

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

November 28, 2012

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Richmond High School National Register Nomination: Scott Zimmerman, City Planner, discussed the review by the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission of the Richmond High School National Register nomination. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the benefits of and criteria for being on the National Register. There was discussion on the use of state and federal funds, the nomination process, pros and cons of being on the National Register, and other topics. The Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on December 10th and will vote on moving the nomination forward to the state.

School Calendars: Dr. Bourff stated that an attempt is being made to coordinate the school calendar with area schools for the benefit of students and programs. The Calendar Committee will meet again on December 3rd to review changes made based on comments from the Board and a draft calendar will be taken to Discussion on December 5th.

2012-2013 District Strategic Plan: Dr. Bourff reported that PBIS Coordinators Joe Henry and Markous Jewett have been reassigned to Dennis and Test, respectively. They will assist in addressing daily disciplinary needs, promote the use of PBIS, and facilitate training. They will continue to be responsible for their district-wide commitments after the school day ends. Another item that will be implemented is a special education procedural checklist to assist staff to ensure that all necessary steps have been completed. A discussion followed.

Board Committee Discussion: There was discussion regarding the objective for forming Board committees, the pros and cons of committees, and the possibility of structuring the existing Board meetings to be more productive. One Board meeting could deal with business items and be televised and the other meeting could be devoted to higher level discussions and not be televised. Both meetings would be open to the public.

Financial Opportunities: Dr. Bourff stated that there is an opportunity with the elimination of the Test Lease Rental Agreement to maintain consistency in the tax rate and address facility needs. Bob Coddington discussed the Capital Projects Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and Pension Bond Fund. Mr. Coddington also reviewed facility needs at Dennis, Richmond High School, Hibberd, Vaile, and Charles, as well as district-wide technology needs. A discussion followed on options, Policy 5120, being competitive, marketing, addressing issues at the high school, why these needs were not addressed in the Master Plan, timelines, and other topics.

Student Transit: Jim Regan presented information regarding start-up changes, route ownership, staffing, training, CharterRBus/FixRBus, communications and storage upgrades, contract history, and next steps. A discussion followed on driver preparation for student interaction, terms of the contract, metrics, the effectiveness of the four-tier system, and other topics.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2012 Board meeting and November 19, 2012 Policy Section 8000 meeting.

Account Payable: Approval of the November 2012 Accounts Payable Voucher Register and Payroll Claim Listings for October and November 2012 for a grand total of \$4,060,766.52.

Crestdale Vectren Grant Application: Approval for Crestdale Elementary School to apply for a grant in the amount of \$20,930 for a Technology Extension Project from the Vectren Foundation.

Filing of Reports: Approval to accept and file the Monthly Financial Report.

## ACTION ITEMS

Donations: Acceptance of \$6,287.00 in donations.

Policies: Approval of the adoption of Policy 3421 Benefits for Administrators, Policy 2104 Board Vision, Policy 2105 Mission of the Corporation, and Policy 2110 Statement of Beliefs.

eLearning Summer Conference: Approval to submit the eLearning Summer Conference Grant application.

## REPORTS/REFLECTIONS/CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations included the Dennis event celebrating their "A" grade; Vaile's Literacy Night; and the new officers at Elizabeth Starr Academy.

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