

Board Report

January 17, 2020

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

Mrs. Bryant provided the board filing report to date. Filings close January 21. Names appearing on the April 7 ballot include: Rod Romine, Angie Smith, Joel Merrifield and Layne McConnell. Three will be elected to serve three-year terms.

Administrative Reports

The *Teacher Minute* featured the High School foreign language department. A presentation was given by Susanne Ramsey, Max Pfeifer and students who spoke about the Seal of Biliteracy program. Student council representatives reported on building activities. Dr. Swofford provided updates on the following items: DESE; Missouri legislature; announced that a photograph of the Cedar Ridge SRO, Corey Hodzic and a kindergarten student, is among 12 photos receiving recognition through the Community Oriented Policing Services program; and announced that Laurel Calvert has been named the KRZK/Central Bank Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Sheets reported on the Christmas Assistance program. This year, 1,034 children, representing 420 families, received assistance.

New Business

The board approved the following: the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented by Dr. Swofford; the FY 2019 audit as recommended by Dr. Forrest; the annual Safety Program evaluation as presented by Dr. Forrest; the annual Fall Activities report as submitted by Mr. Large; the annual Special Education Evaluation report as presented by Dr. Henderson; and approved a bid to upgrade the HVAC system on the Cedar Ridge campus as proposed by Dr. Arnette.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Lora Niles, HS math (retirement); Donna Schisler, CRE grade two (retirement); Deneen Wuest, CRP kindergarten (retirement); Ben Hopper, CRI SPED; Brendan McGinnis, HS social studies (retirement); Hannah Brown, BI grade five; Kailey Bridges, HS head volleyball coach; and Pixley Carpenter, BE para. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Michelle Brenner, Director of Technology/Digital Learning; Lily Woolsey, BE grade three (replacing sub who was replacing Lori Whorton); and Tiffany Quiring, CRP library aide. The board approved the substitute list for January and reviewed the extracurricular assignments for 2020-2021. The board was updated on the January teacher evaluations. Dr. Swofford's contract was extended by the board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is **Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the district offices.