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# Board Summary

## Boys & Girls Clubs Child Care Update

Brian Ace, executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton & Franklin Counties, provided an update to the Richland School Board on his organization's launch of services at elementary schools. Before and after school child care was available at all district elementary schools on the first day of school and Boys & Girls Clubs is working on moving programs at some schools into portable classrooms at those sites.

## Construction Updates

Board members unanimously approved the design for the future Tapteal Elementary that was presented at the Sept. 11 regular meeting. Architect Matt Whitish with Design West Architects presented the design for the Teaching, Learning and Administration Center (TLAC) building that will be built off Keene Road in West Richland. The building will become home to district departments currently housed at multiple locations in Richland as well as provide a larger board room and meeting space. The Tapteal and TLAC projects will be paid for by the bond approved by voters in February 2017.

## Early Learning Center Launch

Katey Bryan, executive director of early learning, gave a report on the start of the district's new Early Learning Center (ELC) in the former Jefferson Elementary building. The ELC opened on the first day of school and is serving nearly 300 children in the state-funded Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and the

district's developmentally delayed preschool program. Areas of the building were remodeled with more work planned in the coming years. Support Services Executive Director Richard Krasner says more parking is planned for the facility and that his department is considering expediting that work to address the need for more parking spaces.

## **Paraeducator-To-Teacher Pipeline Program**

Tony Howard, executive director of human resources, provided an update on the district's participation in a program to assist paraeducators into becoming licensed teachers. The program is part of a partnership with Washington State University (WSU) Tri-Cities where paraeducators continue working in Richland schools as they pursue a teaching degree. Twenty of the district's paraeducators have participated in the program since 2016, with 11 graduating to date and four being hired as teachers in the district. Mr. Howard says that while the program hasn't provided a full return on the district's investment in the program, the few teachers it has generated are trained in special education which is a specialty in high demand. Mr. Howard says the district should continue to participate in the program.

## **School Resource Officers**

School board members reviewed the ongoing discussions regarding a contract for school resource officers (SROs) at Hanford and Richland high schools with the Richland Police Department. The current contract has expired and needs to be renewed. City and police leaders as well as the Board value the SRO program and want it to continue. However, the district and city have other needs and budget constraints so appropriate cost sharing is under discussion. Board members appointed Board President Rick Jansons and Superintendent Rick Schulte to work with City Manager Cindy Reents, Mayor Bob Thompson and Acting Police Chief Jeff Taylor before the Board's next regular meeting on Oct. 9.

## **Enrollment Report**

Dr. Schulte provided the Board the most recent enrollment figures for the first month of school. Total number of students stands at 13,712, a slight increase from about the same time last year. However, the full-time equivalent (FTE) of the district's enrollment, which is used to determine state funding, is more than 200 students below initial projections and represents a loss of about \$3.5 million. Dr. Schulte says the district will closely monitor enrollment ahead of the official count day on Oct. 1 and consider how to adjust the district's budget accordingly.

**Next Regular Meeting: Oct. 9, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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