

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

March 28, 2012

MASTER PLAN

Program Review:

- **Community Youth Services and Alternative Education:** A new program is being developed at Baxter for K-4 and high school general education students to allow for a quicker response to behavioral issues. The entrance criteria will essentially be an alternative to expulsion.
- **Hibberd Building:** Staffing is near completion, cohort groups for Logos and Early College will be notified next week, reviewing possibility of a full day pull-out program, reviewing ways to enhance the Life Skills students environment, and blending the three groups into one community is a priority.
- **Preschool:** The early childhood special education classrooms currently housed at Baxter will be moved to Crestdale. There will be two early childhood classrooms at Crestdale, Elizabeth Starr Academy, and Fairview and one each at Vaile and Westview. There will be no early childhood classrooms at Charles due to space limitations. Transportation will be provided to Crestdale only.
- **Intermediate Programs:** The fifth and sixth grade classrooms at Test have been identified, separate parent meetings for incoming fifth and sixth grade students have been scheduled, counselors will visit schools and students will visit buildings, and new student orientations are scheduled for August. The possibility of bringing students in a day early is also being considered.
- **Transportation:** A three tier system is being considered with secondary routes going first and elementary routes 45 minutes later. There would be different buses and pick up locations for high school and intermediate school students. On the first day of school all substitute drivers will be at the bus garage and a bank of phones will be ready to receive calls.
- **Elizabeth Starr Academy:** MicroSociety will be a part of the everyday culture and leaders will be trained at each grade level. Community relationships include the Starr Gennett Foundation, Cope Environmental, and the City of Richmond. An anti-littering campaign is being developed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2012

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignation, and Termination.

Accounts Payable: March Accounts Payable and February and March Payroll for a grand total of \$4,760,052.67.

Civic Hall: Approval to apply for the Arts Grant from the Wayne County Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00.

MASTER PLAN (CONTINUED)

Approval of the Common Wage Scale: Approval of the Common Construction Wage Scale.

Approval of Bids: Approval to award Crestdale Window Replacement Project to Richmond Glassworks, LLC at their low bid price of \$129,800 meeting bid specifications.

Approval of Agreement: Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with New Frontier 21 Consulting.

Policy 5113.01: Adoption of Policy 5113.01 Non-Resident Student Transfers as presented.

Policy 8600: Adoption of Policy 8600 Transportation. Information regarding kindergarten students listed under the *Students Eligible for Transportation*, Section A, was removed. There were also minor changes to make the language consistent in Sections A, B, and C.

Frequently Asked Questions: It was determined that the best summer school location was the C. R. Richardson building because student learning would not be disturbed by the changes taking place in other buildings.

ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$4,550.55 in donations.

Permission to Advertise: Approval to advertise Notice to Taxpayers of a Public Hearing to present an amended 2012 Capital Projects Fund Plan on April 11, 2012.

Permission to Advertise: Approval to advertise Notice to Accepts Bids for SmartBoard Interactive Whiteboards.

Third Grade Academy: Approval of the Third Grade Academy Alternate Proposal with the following provisions:

- Maintenance of the 10:2 student:teacher ratio consistently throughout the school day.
- Student learning targets will be identified based on results of Richmond Community Schools classroom assessments and IREAD-3.
- Students who have failed IREAD-3 will be placed in as few geographically concentrated locations as possible based on the number of students who failed IREAD-3.
- IREAD-3 reassessment will be taken during Third Grade Academy attendance window at an RCS site, supervised by Third Grade Academy Staff.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report: Revenue decreased \$65,000 and expenditures increased \$331,000. Beginning in April the Financial Reports will be presented quarterly.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Ricky Fonseca, Boys and Girls Club 2012 Youth of the Year and RHS student, presented a speech that may be used in competition for the Indiana Youth of the Year.