



# RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS May 12, 2010

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## CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: Approval of April 28, 2010 minutes.

Human Resources: Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignation and Extra Duty Resignations.

Corporation Sponsored Travel—Charles Elementary

School Camp Clements: Approval for eligible Charles Elementary School sixth grade students to attend Camp Clements from May 22 to May 23, 2010.

Corporation Sponsored Travel—Richmond High School

Cheer Camp: Approval for the Richmond High School Cheerleaders to attend Cheer Camp at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio from July 10 to July 13, 2010.

Summer Athletic Camps: Approval of the Richmond High School 2010 Summer Athletic Camp applications for Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Football Team Camp, and Youth/Middle School Football.

## ACTION ITEMS

HVAC and Boiler Bid Recommendation: Approval of the recommendation to award the Crestdale Boiler Replacement Project to the General Contractor Meyers Mechanical, Richmond, with a project construction low bid cost of \$165,266 with no alternatives and to award the Elizabeth Starr Academy HVAC Upgrades Project to the General Contractors Hill Electric/CM Contractor, Richmond, with a project construction low bid cost of \$154,813 with alternate 1 additional cost of \$19,004 for a total project cost of \$173,817 as presented.

Human Resources—Reduction in Force: Approval of the recommendation that the Administration be directed to deliver written notice prior to June 1, 2010 to non-permanent teachers of the consideration of nonrenewal of their respective contracts for the next school term. These notices of consideration of nonrenewal are due to the justifiable decrease in the number of teaching positions anticipated for the 2010-2011 school year.

## FOLLOW UP — OLD BUSINESS

The recommendation to support the Reid Foundation in procuring a grant to work with the nutritional aspects for youth was approved. The grant is for the Stop Taking on Pounds (STOP) Program and is for \$500,000 per year for up to five years. It was also noted that Vaile, Fairview, and Crestdale have received a grant for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

It is the policy of Richmond Community Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability in its educational programs or employment policies.

## WORK SESSION

Communication Audit: Dr. Bourff shared a powerpoint regarding marketing strategies including logos, taglines, calls to action, website redesign, and a Community Partnership and Engagement Coordinator. Next steps include articulation of the recruitment process, publication of logo with call to action, and a coordination of the shift in position.

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

GradNation Report: Dr. Bourff was invited by Johns Hopkins University to participate as a panelist in the GradNation Spring Conference in Arlington, Virginia on April 22 and 23, 2010. The topic was building community capacity to increase the graduation rate. Dr. Bourff shared the powerpoint he presented at the conference that summarized the timeline of actions that resulted in the improved RHS graduation rate. Actions included the establishment of the Learning Corporation, building collaborative partnerships, opportunities provided by the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant, and interventions offered by Richmond Community Schools.

## BOARD REPORTS/REFLECTIONS/CELEBRATIONS

David Stidham discussed how the voting districts for School Board members are currently divided and the issue of how to increase the number of candidates for the seats. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to go forward with a committee consisting of Suzanne Derengowski, Dr. Bourff, Ron Cross, and David Stidham to examine the ramifications of changing district lines.

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Vaile Elementary School and Charles Elementary School Choirs: The Vaile Elementary School and Charles Elementary School Choirs performed the song, *Why Music*, led by teacher, Gail Bratton.

Celebration of Excellence: The Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony took place on May 6, 2010. Mary Keifer, Crestdale Kindergarten teacher, was recognized for being named the Elementary and the Richmond Community Schools Teacher of the Year. Secondary Teacher of the Year is India Cruse-Griffin, Richmond High School; Support Person of the Year is Cindy Kelly, Early Learning Center; Administrator of the Year is Kelly Andrews, Garrison Principal; and the Friend of Education is Kris Lopresti, Richmond High School.

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