

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

July 27, 2011

REPORTS

Preliminary Results of Student Achievement: Dr. Parker stated that scores increased in all grades with the exception of 8th grade math. The District is no longer in AYP improvement status and Fairview and Crestdale have also moved out of improvement status. There are no schools in the District in improvement status. The District PL 221 grade is a B, Showing Academic Progress. All elementary schools received a grade of A, Exemplary Progress, and RHS received a grade of C, Academic Progress. The middle schools have work to do. Congratulations were given to all who assisted in making these improvements possible.

Presentation of 2012 Budgets, Capital Projects Plan (2012-2014), and School Bus Replacement Plan: Bob Coddington gave an overview of the budget process which includes review of the budgets, permission to advertise, public hearing, adoption, and certification. Mr. Coddington also reviewed the budget forms, highlights of budget considerations, taxing funds, and tax rates.

Monthly Financial Report: Bob Coddington summarized that actual net revenue decreased \$3,101,000 and actual net expenditures increased \$3,696,000 and reviewed the Cash Flow and the Income and Expense Analysis.

Health Clinic Grant: RCS was recently notified that they were awarded a Health Resources and Services Administration grant in the amount of \$489,609. This grant would provide funding for equipment and the renovation of a portion of the Hibberd building to provide a student health clinic. Reid Hospital would provide medical services and RCS would provide transportation to the clinic while school is in session and be responsible for utilities and maintenance of the facility. Dr. Bourff stated that the purpose of the clinic was to address unmet health needs of all students, particularly those on the south side of town. It is also to avoid the stress on emergency room visits at Reid Hospital and to have health care providers available to offer education on wellness strategies. The Hibberd building is being considered due to its southside location, easy access, and parking availability. A recommendation will not be made until further conversations take place with the Wayne County Health Department, Reid Hospital and others. To better understand the possibilities of any proposal, the need for master planning is important. Dr. Bourff stated that a review of topics such as grade level reconfiguration, year-round calendar, and the relocation of programs needs to take place.

Personnel Report: The total number of employees for June 2011 was 809.

ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$540.00 in donations to Richmond Community Schools.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of July 13, 2011 minutes.
Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Change in Status, Addendum to Classified Contract, and Resignations.

Accounts Payable: Approval of the Accounts Payable Voucher Register for July 2011 and Payroll Claim Listings for June and July 2011 for a grand total of \$3,235,608.78.

School Physician Agreement: Approval of the agreement between RCS and the Pediatric & Internal Medicine Center.

Athletic Trainer Agreement: Approval of the agreement between RCS and Reid Hospital and Health Care Services to provide a Certified Athletic Trainer to the High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Richmond High School Athletic Handbook: Approval of the RHS Athletic Handbook.

Corporation Sponsored Travel—Fall Overnight Athletics: Approval of the possible overnight field trips for athletic teams.

LITERACY

- Dr. Parker reviewed recent training activities and discussed how assessment data is used. Mr. Millis recognized ongoing summer school programs including the Third Grade Academy, the RCS Summer School, and the Earlham College Partnership.
- Dr. Bourff stated that the recent teacher survey results indicate that communication from the Superintendent's Office and professional development are issues. In an effort to address these issues, communication will be sent at least monthly from the Superintendent's Office in a brief format that will include links to further information on topics if desired. To address issues with professional development, the Human Resources Office will monitor professional development activities in the District and share information on the quality of those activities with all buildings. There was discussion on conducting a broader survey next year, communicating results of the survey, how to express to the teachers that they are valued, and next steps. Follow through on questions regarding the teacher survey will be taken to Discussion.

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