



# RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS June 9, 2010

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### REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Budget Calendar:** The 2011 Budget Calendar, which provides a timeline for critical dates and an overview of the budget process, was reviewed.

**PL221/AdvancEd School Improvement and Professional Development Plans:** A summary of goals and strategies identified by each school in their School Improvement Plans was provided. There was discussion on Professional Development Plans, the new timeline, designing new plan templates and other topics.

**Communication Audit Report:** Dr. Bourff reviewed responses to the Communication Audit including restructuring an existing position to focus on internal and external communication, finalizing a promotional logo, formal discussion with the Richmond Education Association on better use of time examining student data and staff development, website revision, written communication to job applicants using technology, reviewing cost and purpose of current promotions, and digging deeper assessment surveys.

**District Voting Configuration:** Ron Cross reviewed the history of the district voting plan and outlined a process that could be used to change procedures. A discussion followed on the timing of elections, recruitment, limiting length of terms, transitions, the role of county clerk's office and next steps.

### PUBLIC HEARING

**Additional Appropriations:** The request for adoption of additional appropriations for the Pension Bond Fund will take place on June 23, 2010.

### SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

**Elizabeth Starr Academy— "Let's Put on a Play":** Student Guinn Freiberger performed parts from the play "Snow White" that students from the Elizabeth Starr Academy performed at Richmond Civic Theatre. Junior Achievement partnered with the Academy to present this production. Half of the proceeds are being given to Crestdale to put on a play next year and the Academy will use the other half for another play next year.

**Spring Sports State Competitors and Academic All State:** The following students were recognized for receiving Academic All State: Gabe Cook, Jacob Waltz, Lanie Gleeson, Becca Stevens, Kurtis Wesler, Catherine Ahaus, Chelsey Young, Lorraine Burwell and Daniel Jayasuriya. The following Track and Field athletes that qualified for the IHSAA State Track meet were also recognized: Leo Cordova, J.J. Lemons, Chandler Miller, Tavonn Crisp, Chris Nelloms, Erik Willis, Kim Demmings and Star Groves.

### WORK SESSION

**Preliminary Results of Student Achievement in 2009-2010:** Dr. Bourff emphasized that the student achievement data being presented was preliminary and that it is anticipated that changes will be made. Information was shared on the Indiana Department of Education timeline for 2009-2010 accountability determinations, as well as the preliminary district summary and cohort data in language arts and math. Preliminary data was also shared on students who did not pass the ISTEP+ and on literacy performance.

### ACTION ITEMS

**Human Resources:** Approval of the recommendation for the Non-Renew Non-Permanent Teacher Contracts and Temporary Contract Termination as presented.

**Policy Section 2000:** Approval to move Policy Section 2000 - Program to a second reading and adoption.

### CONSENT ITEMS

**Minutes:** Approval of May 26, 2010 minutes.

**Human Resources:** Approval of Resignations, Correction to May 26, 2010 items, Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Extra Duty Resignations, Termination, and Change in Assignment.

**Alternative Education Grant:** Approval to renew the Alternative Education Grant with the Department of Education.

**Textbook Rental Fees:** Approval of the textbook rental fees for elementary and middle schools for the 2010-2011 school year as presented:

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Kindergarten	\$79.75	\$79.75
Grade 1	\$85.31	\$85.31
Grade 2	\$97.44	\$97.44
Grade 3	\$97.84	\$97.84
Grade 4	\$117.58	\$117.58
Grade 5	\$121.91	\$121.91
Grade 6	\$110.99	\$110.99
Grade 7	\$110.89	\$110.89
Grade 8	\$124.01	\$124.01

**Civic Hall Wayne County Foundation Grant:** Approval of acceptance of the Wayne County Foundation Grant for \$5000.00 for the Civic Hall Proudly Presenting Series.

**Safe Schools/Healthy Students Mentoring Grant:** Approval to submit an application for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Mentoring Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant would be \$300,000 for a 3 year period.

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