

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

October 23, 2013

REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Quarterly Financial Report: Bob Coddington reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report, Cash Flow, and Income and Expense statement.

Board Policy— Section 4000: Dr, Bourff presented an update of proposed policy revisions for review. The policy service presents an update of current case laws, current legislation, and also suggests changes.

Technology Vision Statement:

A follow up from last board meeting, we had a work session of different groups coming together identifying concepts and themes for a vision statement. A third draft of the Vision Statement was presented with outcome and process belief statements. Rob Tidrow presented a Gantt chart to help us with the framework which will help guide us during this process.

FOLLOW UP—OLD BUSINESS

- An upcoming meeting has been scheduled with Legislators, Senator Allen Paul and Representative Richard Hamm on November 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a meeting with board members on the upcoming legislation session and it will be open to the public.
- Aaron Stevens and Pat Heiny will be meeting with the Register at the High School on November 4, 2013 to ascertain their ideas for a systematic way of getting information from students. On November 6, 2013 they will meet with Student Council, with two questions;
 1. What is on your mind now?
 2. How can you help us to devise a systematic way to hear from students about things that are important to students and what the board is considering?
- Conversation Pathways with students are to develop a strategic plan to carry out the goal to define pathways.
- Board Handbooks are nearing completion. Jeff Slifer gave appreciation for Linda Morgason spearheading the project.
- Misty Hollis provided an update of enrollment.
- Linda Morgason communicated that there is some consternation with the working relationship between our state board and the state school superintendent. For the benefit of our students and school employees we need to do something to support them and let them know that we are here and we know what is going on and have some discussion of what we might do. An action was presented to have Suzanne Derengowski, Aaron Stevens and Pat Heiny draft a letter and send to the State School Board, State Superintendent, Governor and both Chairs.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2013 Board Meeting and September 25, 2013 Executive Session Minutes.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Retirement, Extra Duty Employment and Resignations.

Accounts Payable: Approval of the October 2013 Accounts Payable Voucher Register and Payroll Claim Listings for September and October 2013 for a grand total of \$3,434,459.80.

Title II Part A Grant: Approval to submit the initial Title II, Part A Grant Application to Indiana Department of Education.

Stamm Koechlein Foundation Grant: Approval of a grant awarded from The Stamm Koechlein Foundation to Community Youth Services in the amount of \$5654.00.

Architect Agreement: Approval for the Architect Agreement for services to be provided by LWC Incorporated for the HVAC Improvements at Fairview Elementary, Westview Elementary, Charles Elementary, and Vaile Elementary schools.

ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$ 4030.00 in Donations.

Policy First Reading: A draft version was presented as more conducive to guidelines that would also fall within the student code of conduct inclusion. The Neola draft has all provisions of recent legislative changes filled within. It is incumbent on us to address the anti-bullying legislation.

CELEBRATIONS

- The Keystone students were commended for the days of service they had through the community, which was remarkable, noteworthy, and you could see evidence of their good work.
- Kudos to Bridget Hazelbaker and the new pictures she places on the website. The picture placed on the Joy of Learning demonstrates just that...
- Teachers just finished parent teacher conferences, they worked hard and got a lot of parents to come in and have conversations. Now everyone is on a very much deserved fall break.
- We are happy to have Mr. Millis back from China. Students that were here from China posted on their Facebook that he was there and were excited that they got to see Mr. Millis.
- The Board will be voting on Christmas cards.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

- President Linda Morgason presented Scot Quintel, United Way President, with a check for \$14,792.40. This represents the amount donated by Richmond Community School employees. Pam Carr was recognized for spearheading our campaign.