

THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: HSSF AND THE PASTA BOWL WINNERS

The board welcomed Executive Director Justin Hirnisey from the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Foundation to award the winning schools with recognition and Pasta Bowl trophies. In total, the 22 HSE Schools collected and donated 40,197 lbs. of pasta to Hamilton County food service organizations. This was a new Pasta Bowl record and an increase of more than 20,000 lbs. over last year's record-setting donations.

- **Hamilton Southeastern High School** was the high school division and overall winner with 6,464 lbs. The Royals unseated Fishers High School who had won the high school division each previous year.
- **Fall Creek Intermediate** won the intermediate/junior high division with 3,176 lbs. They replaced Riverside Intermediate School who had been the only previous champion in that category.
- **Cumberland Road Elementary** won the elementary division with 3,394 lbs. Hoosier Road Elementary had been the perennial elementary champion.
- **Sand Creek Elementary** won biggest gain title by increasing their collection by 1,389% over 2018.

Durbin Elementary, Hoosier Road Elementary and Riverside Intermediate received honorable mention awards for 2019. Each of these schools collected over 3 lbs. of pasta per enrolled student.



FISHERS YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program Board of Director and Chairperson of the summer meals program Linda Carlino gave a brief update on the program. Carlino reiterated the need for volunteers to aid a program called Snack Attack. Snack Attack is a weekend supplemental nutrition program which provides 5 snacks to students in grades K-4 and 10 snacks to students in grades 5-12. Packed bags are delivered to schools each week on Thursday for distribution to students on Friday. HSE students on the free and reduced meal plan are eligible to receive these Snack Attack bags. Food support is through the Hamilton County Food Bank and community/school food drives. Carlino asked interested volunteers to visit their website: www.youthassistance.org/fishers.

2020 BUDGET

Director of Business Cecilie Nunn presented a summary of the 2020 budget as required for the first public meeting following the board work session held previously on September 17. The board will take action at the next board meeting on October 25. No public comments were made during the public hearing.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter presented a summary of the two-year tentative agreement following a previous public hearing required to enter the bargaining process. On September 16, Reuter met with the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA) to outline a tentative 2-year teacher agreement. On September 23 teachers ratified the agreement. No public comments were made during the public hearing. The Agreement will be presented to the board on October 23 for final approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff gave a brief update on the possibility of using a 3-Tier Transportation Model for the 2020-2021 school year. Going to this model may enable the corporation to service students more efficiently. The only alteration that might be necessary would be to modify the length of the student school day. This could also make early release Mondays unnecessary. The corporation would prefer a standard start time / stop time for all students every day of the school week. The 3-tier model will also affect the district decision to flip start times of the schools. No decision has been made at this time. A community forum on start times will occur at some point in November. More details to come regarding that opportunity.

Bourff also recalled that he and a design team went to the Circle Center Mall to visit the Purdue Polytechnic High School. *con't*

Questions remain about how their model will fit with Hamilton Southeastern Schools. The HSE design team is represented by math, science, art, and various other curriculum team members to bring disciplines together to create a program that works well for HSE. HSE's future Purdue Polytechnic program would be based at the new Hub and Spoke building off of 106th Street. There will be much more to report as the program matures.

Bourff also discussed the EdLeader21 National conference that occurred last week. This Annual Event marks the largest gathering of the network's 220+ members, bringing together like-minded education leaders from across the country to network, share ideas, learn from each other, and plan for the future. After this conference, the district may decide to adjust their definition of a "Portrait of a Graduate". The corporation plans to provide the board with a model of where HSE currently is and what the future of our portrait of a graduate might look like. Equity and Inclusion Officer Erica Buchanan-Rivera was also asked to take a seat on a national policy group for EdLeader21 in the area of equity and diversity.

In addition, Bourff mentioned that HSE administrators gave presentations at the ISBA Annual Conference last week. Special Projects Officer Freedom Kolb presented information about CurioCity, and Mental Health Coordinator Brooke Lawson presented Mental Health initiatives. Both were very well received and their assistance was requested for other districts that would like to implement similar programs.