

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

November 13, 2013

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

### Board Communication to Government Officials

There is communication from the School Board to government officials to emphasize the importance of working together for the welfare of students. The letter will be sent to the Palladium Item as a "Guest Opinion".

### Speak Up Survey for Technology

The Speak up Survey for Technology is a 15 minute survey that talks about education technology. Speak Up provides an easy way for students, parents and educators to participate in our local decisions about technology, as well as contribute to the state and national dialogue about educational technology. It is located on our website.

## ACTION ITEMS

Receipt of Grant: Approval of the D.O.E. Security Grant to RCS in the amount of \$50,000.00.

### Approval of Master Contract:

- The contract was ratified with a 1.74% pay raise. Teachers must have an evaluation on file from 2012-2013 to be eligible for this increase.
- Dr Bourff recommended a 1.74% increase for the remainder of the staff depending on their evaluations. Increases will be effective the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The Superintendent will not be eligible for the increase at this time, as a public hearing process is necessary. In addition Office Clericals will receive an additional \$1.00 an hour increase beginning in January.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the October 23, 2013 Board Meeting, Executive Session Minutes and approval of the November 4, 2013 Special Work Session.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Change in Status, Resignation, Termination, and Administrative Leave..

Athletic Winter Overnight Field Trips: Approval of possible winter overnight field trips for athletic teams.

Memorandum of Understanding for Centerstone

### Services:

Approval of agreement between Richmond Community Schools and Centerstone, for services as specified in the MOU.

## FOLLOW UP—OLD BUSINESS

- Richmond High School Discussions consisted of two questions, what is on your mind and how can we formalize the communication between the school board and the high school student body? Students were grateful to have conversations with us and they welcome a routine conversation. They had a lively conversation about careers, counseling for college, lack of knowledge about college, college applications, financial aid, etc.
- Recognition was given for those individuals who donated to the project for Ron Robinson's Memorial.
- An agreement was signed with Sister Schools in China and with the signing Ceremony on Tuesday. Board Members commented an International Night at the School Board might be considered.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CIS Dinner is on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Charles Elementary, with Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz as the Key Note Speaker. Over 300 people have signed up for the CIS dinner.
- The Dennis bleachers will be complete by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## WORK SESSIONS

The Work Session consisted of two groups having 30 minutes of each session. A summary of the Work Sessions will be provided for the next meeting.

- Enrollment (Special Purpose Schools)
- Schedule & Calendar

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

### American Education Week-

Educators and Staff from every school will be recognized. All Staff and Board members are having pictures taken which will be placed in a Palladium Item newspaper wrap.