

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

November 9, 2011

WORK SESSION

Master Planning and Public Commentary: Dr. Bourff stated that the master planning process relies on educational research, discussion, and analysis and that it is designed to support the vision statement that Richmond Community Schools will be a high performing district that will make the community proud. Dr. Bourff also stated that a projected revenue loss creates an urgency to design the most efficient and environmentally sound usage of all facilities in order to promote and/or support teaching and learning throughout the district. Consideration will be given to decreasing personnel, shifting school attendance boundary lines, closing schools, reducing utility, insurance, and equipment costs and altering program offerings. The audience was invited to participate in small group discussions on the question "What is the most important thing for you and your child as we plan for the future of education in Richmond Community Schools?" Responses included:

- Higher expectations for special needs students
- Serving the needs of all students
- Adding more creative arts
- Higher standards and communication with transportation
- Maximizing facilities and resources
- Stability
- Quality of education
- Classroom size
- Solid basic education
- Continuing special programs
- Qualified teachers
- Keeping Communities in Schools and Centerstone
- Diversity in the classroom
- Safe environment and no bullying
- Addressing behavior and discipline issues
- Clubs, activities, and after school programs
- Recruiting and figuring out why we are losing students
- Staffing changes that would be needed for a building if it is made larger
- The creation of primary and intermediate buildings increasing transportation costs
- Having up-to-date technology and teachers being trained to use it
- Older students being released earlier than younger ones so they can assist with the care of siblings
- Programs that benefit all students equally
- Consistency in curriculum to address mobility
- Parental involvement and parent support groups
- Positive comments were made regarding the educational experience at Garrison

The audience was reminded that options will be presented at the meeting scheduled for November 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Art Museum. Dr. Bourff stated that there will be a rationale behind the options and the comments that have been received will be factored into what will be presented. It is important for the public to follow up with their feedback. Comments can be submitted on the Richmond Community Schools website at www.weRichmond.com. Board member email addresses can also be found on the website.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

American Education Week: Adoption of the Proclamation in Honor of American Education Week November 13 to 19, 2011.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2011

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

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