



Measuring Success One Student at a Time!

Superintendent's Update

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Early Childhood Presentation by Mr. Hinrichs

Mr. Hinrichs updated the Board on the progress being made in moving from our current pre-school model to a Universal Early Childhood Model. This inclusion-based pre-school model would expand our current program to include three-year olds. The new model hinges on reaching an agreement with Head Start where they would provide an Early Childhood teacher and the district would provide the facilities and transportation.

Cummings/Lancaster Properties

Consensus of the Board was to purchase two "For Sale" signs to be placed in front of the Lancaster and Cummings buildings. The cost of the signs will total approximately \$80. In addition, it was decided to follow up with each organization that contacted us about the buildings to find out if there is still an interest and if so, whether they plan to make the Board an offer.

District Budget and Long Range Planning

The Board directed the administration to study reorganization of the elementary schools as a cost savings measure. The scope of the study will include, but is not limited to:

- Eliminating full day educational services at the Primary School
 - **Moving kindergarten classes to building 'B'**
 - Moving 1st grade to the Intermediate School
- **Determining if building 'A' can accommodate pre-school** under the new Universal Early Childhood Model
- Relocating the central office and pre-school classes to what is now the Primary School
- Relocation of all district servers
- Relocation of custodial and technology offices
- Staffing models associated with each option

Other areas being studied to determine possible cost savings:

- Eliminating Data Team Food Service software and going to PowerSchool
- Reducing Microsoft Licensing costs and going to open source products such as Open Office, Google docs, etc.
- Make Food Service self-sufficient
- Extend the regular school day and reduce the number of school days in the calendar year
 - Cut days off around Christmas break and at the end of the school year
 - Four-day week

Action Items:

- Approved the 2010-2011 School Calendar, with the understanding that it may change depending on various cost savings measures that are being considered
- Approved to hire CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services to bid out **the district's health insurance**
- Approved 2010 Drivers Education Fees (\$150 in-district, \$225 out-of-district)
- Approved Job Olympics Trip Request
- Approved Soundmasters out-of-state trip request
- Approved the 6th Grade field trip request
- Approved to release Jill Trenor from her contract, effective March 9, 2010.