

# **Board Report**

## **October 14, 2011**

The Branson board of education met in regular session last night in Corporate Woods.

### **Committee Reports**

Karen Hall, chairman of the Branson Education Foundation, provided a recap of the September Superhero Showdown and encouraged board members and administrators to become members of the foundation. Dr. Marcellus spoke on behalf of the board for a recap of the annual MSBA fall conference held earlier in September.

### **Administrative Reports**

The Teacher Minute featured the Junior High School. Kris Spencer and Judi Eason provided an overview of the assessment process and detailed intervention practices. October is Disability Awareness Month and Julia Scott and process coordinators Samantha Henderson, Laura Eakins and Kelly Potter submitted information on the achievements of some of our students with disabilities. Mr. Allen stated that the district is participating in the Care for Kids program again this year through the Herschend Family Foundation. The program provides all Taney county school districts with \$7,200 for students. The money will be used through the social work discretionary fund. The Woodland Hills Church donated \$3,000 to each county school district, also. Dr. Forrest stated that the Jordan Valley Mobile Dental Unit will be on the Cedar Ridge campus for two weeks later this fall. The unit will provide services to children who meet qualifying guidelines. An Energy Education program is being considered for our district. Dr. Forrest stated that the new program could audit our energy use and help us reduce consumption by 20-30%. The program predicts a savings of \$30,000 to the district in the first three months of operation. Dr. Swofford reported on the Ozarks Educational Research Initiative (OERI) which is comprised of 16 school districts representing 75,000 students in southwest Missouri. The two-year initiative will work toward increasing instructional technology and provide best practices in using technology. Those representing the Branson School District on the committee include: Dr. Swofford, Dr. Brenner, Mrs. Worley, Mr. Lampe and Mrs. Romine. Dr. Hayter included the following in his monthly report to the board: an update on the new OTC campus in Hollister; focus groups will be held in November; a legislative update; and an update on the 2011-2012 budget. Student council representatives provided an overview of activities to date.

### **New Business**

The board approved the annual assessment program evaluation as presented by Mr. Allen; approved the Junior High school improvement plan as submitted by Mr. Bronn; and approved the High School improvement plan as submitted by Mr. Arnette.

### **Closed Session**

The board accepted a resignation from Adrianna Ramriez Fuentes, ELL para. The following were considered and approved for employment: Larry Lee, P.E. cafeteria; Kim Ashlock, cafeteria; and Flor Johnson, ELL para. The board also approved the substitute list for October.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education will be held **Thursday, November 10** at 6:30 p.m. in Corporate Woods.