

Board Report

December 20, 2019

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices.

Mrs. Bryant reported on board filings to date. Names appearing on the April ballot include: Rod Romine, Angie Smith, Joel Merrifield and Lane McConnell. Terms will expire for Jeff Smethers, Angie Smith and Craig Wescott. Three will be elected to serve three-year terms.

Administrative Reports

The *Teacher Minute* featured Buchanan Elementary and was presented by Tamara Wilfong and Sunnie Miller. The topic was *Trauma Informed Interventions and Practices*. Student council representatives reported on building activities. Dr. Swofford provided the board with information on the following: DESE update; a review of the preliminary 2020-2021 district calendar (calendar will be approved in January); and announced that Mr. Lourenco has been awarded his doctorate and Dr. Thompson has been named Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year for the southwest region of the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals. Mr. Harris announced that Devon Frieze will be the district's nominee for the MSBA John T. Belcher Scholarship. Dr. Collins provided an update on the *Care for Kids* program funded by the Silver Dollar City Foundation.

New Business

The board approved the following: a renewal bid for property and casualty insurance as recommended by Dr. Forrest; a renewal bid for workers compensation insurance as proposed by Dr. Forrest; a proposal to conduct a technology audit as recommended by Dr. Arnette; and the submission of a *One Million Project* grant as recommended by Mrs. Sheets. The grant is funded by Sprint and will provide WiFi hot spots to 100 students/families who don't have internet access in their homes.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Nicole Waggner, BI SPED (retirement); and Brock Glidwell, Technology Director (effective January 31, 2020). The board considered and approved the following for employment: Yuridia Gastelum, CRI cafeteria; Jacqueline Jussel, bus aide; and Carla Godfrey, PAT educator. The board approved the substitute list for December.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is **Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in the district offices.