



Troy City Schools Update

“In Pursuit of Excellence”

FALL 2010

Herman Named Interim Superintendent

The Troy Board of Education has appointed Assistant Superintendent Eric Herman as the Interim Superintendent, replacing Tom Dunn.

Eric Herman has worked in the education field for over 30 years with the last 12 years being in Troy. During his time in Troy, Eric has been a building principal at Hook Elementary, Troy Junior High, and Troy High School. Most recently,



he served as the Director of Technology and as Director

of Curriculum and Instruction before becoming Assistant Superintendent. Prior to coming to Troy, Eric worked in the Kettering School system as a high school administrator.

“It is a pleasure and an honor to be selected to take over for Tom Dunn. We will continue on in the same positive direction,” stated Herman.

Excellent Rating for the Second Year in a Row!

For the second consecutive year, Troy City Schools has earned an “EXCELLENT” rating as a district by the Ohio Department of Education’s annual report card - including six out of nine district buildings that individually were deemed “EXCELLENT.” Our results place us in line with the other elite districts around the state. The district earned 25 out of 26 indicators. Our staff is very pleased with our results and has begun preparing for the 2010 - 2011 school year and upcoming testing.

“It’s fantastic and we are very proud of our teachers and students,” stated Eric Herman, Interim Superintendent. “Many people have worked very hard to achieve and maintain this level for two years in a row.”

Troy Schools Hires New Treasurer

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, the Troy Board of Education approved the appointment of Craig A. Jones as the new Treasurer/CFO of Troy City Schools, replacing Don Pence.

Craig Jones holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Ohio Northern University, with a dual major in Accounting and Finance. He has approximately 25 years experience in accounting and financial positions. He has served as Assistant Treasurer for Dayton City School District

for 11 years before moving to Lakota Local School District where he served for 9 years, both as Assistant Treasurer and also as Treasurer/CFO.

“I am very pleased with the appointment of Mr. Jones,” said Board President Joyce Reives. “The Board has worked hard to fill this very important position. Mr. Jones brings a wealth of talent and experience to Troy City Schools and the community. We are confident that he will help us maintain the level of financial integrity



to which we have become accustomed. While Don Pence will be sorely missed, we look forward to this next phase of history, certain that we’re in good hands.”

Mr. Jones started July 12, 2010.

ONLINE GRADE ACCESS FOR PARENTS

Research shows that a strong communication link between the schools and the home plays a major role in student success. Towards that end, the Troy City Schools provides an online grade access program to parents via the district web site at www.troy.k12.oh.us. By clicking on the “Grades Sign-in” link in the “Parent Access” section on the district’s main page and entering their child’s name and student identification number, parents have up-to-date access to their child’s grades. Parents may call their child’s school to learn more about this valuable tool.

Parents can now also pay for their child’s school lunches, view their school lunch balance, and pay school fees online under the same “Parent Access” link.

The mission of the Troy City Schools, in partnership with our community, is to provide a quality education so our students become productive and responsible citizens.

Education Jobs Fund

The Federal government has provided schools additional funds for teacher jobs. Troy is slated to receive approximately \$572,142. Troy City Schools did not apply for this funding, but was included as part of the total federal plan. We are awaiting details of how the money may be used. Preliminary information from The Ohio Department of Education's Press Secretary, Scott Blake indicates that districts can use the money to hire or retain "resources that impact student learning," including teachers, counselors, bus drivers, and assistant principals.

The basic premise of the money was to rehire teachers who have been laid off or to retain teachers who might be losing their job. At this point we have neither situation in Troy so we are staying optimistic that the grant will be something we can use for Troy City Schools.

TECHNOLOGY IN TROY

Over the past year, many classrooms in the Troy City School district have been receiving technology upgrades that have been funded with both general funds and federal stimulus funds.

Did you know that right now across the district we have:

- * More than 200 LCD projectors
- * More than 150 smart boards
- * More than 20 wireless slates
- * More than 10 document cameras
- * More than 30 sets of student response systems

These technology items are all used on a daily basis to enrich the learning process. We look at technology as a powerful tool that can be used to teach in new and innovative ways helping our students into the new demanding world.

Ohio's Race to the Top

With the news of Ohio being picked as one of the winners of the Federal Race to the Top competitive grant, Troy Schools learned that their share of the funding will be approximately \$355,000. Troy Schools are among 538 total districts and community schools participating. Ohio's Race to the Top (RtT) strategy demonstrates a commitment to bold and innovative education reforms which could impact teaching and learning across the state. Ultimately, the reforms outline in the RtT plan will impact all of Ohio's students.

The areas involved in the plan are training in the new academic standards, staff development for new assessments, defining an instructional improvement system, use of data, value added/growth measures, and teacher evaluations.

The grant has very tight guidelines as the plan for Troy City Schools needs to be completed by mid October so the State has time to finalize the total plan. This is to be a four year comprehensive plan that will need State approval. Many details are still forthcoming from The United States Department of Education and The Ohio Department of Education so planning RtT will be very challenging in meeting deadlines.

Energy Conservation Measures (House Bill 264) Project Update

In 2009 Troy City School selected H.E.A.T. Total Facility Solutions to develop and implement an energy savings program. In our ongoing efforts to control costs and be good stewards of public tax dollars, the district was able to reduce energy costs without cutting programs or laying off staff. A HB 264 energy conservation measure proposal was developed, submitted and approved by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). The goal of the project was to make improvements to the educational environment that result in more comfortable classrooms, which save energy, operational, and maintenance costs.

Work on the project was finished during the summer of 2010. The scope of work included HVAC equipment, occupancy controls and lighting retrofit improvements primarily to Troy Junior High School. Control systems for the HVAC units allow for flexible and customized settings for nights, weekends and holidays. Lighting retrofits, which operate on 1/3 of the wattage of the previous fixtures, were installed in nearly every school gymnasium, which will result in better illumination at a lower cost. In addition, energy efficient lamps and occupancy sensors were installed in various classrooms throughout the district.

Bonds were issued to finance the improvements. The energy, operational and maintenance savings generated from the improvements will be used to repay the debt over a period not to exceed 15 years. Using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 the district issued Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) in the amount of \$1,103,964 at 0% interest to save an estimated \$70,000 per year. Further savings of more than \$18,000 were achieved by participation in the business rebate program offered by the Dayton Power and Light Company.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at the BOE Office, 500 North Market St. Special Meetings are occasionally held with dates and times publicized ahead of time. The next three board meeting dates and times are Monday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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Also, don't forget to visit the school's local cable access Channel 21 on Time Warner Cable to see video-taped board meetings and building-specific events.



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