Homecoming Parade. At the August 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting the members will discuss moving the board meeting time earlier so members and administration can participate in the parade.

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### Adjournment/Bell Ringer

The staff at Richmond Community Schools participated in the #LovePublicEducation initiative at the Welcome Back Staff Breakfast. The staff wrote why they love public education, wore their proud to be public wristbands and had their picture taken displaying why they love public education.

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