



THE EXTRA

News from the District Office

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Building Futures - One Child at a Time

BOARD TREASURER

Beverly Laue is the Treasurer for the Richland Board of Education. Bev joined the Board in 2006 when she was appointed to complete the term of Kathy Fry. She was elected to a full three-year term in 2009. She has decided to not seek re-election this year. During her time on the Board, Bev has been the Treasurer and member of the Personnel Negotiations Committee.



Bev and her husband, Chris, have two daughters. Mikayla is a junior at the high school, and Annaliese is in eighth grade at the middle school. Both girls are very busy and involved with many school activities from sports to music. In addition to raising a family, Bev raises alpacas for the fur. She helped start a fiber factory where the wool product is prepared for the yarn and thread industry. As you can see, she is an incredibly busy woman. Next time you see her, tell her thanks for giving her time and talents to the Board.

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BOARD BOOK STUDY

The Board continues to work on the applying the principles of the Jamie Vollmer book Schools Cannot Do It Alone. They held a meeting in late December where they began the planning portion of taking their message into the community. Their first step was mapping the community into places where people gather. They did not realize the number of different places. They plan to continue developing the message.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment is the opportunity for families to select a school district other than the one in which they live. The enrollment period opened on February 6th and will remain open until April 30th. This is a change from the past to allow families more time to complete the paperwork. The forms are available at the DPI website <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>, or from the District Office. Ask to talk with Kathy Fry or Ginny Knuth for help.

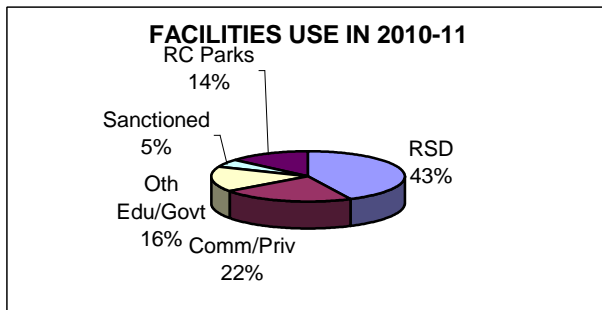
MILWAUKEE CONVENTION

Jane Williams, Mike O’Leary and Patti Silver attended the School Board’s convention in Milwaukee from January 17-20. They returned with many new ideas to share with their fellow board members, including technology uses in the classroom, new laws to be implemented, revised resolutions and budget updates. It was very informative.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Policy Committee met on January 9th at 7:00 pm and again on February 13th. They are developing a staff dress code policy and one for the use of social media by students and staff. They are studying different policies and trying to better understand how the new technology can impact the classroom. This is a new and relatively uncharted area for educators.

Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee met on January 10th at 7:00 pm. Members of the Park Board were present so everyone could review the agreement between the City and the School District. School and Park employees said everything is running smoothly, and recommended some minor changes. The Committee also reviewed the usage of the facilities. Nearly 2000 events took place in the buildings, and here is a chart:



Buildings, Property and Transportation met again on February 14th. They reviewed the facilities inspection reports and listened to repairs and maintenance plans for the future.

Curriculum, Assessment and Public Relations Committee met on January 26th at 4:00 pm. They reviewed a new course on Writing for the eighth grade, which they recommended to the Board for approval. Also, they reviewed a schedule change for Doudna so the specials (art, music, and

phy ed) are rotated on a weekly basis. This would allow for the core academic subjects to be taught at the same time each day, as well as creating some common planning time for the teachers. The high school is working on a modified schedule to include a new concept called Hornet Time. Details are forthcoming.



EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The Board is working on the new employee handbook. The planned timeline is as follows:

- Feb 06 Receive Part I – Provisions for All Staff
- Feb 20 Possibly Approve Part I
Receive Part II – Provisions for Teachers
- Mar 05 Possibly Approve Part II
Receive Part III – Support Staff
- Mar 19 Possibly Approve Part III
Receive Part IV – Administration
- Apr 02 Possibly Approve Part IV
Receive Part V – Co-curricular Staff and
Receive Part VI – Substitute Employees
- Apr 16 Approve Part V and VI or Approve the
Whole Book

DID YOU KNOW?

The Friends of Science have donated over \$50,000 for new HS science equipment!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 20 7:30 pm Board Mtg. – HS IMC
- Feb 23 4:00 pm Curriculum Mtg. – Conference Rm
- Feb 24 No School – Staff In-service All Day
- Mar 05 7:30 pm Board Mtg. – HS IMC
- Mar 06 4:00-8:00 pm Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 08 4:00-8:00 pm Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 13 7:00 pm BPT Mtg. – Conference Rm
- Mar 15 4:00 pm Curriculum Mtg. – Conference Rm
- Mar 19 7:30 pm Board Mtg. – HS IMC
- Mar 26 End of Third Quarter