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(A) Action
(D) Discussion
(I) Information

Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 15, 2017
Highlights of Meeting

Members present: Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Martin, Mr. Lindell, and Dr. Jackson-Short; Member Absent: Mr. Taylor

1.04 Recognitions and presentations:

The Board of Education and Dr. Shelton recognized:

- Booker T. Washington Elementary School – named a National Title I Distinguished School and chosen for exceptional performance and/or closing the achievement gap.
- North Dover Elementary School – named a Recognition School and chosen for exceptional performance and/or closing the achievement gap.

1.05 School Updates

Dr. Henderson presented school updates.

1.06-1.07 Board members provided updates on attending meetings, visiting schools, and community events. Dr. Shelton reported:

- We had a great turnout for the Read 180 & Math 180 Banquet
- Appreciate those that are continuing to engage in our public forums and surveys around the Strategic Plan
- DE has an estimated \$350M shortfall for next year. There is the potential of a 2.5-10% reduction to educational funding at the District Level. This comes following a massive cut of approximately \$2.6M in 2008 where districts took a larger cut than other agencies and this funding has never been fully restored. In addition, school equalization funding is an area that has been proposed to be cut. This is a significant source of funding for local salaries in Capital and other Kent County School Districts. In Capital, we receive \$8.5M in equalization funding. To put that in perspective, all of our local school taxes are only \$11.2M. The loss of equalization would mean we would not be able to fund the local side of over 1/2 of our employees. I encourage everyone who values our public education system to encourage law makers to find new sources of revenue as opposed to cost shifting to the school districts and counties.

1.08 There were no public comments.

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2.0 Consent Items: Consent Items – Personnel Matters, School Choice, Financial Reports, Minutes and Field Trips were approved. Student Disciplinary Matters brought before the board was approved.

3.0 Action/Discussion/Information Items (A/D/I)

3.01 Facilities Review Report

Carl Krienen from ABHA and Dr. Shelton presented an update on Facilities Master Planning. Two forums have been held at which time Dr. Shelton and ABHA architects, Bryan Williams and Carl Krienen made presentation regarding the condition of facilities and presented two options of potential building configurations. Summary of work to date was also presented. The next phase will be to have the committee begin to explore potential costs and phasing of the projects. Please see presentation here. <..\February 2017\Board Update on Potential Building Config 021517.pdf>

3.02 Strategic Plan SI1 – Streamlined and Linear District – Quarterly Update

Dr. Shelton presented a quarterly update of Strategic Plan Strategic Intent 1 – Linear and Streamlined District including updates for each of the working groups currently meeting and associated with SI1. <..\February 2017\SI1BoardPresentation021517.pdf>

3.03 Proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar (Second Reading) (Resolution No. 17-069)

The board adopted Resolution No. 17-069 approving Option 2 - 2017-2018 school calendar. [NEWOPTION22017-18YearlyCalendar \(002\).pdf](NEWOPTION22017-18YearlyCalendar (002).pdf)

3.04 Gifted Program

Dr. Henderson and Mr. Dunford provided the board a presentation highlighting the CSD Gifted Education Plan and the work of the CSD Gifted Advisory Committee in the areas of student outcomes, instructional delivery, teacher capacity, student placement and program identification. <..\February 2017\CSD GT Board Present 2-2017.pdf>