

Board Report

March 13, 2020

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

Administrative Reports

The *Teacher Minute* featured Buchanan Intermediate. Melody Alms and Tracy Gones provided an overview of the School Store, used to benefit students, at the Intermediate. Student council representatives provided an update on building activities. Dr. Swofford reported on the following topics: legislative update; DESE update; the Taney County Partnership hosted a Career Fair for students at the High School; the COVID-19 virus; and his attendance at the March meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education. Swofford congratulated the following: Joseph Jafari (senior) has received an appointment to West Point Military Academy; *Dancing with the Stars* participants Anthony Lourenco, Bryan Bronn, Jared Beshore and Sunshine Ridinger helped the senior class raise over \$13,000 for Project Graduation; Bethany Sooter has been named the KRZK/Central Bank Teacher of the Month; and Stacie Thompson for her recognition from the MAESP organization. Mrs. Bryant reviewed the ballot for the April 7 board of education election.

New Business

The board approved the following: a bond refinance sale parameter (to refinance bonds) as recommended by Dr. Forrest; an FV-4 grant application for the HS business department (\$58,800) as submitted by Mr. Harris; the gifted program evaluation as submitted by Mr. Dean; the PDC program evaluation as presented by Mrs. Williams and Dr. Dawson; and a recommendation to renew the policy maintenance agreement with the Missouri School Boards Association from Dr. Dawson.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Nikki Storment, BI grade five; Tessa Peebles, CRI grade five; Katie Fender, CRI grade six; Megan Corya, BE grade one; Charlie Andrews, bus driver; Allison Stephens, HS cafeteria; Hope Hamm, CRE cafeteria; Pat Fairchild, HS secretary (retirement); and Alaina Williams, ADAPT Coordinator. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Anna Chipman, CRI grade five; Mackenzie Sellers, BE grade two; Greg Bettis, JH SPED; Allison Brookhart, HS math; Keylee Brown, CRE grade two; Alexis Mitchell, HS SPED; Makenzie Walker, BE grade one; and Jason Reinsch, HS psychology/social studies. The board reviewed teacher employment for the 2020-2021 school year and the substitute list for March.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is **Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.**