

Board Report

September 9, 2011

The board of education met in regular session last night in Corporate Woods. Mr. Smethers provided an update on the activities of the Branson Schools' Foundation and an overview of the events that are planned for Saturday's Superhero Showdown.

Administrative Reports

The Teacher Minute was presented by Mike Dawson, Stefanie McKoy and Jami Glenn. The presentation was on cooperative learning. Student Council representatives provided an update on building activities. Dr. Hayter reported on early enrollment figures. These totals are representative of the count taken on board meeting day (9-08): K-12 enrollment is 4,589; PK-12 is 4,669. The enrollment represents an increase of 1.8%. The official enrollment count will be taken the last Wednesday in September as required by DESE. Hayter provided an update on the 2010-2011 budget and an update on the proposed Enhanced Enterprise Zone tax abatement proposal that is being considered in Taney County. Community focus groups are scheduled for November – exact dates will be finalized next week. Reports on August orientation meetings were provided by building principals. The High School trap team was honored for earning runner-up status in the national tournament this past summer. The team, led by Mr. McSpadden, provided a recap on the season. Dr. Forrest reported on the light pole removal at the Chase Stadium. The poles have been removed and game schedules for Junior High football and High School soccer have been revised to accommodate for the lack of lighting on the field. Bids will be taken to replace the poles and lights. Total expenses are expected to be between \$150,000 and \$160,000. Dr. Swofford announced that the preliminary APR results will award the district its seventh consecutive Distinction in Performance Award. The district earned 14/14 with the bonus point. Mr. Allen stated that our graduation rate for 2011 was 86.7% with 320 students graduating. Mr. Arnette reported that average BHS ACT score was 22.3 for 2011 (up from 20.9 in 2010). The state average ACT score was 21.6 and the national average was 21.1.

Old Business

The board approved construction documents for the new building program. Bids will be distributed throughout the fall so that construction could begin as early in 2012 as possible.

New Business

The board approved the following: the local compliance plan as recommended by Mrs. Scott; out of state trips for student groups (includes academic and athletic competitions) as recommended by Mr. Dolloff and Mr. Berry; the A+ program evaluation as presented by Mr. Arnette; the annual 2010-2011 dual credit report as presented by Mr. Arnette; and the 2010-2011 advanced placement report as presented by Mr. Arnette.

Closed Session

The board accepted a resignation from Bill O'Toole, bus driver. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Christina Rowe, JH math (increase from ½ time to full time employment); and Paul Kreuger, bus driver. The board reviewed the substitute list for

September. September teacher evaluation reports were reviewed by the board and the administration.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education will be held Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Corporate Woods.