

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

September 12, 2012

REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Richmond Online Graduation Academy: Mark Millis stated that the Richmond Online Graduation Academy is an expansion of the Alternative Education Program and that it will provide more options for students to earn a Richmond High School diploma. Rae Woolpy reviewed the key points of the Academy:

- Online course work in GradPoint (formerly NovaNet)
- Weekly student reporting required in person, online, or by telephone
- Classroom located at Richmond High School in the Credit Recovery Lab
- Hours are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday
- One English teacher, one math teacher, and one Counselor will monitor student progress and assist students in post high school plans and preparation
- Students must be enrolled in two courses
- Midterms and final exams must be taken on site

Ms. Woolpy stated that parents and students who may be interested have been contacted. The Academy is open to anyone. Orientation will be held on Thursday, September 13th at 4:00 p.m. There was discussion on the curriculum, end of course assessments, earning an entire diploma online, having conversations with the Wayne County Probation Office, next steps and other topics.

MASTER PLANNING

Personnel and Financial Impact of the Master Plan: Bob Coddington and Aleasia Stewart presented information regarding the personnel and financial impact of the Master Plan. Ms. Stewart stated that the number of employees decreased by 28 from 2011-2012. There was a 4.6% decrease in teachers and an 11.1% decrease in administrative staff. Mr. Coddington shared a first pay comparison that shows a net savings of \$71,039.10. A discussion followed on demographic information, recruiting, and other topics.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Cruising Into Your Future Program: Jackie Schlichte, Early College Coordinator, introduced Communities In Schools Program Director Chris Bennett and Richmond Community Schools Community Partnership and Engagement Coordinator Bridget Hazelbaker. Information was provided regarding the Cruising Into Your Future Program. Students in the program introduced themselves.

WORK SESSION

Race to the Top: Misty Hollis stated that Race to the Top grants are competitive incentive grants open at the district level to adopt bold and comprehensive reform in elementary and secondary education. The focus is on personalized learning environments and career and college readiness. The grant is worth up to \$10 million over four years with no matching or in-kind funds requirement. There will be a maximum of 25 grants awarded nationwide. The application is due on October 30, 2012 and the grant award will be announced in December 2012. Ms. Hollis stated that Richmond Community Schools is in a good position due to the success of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant and partnerships that are already in place. Most of the requirements of the grant are already required by the Indiana Department of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Adoption: Approval of the 2013 Budgets as presented on Budget Forms 1-4, including the adoption of Budget Form 4, Resolution of Appropriations and Tax Rates.

Capital Projects Plan Adoption: Approval of the adoption of the 2013-2015 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented and permission to publish the Notice of Adoption.

Bus Replacement Plan Adoption: Approval of the adoption of the 2013-2024 Bus Replacement Plan.

2011 Budget (Line 2) Resolution: Approval of the 2013 Budget (Line 2) Resolution and granting the Richmond Community Schools Treasurer, Robert K. Coddington, the proper authority to reduce Line 2 on Form 3 for the 2013 Budgets.

Tax Neutrality Resolution: Approval of the Tax Neutrality Resolution.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2012 Board meeting and Executive Session and July 23, 2012 Policy Section 8000 meeting.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Change in Status, Retirement, Resignations, and Separation of Service.

Galileo Charter School Support Services: Approval of the Galileo Support Services Contract for the 2012-2013 School Year.

Title III and Non-English Speaking Program Grant Applications: Acceptance of the Title III allocation for school year 2012-2013 of \$20,848.80 and the Non-English Speaking Grant allocation of \$13,669.15.

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