SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: HSE WE THE PEOPLE

The HSE Indiana State Champion 'We The People' Team, led by Janet Chandler, were recognized at the board meeting Wednesday night. Their performance at the State Championship led them to compete nationally in Washington D.C., where they placed 7th in the Nation. In preparation for the national finals, students studied government, the Constitution and Bill of Rights. During the competition, the groups prepared four-minute opening statements in response to three congressional hearing questions. Afterwards, judges ask students follow-up questions to test their depth of knowledge on the topic in a six-minute question-and-answer period. Over 1,200 students from 56 classes testified before a total of 72 judges who are history, political science, law and education professors, plus members of the legal community with a knowledge of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Chandler shared a slideshow of the team’s trip with the board. The students also responded to a question posed by Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff about getting more people to vote. Congratulations, civic leaders!

K-12 TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES

The board approved a recommendation made by Business Manager Cecilie Nunn for textbook rental fee changes. The request was a result of modifications made that included the adoption of new resources, a change in consumables selected or pricing adjustments.

EDLEADER21

The board approved using EdLeader21 professional learning as presented. EdLeader21 is a network of more than 200 school districts nationwide, implementing competencies like the 4Cs (critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity) into their systems.

CONTRACT RENEWALS

The board approved a motion to renew one-year employee contracts as presented.
BOARD VACANCY VOTE

Board Vice President Sylvia Shepler thanked the 24 applicants for their willingness to serve after Mike Bottorff resigned from his position on Thursday, May 30. The board narrowed the pool of applicants to the following four people for interviews:
- Travis Brown
- Peter Griffin
- Jason Lantzer
- Clint Wilson
The board voted 5-0 for Clint Wilson. Board member Janet Pritchett chose to abstain. Wilson will serve on the board through December 31, 2020. Wilson, an agent with State Farm Insurance, has three children with two currently enrolled in Hamilton Southeastern Schools. He and his family moved to Fishers six years ago. He will take the Oath of Office at the next board meeting on July 10.

CURIOCITY UPDATE

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff presented an update on the new additions to CurioCity, a community wide campus for learning in partnership with the City of Fishers and Conner Prairie. The goal of CurioCity is to provide every child an educational experience not found anywhere else.

*Nature First* provides every first grader a study trip to Ritchey Woods. Preservationists also spend time working throughout the year in and outside of the classroom.

*HSE On The Prairie* provides every fourth grader an opportunity to study Indiana history from a STEM perspective at Conner Prairie.

Programs still in development include a new partnership with the YMCA for sixth graders that will focus on wellness and development of leadership skills. Talks are also underway to work with Hub and Spoke to create a program benefiting high school students focused on skilled trades.

Dr. Bourff reminded the board about the CurioCity Hub, a digital marketplace designed to connect students, educators, and other community partners to connect experiential learning opportunities.

STAFFING CHANGES

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff helped welcome new staff member Stacey Swan, who has been named the principal (con’t)
Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff shared the following updates:


Bourff also talked about kindergarten enrollment. Administration is monitoring enrollment across the district. Bourff said while it's still early, some teachers may have to be moved around to accommodate the number of students.