

# **Board Report**

## **September 16, 2016**

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

### **Administrative Reports**

The Teacher Minute featured the Junior High. Tim Long, Karen Hart, Jack Harris and Bryan Bronn provided a video excerpt from a summer trip to Gettysburg, Jamestown, and Richmond, Virginia prepared especially for a district lesson on the Civil War. The interactive video will be used throughout the Civil War unit at the Junior High. Student council representatives provided an overview of building activities. Dr. Swofford reported on the following topics: a DESE conference was held in Bolivar earlier this month; preliminary enrollment figures are 4,798 (the actual count day is the last Wednesday in September as required by DESE); Mr. Bronn and Mr. Arnette have been selected to be presenters at the MSBA Conference in October; and a budget update was provided. Dr. Swofford announced that the High School Mass Media class submitted a video on public schools to the MSBA contest. Winners will be announced later this month. Principals reported on Open House attendance. Mrs. Sheets reported that the preliminary APR figures should be released October 4. Mr. Harris provided an overview of the ACT scores for 2016. This is the first year that the ACT test was made mandatory for all juniors attending Missouri public schools. The scores reflect a drop from last year's scores. Branson's average composite score was 19.9 and the Missouri average composite score was 20.2. Mr. Dean provided an overview of the new JDO technology grant that is underway at Buchanan Intermediate. The grant pairs three sixth grade classrooms with three international classrooms to collaborate, communicate and share ideas. The school will receive 90 Chromebooks and 15 iPads for use with the three-year program.

### **New Business**

The board approved the following: out of state trips for the 2016-2017 school year as recommended by Mr. Harris; the A+ program evaluation as submitted by Mr. Harris; the 2015-2016 dual credit report as submitted by Mr. Harris; the 2015-2016 advanced placement report as presented by Mr. Harris; and policy revisions as recommended by Mr. Arnette.

### **Closed Session**

The board considered and approved the following for employment: Yaffah Lewis, day care; Johanna Turner, CRP para; James Lewis, CRI para; Garrett Hoag, JH custodian; Jeffery Stutzman, CRP custodian; Pete Peterson, HS custodian; Edward Harrell, HS custodian; and Julie Higgerson, HS secretary. The board approved the substitute list for September. The annual September teacher evaluation report was reviewed by the board.

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