

THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

WAYNE TWP. PROJECT UPDATE

On Wednesday, board members heard from attorney David Day, who is assisting with the procurement of the future site for the new Wayne Township elementary school. Before the purchase of the land is final, it must be zoned and annexed. Approval has already been given by the Noblesville Planning Commission, according to Day. He explained in order to get a property zoned in Noblesville, at least 50 percent of the property must be designed, as city officials want to know how the development will be used and what it will look like. The zoning and annexation request goes to Noblesville City Council on September 15 with final approval slated for September 29.

OPERATIONS PLAN REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff told the board there had not been many changes made to the Operations Plan since its last release. He shared what he saw during the first days of 50/50 with K-4, which he described as "a really different experience" to see such a small number of students in the buildings. Bus drivers, teachers and other staff members shared with him they were excited to see their students again and most schools were easily adapting to the smaller numbers. Bourff also said that it was noted by all the schools that this was the smoothest start to a school (cont.)

year and there were no reports of our youngest learners crying at drop-off. He noted some teachers asked for a hybrid start during a normal school year.

Bourff also said he was pleased to see a number of teachers working with both their virtual and in-person students synchronously during the first few days of 50/50. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jan Combs added, "I will credit teachers with being very open and working together to collaborate and plan."

Attendance for teachers was almost 100 percent for PreK-4. Bourff called upon the Teaching and Learning Department to share further insights:

- Grades 7-12 are continuing to work with staff on what the 50/50 teaching model will look like. Students will follow their normal class schedule when they return.
- September 17 and September 18 will be 'BLUE DAYS' for grades 5-12.
- Club activities have been virtual so far, but students may be able to participate during the Period 8 tiered instruction.
- What happens during a class period is at the discretion of the teacher on how they will direct their class time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff reviewed several areas of interest with board members during Wednesday's meeting, which included:

- Restrictions are still in place for (cont.)

for this year's Mudsock Football Game. Usually there are about 10,000 people in attendance, this year it will be around 1,000 comprised of families of the participants.

- A new logo, name and website were debuted by the refreshed "Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation." In lieu of the typical VIP Mudsock Experience at the Mudsock game, the HSEF is selling #WeGotThis face masks. To purchase one, [click here](#).