SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: STATE CHAMPIONS HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN BASEBALL TEAM AND WORLD CHAMPIONS DI TEAM - THE SUPER DUPERS

Board members recognized State Champions Hamilton Southeastern High School baseball team along with Coach Sassonella and Coach Seitz. After a substantial rain delay, the State Championship title was secured with a 3-2 win over Columbus East at Victory Field. The team spoke of a touching moment when they insisted that coach Ken Seitz, 72, was the first to hold the state trophy presented. The boys all announced their college of choice including one player who was going into the Marine Corps. The Royals finished the season with an overall record of 23-8 and 10-4 in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

The board also had a chance to talk to the World Champions, Destination Imagination Team – The Super Dupers. A team of seven Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers High School seniors were crowned World Champions for a second time at the Global Finals in Kansas City. The team competed in the Senior Level Technical Challenge. The challenge required the team to design and build an aircraft (and other technical apparatus) from scratch, with the craft capable of carrying payloads and delivering them to a precise location. The students shared their future plans which included attending various universities and fields of study.

Both groups were impressive and a great representation of Hamilton Southeastern Schools.
NEW BOARD PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY APPOINTED

Reorganization of the Board of Trustees typically takes place at the first regular meeting in January. However, due to the resignation of former President Mike Bottorff, a reorganization of the board was requested. Acting president Sylvia Shepler opened the floor for nominations. A motion was made by Clint Wilson to appoint Michelle Fullhart as President and Janet Pritchett as Secretary. Shepler would continue as Vice-President. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2. Fullhart then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

NEW STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT: STACEY BROWN

Hamilton Southeastern's Principal, Chad Cripe, introduced Stacey Brown as the new Assistant Principal at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Brown comes to HSE with a long list of impressive qualifications. She began her career 15 years ago at Warren Central as an English Instructor. She then moved to South Carolina where she received her Master of Arts in English from Clemson University. In 2012, Brown returned to Indiana where she taught at Noblesville High School and most recently was a Curriculum Director at Western School Corporation. Welcome, Stacey!

SUBSTITUTE DISCUSSION

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff discussed teacher absenteeism and sub data collected to date. A work session was suggested to continue the discussion on filling the necessary vacancies.

DURBIN ELEMENTARY

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff started the discussion by addressing the enrollment numbers in the district. Projected attendance across the district is higher at this time than it has been for the last 3 years, with 200 to 300 more students compared to last year, with the bulk of the increase coming at the elementary level. The corporation’s intent was to fill the new Southeastern Elementary to eighty percent capacity to allow for future growth. Southeastern Elementary will open at capacity due to an exceptionally large number of kindergarten students. According to Facilities Director Harry Delks, in order for a new building to open by 2022, ground breaking must take place in the fall of 2020. An Architect discussed the challenges of bringing the sewer lines to the existing Durbin Elementary location and the cost associated with that task. An architect and construction manager must be chosen by January of 2020. Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter indicated a demographic study will be forthcoming once school begins, with the study designed to help better project growth in the coming years. Budgeting for a potential new or upgraded building has (con't)
already been accounted for in the Corporation’s Ten-Year Plan. Bourff stressed that a decision on expansion or replacement was a critical first step followed by a location for the new building.

**CUSTODIAL CONTRACTS**

The board approved a request for the extension of the existing custodial contracts for one year as presented by Custodial Services Manager Janet Leamer.

**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM PROJECTS**

The board discussed and approved the auditorium improvement projects at Hamilton Southeastern High School and Fishers High School. Facilities Director, Harry Delks presented a recommendation to award the contract to Nugent Electric, Inc. to complete the work at a Bid Price of $2,703,018.00. Work will include state of the art improvements to the school auditoriums that will benefit not only students and staff but also offer options for use by the community at large.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff shared the following updates:

- Bourff thanked the board members for attending the Southeastern Elementary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

- He reminded the board about the August 6th Opening Day breakfast and meeting with all staff.

- Bourff mentioned the ground breaking ceremony at Hub & Spoke and developing partnership that involves career and technical education.

- Lastly, it was mentioned that Hamilton Southeastern staff are underway in different professional development opportunities preparing for the upcoming new year.

- Next Board Meeting will be at a special time: Aug 14 at 4:30PM