

Board Report

February 17, 2017

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

Administrative Reports

The Teacher Minute featured Buchanan Intermediate and the global partnership with international classrooms through the JDO Foundation. Presenters were Kari Houston and Kellsey Bradley. Student council representatives reported on building activities. Dr. Swofford provided information to the board on the following topics: the January student count is down slightly from the September count; a recap of the January visit to the district by Commissioner of Education, Margie Vandeven; and an update on legislative issues. Mr. Arnette reported on the progress of the ADAPT partnership with the Taney County Health Department. Mr. Watson reported on bus ridership. Dr. Brenner provided an update on the activities of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts (GOCSO) and the Branson District's social media challenge that was just completed. Dr. Gray reported that students at Cedar Ridge Intermediate raised \$3,849.86 for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society in honor of their nurse, Leah Standridge.

New Business

The board approved the following: a proposal from George K. Baum and Associates to refinance bonds, saving the district interest expense; policy updates proposed by MSBA and recommended by Mr. Arnette; an F-V4 technology grant application as submitted by Mr. Harris; a district mowing contract with Green Side Up as recommended by Mr. Cutbirth; the ESL/ELL, Title I, homeless and migrant program evaluation as recommended by Mrs. Sheets; the annual gifted program evaluation as submitted by Mr. Dean; two change orders for seating renovation at the baseball field as recommended by Dr. Forrest; and the annual safety program evaluation as submitted by Dr. Forrest.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Lisa Phillips, BE counselor (retirement); JoBeth Lisby, JH P.E. (retirement); Jeff Bressler, HS math (retirement); Stacy Cole, HS math; April Huddleston, BE kindergarten; and Julie Donovan, BE kindergarten. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Crismon Brayman, HS JROTC; Joanna Hayes, HS English; Lauren Dorris, HS P.E./head volleyball coach; Nicholas Griffin, JH SPED; Brady Thompson, CRI counselor; Laurel Calvert, CRI grade four; Jamey Derks, CRE music; and Olivia Tristan, CRE cafeteria. The board approved the substitute list for February. The board also approved the superintendent's recommendation for the renewal of administrative appointments for the 2017-2018 school year.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education is **Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the district offices.