

## BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

November 23, 2011

### REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report: Bob Coddington summarized that revenue is up \$2,000 and that expenditures are down \$971,000. Mr. Coddington reviewed the Cash Flow and Income and Expense Analysis.

Master Planning: Dr. Bourff stated that there have been meetings with various groups on master planning and that comments are still being taken. Those comments are being responded to by factoring them into possible additional options. There was discussion on how Dr. Bourff's recommendation would be presented at the December 14, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Bourff stated that a model, with the justification and information on cost savings through efficiencies, would be included with the recommendation. Dr. Bourff also stated that he is working along the timeline that was agreed on and that he will contact each Board member for input prior to the recommendation. Board members made comments regarding their thoughts on master planning and comments they have received from the public including:

- Programs focused on future community employment needs
- Importance of Creative Arts
- Concerns regarding 6th through 8th grades at the high school, but favorable for 5th through 8th grade configuration
- Safety of students
- Student behavior
- Will decisions be based on financial needs, educational needs, the concerns of specific groups, or the concerns of the community
- Flexibility and simplicity in the recommendations
- Stability
- Look to the future and have a back-up plan
- Allow for growth
- Equalizing enrollment
- Preserving connections to after school programs
- Work at preserving the strengths of the staff and activities occurring in the buildings
- Multiple grade level sections
- Expanding alternative school to all grades
- Marketing

There was also discussion on assumptions, stable tax rate, charter schools within the public schools, magnet schools, the International Baccalaureate Program, future enrollment projections and other topics. Dr. Bourff stated that, due to the many concerns received, he will not be recommending that students in the Logos and Early College Academy be housed at the high school. Other recommendations may include closing one building and adding on to other buildings.

### ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$2,577.33 in donations to Richmond Community Schools.

Master Contract: Approval of the January 2011 to June 2013 Master Contract between Richmond Community Schools and the Richmond Education Association as presented. Aleasia Stewart stated that the Master Contract complies with new Indiana Statute and that a staff handbook is being developed to address language that was removed from the contract. The new contract includes a reduction in medical insurance caps, elimination of the Reduction-in-Force language, and suspension of Valic and Veba payments for post 1997-1998 employees.

### CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Approval of November 9, 2011 Minutes.

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

Accounts Payable: Approval of the Accounts Payable Voucher Register for November 2011 and Payroll Claim Listings for October and November 2011 for a grand total of \$3,867,869.85.

Curricular Related Field Trips – Richmond High School Choir: Approval for the Richmond High School Chamber, Symphonic and Concert Choirs to travel to Chicago, Illinois from March 23 to March 25, 2012 to compete in a choral festival.

### SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Recognition of Bus Driver: Student Transit Bus Driver Charles Craig, who was driving the bus that was involved in an accident on Monday, November 14, 2011, was presented with a certificate in recognition of his outstanding job of controlling the bus and was commended for his efforts.

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