

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

October 8, 2013

WORK SESSION

Learning/Technology

After attending many technology sessions at the NSB Conference Dr. Bourff spoke of thoughts and issues and where we are going in this Corporation. The book "Every Child, Every Day" by author Mark A. Edwards are best practices for use throughout the U.S. How do we integrate technology into our school corporation? Current technology is not as comprehensive as it could be. The underlying goal is working toward comprehensive learning.

ISBA Conference

Dr. Bourff and the Board spoke regarding "take aways" from the ISBA conference.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of technology computing devices for all RCS faculty. At the October 23, 2013 board meeting Dr. Bourff will bring a recommendation on vision and mission

ACTION ITEMS

Board Meeting Schedule Revision

Due to a conflict with the ISBA Fall Regional Dinner Meeting, the October 9 regular meeting of the Board must be cancelled, which alters the published schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year.

Annual Financial Goals

The annual financial goals code IC 21-10-3-4 is part of 65% solution and 61% academic achievement. The goal is to maintain the percentage in 2014 to balance the budget.

Technical Correction of Budget Form 4

The Budget Form 4 that we used was an incorrect form there were no changes to rates, etc., "only" a form change.

School Safety Grant:

Richmond Community Schools has applied to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for a School Safety Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to help purchase safety equipment which will complete the keyless entry system for the school district.

Corporation Sponsored Travel -Washington DC Trip

Request of board approval for a Corporate Sponsored Travel Washington DC trip was presented by Keith Morey. The trip will be offered to every 8th grade student in the school district.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of September 25, 2013 Board Meeting and Executive Session.

Human Resources:

Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignation, Extra Duty Resignation, Earlham College Memorandum of Understanding.

Third Grade Academy Final Report

A presentation was given by Kristen Phillips, Third Grade Academy Director. The 2013 attendance rate of 94.03% was the highest average attendance rate over the last six years. Increase performance on acuity standardized by 50%. The acuity test gives instant feedback within about an hour. Program goals are to increase performance on standardized reading tests by 50%, increase ability to write cohesive, and increase positive attitude towards reading. What we will do for next year is to develop something for second grade to expand the academy. With the support of Richmond Community Schools the program is a success.

Earlham Summer Leadership Academy Report

Dr. Randy Wisehart gave a presentation on Earlham College Leadership which is a learning experience for Richmond Intermediate School students and Earlham College pre-service teachers. For Intermediate Students the goals are to learn academic and leadership skills and develop critical thinking skills through a group project. This year history myth busting was the topic. For Earlham Student Teachers the goals are to observe master teachers, gain planning and teaching skills and understand the power of complex tasks and high order thinking. Keith Morey and Ashley Stewart gave presentations on working with students on first hand projects making it different and not school. It was originally opened for only 8th graders, but has now opened up to for both 7th and 8th grades. Plans for next year are to involve students at the high school level if possible.

CELEBRATIONS

Dr. Bourff Celebrated the Partnership that Richmond Community Schools has with Earlham College.