

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

July 11, 2012

## ACTION ITEMS

West End Bank Agreement: Approval of the West End Bank Educational Partnership Agreement.

Online Credit Card Payments: Authorization to accept online credit card payments. Rob Tidrow stated that accepting online credit card payments district-wide would provide a convenient method of payment for school related fees, services, and products. Mr. Tidrow noted that a convenience fee of \$2.50 will be charged to the credit card user for each transaction.

Head Start Grant Application: Approval of the recommendation to submit a proposal for Consideration as the Wayne County Head Start Grantee. The recommendation is based on research which supports the need for, and benefits of, high quality early childhood programs. The grant provides \$1,846,106 annually to operate the program. The required 20% match will be provided through in-kind services. The grant was made available in late April and is due by July 18, 2012. The grants will be awarded in October, 2012, with services to begin for the 2013-2014 school year.

Policy 5340.01 Student Concussions: Approval to move Policy 5340.01 to a second reading and adoption. Due to the new law IC 20-34-7, schools are now required to have in place policy, guidelines, and forms that address student concussions. A second policy will be brought to the Board regarding non-athletic related concussions.

## MASTER PLANNING

Hibberd Parking Lot Bids: Approval to award the Hibberd Parking Lot bids to Milestone of Richmond, Indiana at the low bid with a base bid of \$148,200 plus Alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$11,800 for a grand total of \$160,000 meeting bid specifications and subject to the execution of a final written contract mutually approved by the contractor and RCS.

Elizabeth Starr Academy: Ron Maze shared information on changes to the Elizabeth Starr Academy parking lot, which is currently under redesign, to address safety issues.

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

President's Award: Board President Kelly Baumgartner presented Jeff Butler, Superintendent of the Richmond State Hospital, with the President's Award. The President's Award is a special recognition that the Board gives to acknowledge outstanding commitment to Richmond Community Schools. Pam Hilligoss thanked Mr. Butler and his staff for all they have done and continue to do to support students.

It is the policy of Richmond Community Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability in its educational programs or employment policies.

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Food Service Report: Maggie LaRue presented information on support provided by the Food Services Department to the buildings, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, summer feeding program, number of meals and snacks served, equipment, budget, and plans for the next school year. It was recommended that meal prices not be increased for the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. LaRue also shared a Certificate of Appreciation that the Step Up Program presented to the Food Service Department as a thank you for providing food to them during their program this summer.

## WORK SESSION

Budget Assumptions and Overview of Taxing Funds and Budget Strategy: Bob Coddington provided an overview of taxing funds and discussed the process, strategy, and development of the 2013 budget.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Superintendent Contract: IC 20-26-5-4.3 requires a Public Hearing be held to discuss and hear public objections and support for a proposed contract between the Board and Superintendent. There were no comments from the public. Action on this item will take place at the July 25, 2012 Board meeting. Ron Cross discussed this new law that took effect on July 1, 2012, the purpose of which is to promote transparency of all dealings of public entities involving taxpayer funds. It requires notice of the meeting to identify basic financial features of the contract. Mr. Cross stated that it is important to understand that the features of the advertised contract are those that currently exist, and that this is a no raise contract. The contract contains a rolling clause that automatically extends the contract for one year if affirmative action is not taken by a given date, and Mr. Cross advised that it be treated as if it were a new contract.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2012

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Decline to Continue Teaching Contract, and Resignations.

Ratification of Agreement: Approval of the ratification of the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between RCS and Indiana University East.

Form 9 Biannual Financial Reports: Approval of the Form 9 Biannual Financial Report.

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