

THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS: ISHAAN MODI

Board members were able to hear the details of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C. from Hamilton Southeastern High School senior Ishaan Modi. Modi was one of two Hoosier delegates to be selected for the the United States Senate Youth Program. Modi received a week-long trip to the nation's capital, where he met with top governmental officials, including the President of the United States and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He also received a \$10,000 scholarship courtesy of the Hearst Foundation.



TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

The results of a transportation survey were shared last Wednesday. The survey was sent to eighth and ninth grade students asking if a shuttle was offered to transport them to Fishers High School or Hamilton Southeastern High School would that change their mind on where they would choose to go to school? Dr. Jan Combs, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning told board members a total of 225 students would utilize the shuttle, an increase of 55 students who originally opted to return to their 'home' school due to lack of transportation options. Those current numbers would cause an imbalance at the high schools. No decision has been made on whether a shuttle will be offered for the coming school year.

FJH RENOVATION PROJECT

Interior improvements are being proposed for Fishers Junior High School, with renovations planned for the media center and academic corridor. The project aims to bring the spaces into line with HSE21 initiatives and to better support group learning. The anticipated cost for the project is \$1.7 million.

AUDITORIUM IMPROVEMENTS

Possible auditorium improvements were shared with the board on Wednesday for Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern (cont.)

High Schools. Both auditoriums need to have new sound, video and lighting systems installed. The anticipated cost for the project at FHS is \$1,160,000. At HHS, it's estimated to cost around \$1,026,000. All systems were originally installed back in 1999.

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LED LIGHTING UPGRADES

The board heard information regarding LED lighting conversions for Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High School, Sand Creek Intermediate, Sand Creek Elementary and Hamilton Southeastern High School on Wednesday. According to Facilities Director Harry Delks, the project represents the second phase of lighting conversions to LED fixtures at HIJH, SCI and SCE. As many classrooms as the budget will allow will be converted at HHS. Delks says dimming will also be incorporated in all classroom areas as outlined by Hamilton Southeastern Schools. The anticipated cost for the project is \$1.8 million.

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NBE SKYLIGHT REPLACEMENT

The board approved a motion to receive bids to replace the skylight at New Britton Elementary School. The project consists of removing the existing skylight components from the main entrance and install new EPDM (ethylene propylene diene terpolymer – a synthetic rubber) flashing over the existing wood curb. This will protect the building from leaks at the base of the skylight where the roof and skylight meet. The new skylight will consist of translucent lenses with a grid that will maintain the appearance of the existing skylight while providing greater moisture protection. The anticipated cost for this project is \$375,000.

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NEW BLEACHERS

The board approved a proposal to replace the bleachers inside the main gym (cont.)

at Hamilton Southeastern High School. The new bleachers will meet all Indiana Building Codes, ADA guidelines and will be handicapped accessible. Facilities Director Harry Delks says because of the new requirements, seating capacity will be reduced from 3,355 to 2,852. The anticipated cost for this project is \$500,000.

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NEW FURNITURE AT NBE

As part of the building renovation at New Britton Elementary, the board approved awarding contracts to three companies that will be providing furnishings. The total cost for the loose equipment is \$564,145.83

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NEW ROOF NEEDED AT RSI

Board members approved bids received to replace portions of the roof at Riverside Intermediate School. The anticipated cost for this project is \$922,000.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Hamilton Southeastern Schools will utilize a change in state law that now allows school districts to opt out of examinations by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) in lieu of using a CPA firm. During last Wednesday's meeting, the board approved the audit committee's recommendation during a first reading to use BKD as the district's Certified Public Accounting Firm that will conduct private audits starting with the 2019-20 school year audit. Until recently, SBOA was the sole provider of audits for Indiana school districts. The audit committee received proposals from four public accounting firms.

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BROADCASTING MEETINGS

Policy B05.05/Broadcasting of Board Meetings was approved 4-3 during (cont.)

a second reading as presented last Wednesday. The policy allows for livestreaming of regular board meetings, giving the public access to the recordings for a minimum of four years. Vice President Sylvia Shepler and board members Amanda Shera and Brad Boyer were the opposing votes.

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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julie Chambers gave a brief update on the Community Engagement Committee, which had its first meeting on February 26.

Equity Committee

(Click for more information.)

Policy Committee

(Click for more information.)

Facilities Committee

(Click for more information.)

Curriculum Committee

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff highlighted several big achievements for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

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