

THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: LUKE GARRETT

The board recognized Luke Garrett, an 8th grader at Fall Creek Jr. High. Luke has a unique talent for solving a Rubik's cube in record time. He is currently ranked 4th in the U.S. for solving the Rubik's cube in just 4.95 seconds. Luke dazzled the board by showcasing his Rubik's cube speed. He even demonstrated that he could solve it one-handed. Luke competes on different USA teams as well as individually. He also has a sponsorship from a store called TheCubicle. Over the summer, Luke competed in the Rubik's WCA World Championship event in Melbourne, Australia competing against 48 other countries. Luke holds many worldly accolades for speed and hopes to continue to break records across his international and national competitions. When not cubing, Luke also enjoys participating on the FCJ Academic team.



HEARINGS

The board heard from Attorney David Day and Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter regarding bonds to be issued for construction or renovation of a school building pursuant to Indiana code. This is the first of two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds. No public comments were heard. In addition, Hamilton Southeastern Education Association President Janet Chandler and Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter discussed the joint pre-bargaining public hearing. The 2019 Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (SEA 390), requiring a school employer and school employees to hold a public hearing and take public testimony to discuss the items described in the Indiana Teacher Collective Bargaining Law before engaging in formal collective bargaining. No planned comments nor public comments were heard. Lastly, Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter discussed the Teacher's Retirement Fund Reduction Determination. This public meeting has been called to comply with Public Law 108-2019, also known as HEA1001 (2019). Compliance with the law requires each school corporation at a public meeting to determine the following: (1) The dollar amount of the reduction in the school corporation's employer contribution rate under subsection (b), (2) The actions the governing body of the school corporation intends to take with the amount described in subdivision (1). (con't)...

The Board of School Trustees of Hamilton Southeastern Schools determined that the total dollar amount of the reduction in the employer contribution rate is expected to be \$1,489,000.00. The amount noted will enhance teacher compensation in good faith as part of the collective bargaining process. The board passed a motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

DURBIN ELEMENTARY PROJECT

Dr. Bourff informed board members he continues to meet with developers regarding the project. Bourff hopes to have additional information to share at the next meeting. An executive session may be necessary to discuss additional details.

2019-2020 DISTRICT GOALS

Bourff discussed language revisions made to the board goals, now referred to as the District Goals. These goals focus on narrowing the achievement gap, continuing to improve district culture, and increasing performance outcomes in district operations. The board passed a motion to approve the 2019-2020 district goals as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Bourff reported advancement on the principals' Professional Learning Communities (PLC). These PLCs support rigorous goals presented in the school improvement plans. Bourff reminded board members of the Mudsock game, Friday the 13th at Fishers High School. The board work session next Tuesday will include the 2020 budget and a brief report on ILEARN. Bourff also mentioned an executive session on bargaining following the work session.