

# BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

September 26, 2012

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Enrollment (ADM) Financial Implications:** Dr. Bourff reviewed a chart comparing enrollment for the past five years. The September 2012 ADM count was 4761.19, down 132 from 2011, for a decrease in funding of \$952,512.00. Dr. Bourff discussed financial implications and possible scenarios including cost reductions, using the Rainy Day Fund to maintain programs, or a combination of those two options. There was discussion on the reasons for student withdrawals, creating a finance committee, marketing, and other topics.

**Race to the Top:** 433 Race to the Top Letters of Intent to Apply that are in the same category as RCS were submitted. 892 total Letters of Intent were submitted, fifteen of which were from this area. RHS teacher Karen Kimball is assisting with writing the grant. Meetings with stakeholders have taken place and research is continuing.

**Student Medical Needs:** There has been an increase in the number of diabetic students, the number of students on medication, and the number of students visiting the school clinics. Mrs. Bergdoll reviewed the schedule of the nurses and stated that building staffs assist as much as possible. Dr. Bourff stated that adding two CNA positions to assist in meeting the health and safety needs of the students is being considered.

## WORK SESSION

**2012-2013 District Strategic Plan:** The Board has worked with Dr. Benjamin to draft a strategic plan. The Board reviewed the Vision, Mission, Leadership Values, and Performance Targets included in the plan. Leadership Values include: Systems Approach, Accountability, Shared Leadership, High Expectations, Evidence-Based Decision Making, Continuous Improvement, and Social Responsibility. There was discussion on how the leadership values are demonstrated, professional development, communication, next steps, and other topics. Dr. Benjamin will continue to work with the Board to finalize the strategic plan.

## MASTER PLANNING

**Dennis Gymnasium Bids:** Ron Maze stated that the low bidder for the Dennis gymnasium with a metal siding option was Thor Construction, Richmond at \$1,270,000. The low bidder with brick siding was RL Turner Corporation, Zionsville at \$1,314,000. Mr. Coddington stated that the \$1,276,000 that was appropriated in May included the Dennis cafeteria, summer projects, and gymnasium. There was discussion on the shortage in the appropriations, options for the gymnasium, energy savings, longevity, and other topics. Funding scenarios and additional information will be brought to the next meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Donations:** Acceptance of \$12,765.36 in donations.

**Annual Financial Goals:** Approval of the Annual Financial Goals. RCS, with 67.1% of all revenues for the 2011 Fiscal Year going to academic achievement or instructional support, as defined by IC 20-42.5-3-6 shall continue in 2013 to maintain this percentage by:

- Balance the General Fund Budget in 2013
- Reducing non-classroom personnel as needed
- Achieving appropriate General Fund student to classroom teacher ratios
- Not adding any additional classified staff
- Continue to reduce general and administrative costs through co-op purchases and competitive price quotes

**Cope Environmental Center:** Approval of the Cope Environmental Center Agreement.

## CONSENT ITEMS

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of September 12, 2012 Board Meeting and Executive Session and September 17, 2012 Executive Session minutes.

**Human Resources:** Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Retirements, Resignations, Resignation Extra Duty, and Separation of Service Extra Duty.

**Account Payable:** Approval of September 2012 Accounts Payable and Payroll Claim Listings for August and September 2012 for a grand total of \$5,534,045.98.

**Filing of Reports:** Approval to accept and file the Summer School Report.

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

## SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

**Richmond High School and Indiana University East Partnership:** The Indiana University East Center for Entrepreneurship and RCS partnered together this summer to offer high school students a two-week "Marketing Your Success" program to help market the community. Tim Scales, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, provided the curriculum and leadership and RCS teachers Terry Reynolds, Denise Selm, and Linda Isom worked directly with students as mentors. Students participating in the program included Mitchell Ahaus, Roshni Brahmbhatt, Elaine Brady, Emily Jetmore, Erica Bischoff, Yasmeen Lewis, Joshua McDonald, Jorge Perez-Orduno, and Sarah Vrazalich. Students discussed their experiences and shared a clip from a story done on the program by WHIO TV in Dayton, Ohio.