

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

March 13, 2013

WORK SESSION

Competition in the Preparation of College and Career Readiness: Dr. Bourff defined 21st Century skills, the four elements of which are Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Collaboration. Participants met in small groups to discuss the two topics below.

- What are the elements of quality in today's schools?
- How do we best compete in this environment that demands not only quality instruction using 21st Century Skills but also enrollment growth?



Click on the link below to view the responses to these topics and the Board's discussion:

[Competition in the Preparation of College and Career Readiness](#)

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of February 27, 2013 Board Meeting and Executive Session.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Change in Status, Retirement, Resignation, Extra Duty Resignation, Extra Duty Separation of Service, Separation of Service, and Termination.

Corporation Sponsored Travel: Approval for the Richmond High School Marching Band to attend Band Camp at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana from July 21, 2013 to July 25, 2013.

Filing of Reports: Approval to file and accept the Food Service Bid Report.

Filing of Reports: Approval to file and accept the Summer School Plan.

Third Grade Academy: Approval of the proposal for the Third Grade Academy from Every Child Can Read, Inc., contingent on hiring Richmond Community Schools teachers for those positions.

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MARCH 11, 2013 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1028 Public Hearings and Project Resolutions: Ron Cross explained that a 1028 Public Hearing is required only if there is more than \$1,000,000 to be spent on a particular project. There are eight projects for which hearings have been advertised. The Hibberd, Westview, Vaile, Charles and Fairview projects will not involve expenditures of more than \$1,000,000 in those particular buildings, but because they will be happening at the same time as the Dennis, RHS, and Technology projects that do involve such expenditures, the administration, School Board, and its advisors felt it appropriate to conduct a hearing to allow for any relevant public input. Dr. Bourff discussed the educational benefits, Bob Coddington discussed the financing structure and projected tax rate impact, and Ron Maze presented overviews for each project. The Board approved Project Resolutions for Dennis, RHS, Hibberd, Westview, Charles, Vaile, Fairview, and Technology.

Form of Lease: The Board approved the Resolution approving Form of Lease.

C. R. Richardson Building: Dr. Bourff and Ron Cross reviewed Indiana Code 20-26-7-1 (f) regarding the closure of buildings. There was discussion on the possibility of the Excel Center and the YMCA having joint usage of the top floor of the C. R. Richardson building and the Excel Center, Birth to Five, Inc., and other community partners having joint usage of the lower floor. A meeting is scheduled with officials from the Excel Center to further discuss options. The status of the Head Start grant and the STEMM Academy appeal are not yet known.

FOLLOW UP—OLD BUSINESS

C. R. Richardson Building: Dr. Bourff, Linda Morgason, Jeff Slifer, Suzanne Derengowski, and Ron Cross met with Excel Center Officials on March 12th to discuss options. Questions remain concerning the timing process for requesting a building to come off the state list that establishes that it is closed from instructional use and if there is an obligation to give up the building to anyone at this time. If it is determined that the building has educational use it can be put back into commission. Another question is if a third party can be contracted to provide educational services. Dr. Bourff and Ron Cross will contact the DOE legal team to discuss this issue further. The Excel Center indicated that they will submit an official interest in the C. R. Richardson building to the state.