



RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS March 9, 2011

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REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Opportunity School Update: Crestdale Principal Connie Miller presented information regarding the Opportunity School including an overview of the initial training, instruction needs assessment, ongoing professional development, and the implementation of materials. Crestdale Primary Literacy Coach Jaci Ayotte, Opportunity School Consultant Carol McAdams, and Elementary Literacy Specialists with the Indiana Department of Education Anna Shults and John Wolf were introduced and answered questions regarding the process, next steps, and other topics.

Food Service Bid Report: Bids for Food Service Supplies for the 2011-2012 school year will be received on April 12, 2011. The Notice to Bidders will be published in the *Palladium-Item* on March 23, and April 4, 2011. Proof of publication will be on file in the Business Affairs Office. All bids and bid documents received will be on file at Central Kitchen. This bid will be analyzed and a recommendation will tentatively be made at the May 25, 2011 board meeting.

Voided Checks: Per statute IC 5-11-10.5-2 checks that were over two years old as of December 31, 2010 were voided. These checks totaled \$8,672.78 and have been deposited into the General Fund. Replacement checks can be requested for up to five years.

Teacher Mini-Grants: Teachers may apply for a Wayne County Foundation \$500.00 mini-grant to be used to enhance student achievement. This is a competitive grant with up to five mini-grants awarded in April and up to five mini-grants awarded in October. Member Heiny volunteered to serve on the selection committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Third Grade Academy: Approval of the recommendation for the Third Grade Reading Academy bid as presented.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Student Council Presentation: Student Council Representatives Dakota Collins, Alexis Sheets, Summer Eckert, Corrigan Eckert, and Drew Horn provided information on upcoming activities including the Snowball Dance, State Representative Assembly, Platinum Prom, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Go-Green Committee, and the Riley Hospital fundraiser. Business Professional of America students Dakota Collins, Suhkjeet Gill, and Henry Dickman will be attending the Nationals in Washington, DC in May. The students thanked their sponsors Kris Lopresti and Cory Irwin.

LITERACY

Following a discussion on the formatting and use of data, Dr. Bourff shared a powerpoint on the literacy timeline and the Literacy Framework Action Plan. A discussion followed on endorsement of the plan by the Board at a future meeting, resources, and other topics. Later in the meeting the Lilly Endowment was recognized for its support of literacy throughout Wayne County.

WORK SESSION

Summer School Plan: Mark Millis outlined the Summer School Plan as follows:

K-6 Elementary Program: July 11 to August 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with breakfast and lunch served outside the instructional day. Kindergarten through second grade students will attend C. R. Richardson and fourth through sixth grade students will attend Boys & Girls Club-Jeffers Unit. The goal is to provide instruction that is standards-based and rigorous, but will be enjoyable to students. There will be a focus on non-fiction reading and comprehension. Field trips that match the standards-based instruction will be included. Students who attend will have their growth charted with a pre-assessment and post-assessment in DIBELS (K-2) and Acuity.

7-8 Middle School: Earlham College has offered to partner with Richmond Community Schools once again for middle school summer instruction. Updates will be provided on programming and student performance. It will last for two weeks and Earlham students working on a master's degree will be the instructors.

High School: Core curriculum courses will be offered for high school students. Those courses have previously been presented to the Board. There will also be credit recovery opportunities. The tentative dates are June 13 through July 22, 2011.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: Approval of February 23, 2011 minutes.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Retirement, Resignation, and Separation of Service.

Corporation Sponsored Travel: Approval of the Corporation Sponsored Travel for the Business Professional of America students to compete in national competition in Washington DC from May 4 to 8, 2011.

Filing of Reports—Safe Schools/Healthy Students: Approval of the recommendation to approve and file the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Report.

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