

Oct. 22, 2019 (Regular Board Meeting)

Oct. 25, 2019 (Special Board Meeting)



Board Summary

Boys & Girls Club Update

Assistant Superintendent Brian Moore presented an update on the district's partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Benton & Franklin Counties to the Richland School Board. The district is now in its second year of a contract with Boys & Girls Club to provide before and after school child care at elementary schools. More than 300 students are currently enrolled in those services, a 15 percent increase compared to the first year of the contract and leading to each school site either being at or near capacity. Surveys of families conducted by Boys & Girls Club indicate high satisfaction with services. The district and club are looking at ways to grow and extend services from the partnership at schools.

School Employee Benefits Board (SEBB) Transition

Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Financial Services updated the Board on the transition to the new School Employee Benefits Board (SEBB) healthcare benefits system. Open enrollment in SEBB began Oct. 1 and will continue until Nov. 15. Payroll & Benefits staff are currently visiting each school site and support department to assist staff in enrolling in the new system and verifying documents. This has been on top of initial informational meetings and an ongoing informational campaign with a dedicated page on the district website and direct email communications. Mr. Sherman says the district is committed to helping staff through the transition.

Facility Planning – Request For Qualifications (RFQ)

The district received four responses to its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding the future construction of a third high school:

- MMEC Architecture & DLR Group
- Sazän Group
- NAC Architecture
- CKJT Architects

Board members expressed interest in interviewing representatives from each applicant before making a selection. Those interviews will be conducted in November.

Superintendent Search Firm Selection

Before the meeting board members interviewed representatives of three consultant firms who replied to the board's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a superintendent search consultant services — Ray and Associates, Inc.; Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates; and Northwest Leadership Associates. As one board member had not been available for one of the interviews and another board member was not in attendance at the meeting, the Board set a special board meeting for Friday, Oct. 25 to ensure each board member could participate in making a decision with the same information. At the special meeting, the Board voted 3-1 to select Hank Harris of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide superintendent search consultant services. Board member Jill Oldson was the lone dissenting vote but said she would support the Board's decision.

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