

Board Report

February 19, 2016

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

Administrative Reports

Buchanan Intermediate presented a Teacher Minute on STEM research. The presentation was made by Melody Alms, Kelly Neal and sixth grade students. Jeff Howard and some of his High School students were also on hand with a Teacher Minute. Their presentation gave examples of how the student Tech Team helps students and staff throughout the district with technology. Student council representatives reported on activities in their respective buildings. Dr. Swofford provided updates on the following: January enrollment is up from the January 2015 enrollment count; Community Focus Group meetings are scheduled April 5, 6, and 7; the Taney County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Team would like to partner with Branson School District; the COC has received a request from Joplin to be admitted to the conference; and updates on county and legislative issues were provided. Dr. Swofford publicly acknowledged the accomplishments of staff members who are presenting at area professional development conferences. Cindy Nevins, representing BTA/MSTA, thanked the board for their service and presented gifts to them in honor of School Board Appreciation Week.

New Business

The board approved the following: the submission of a Missouri Preschool Project grant as presented by Dr. Worley; a mowing contract with Green Side Up as presented by Mr. Cutbirth; the safety program evaluation as submitted by Dr. Forrest; the annual program evaluation for ESOL/ELL, Title I, the homeless and migrant population as submitted by Mr. Allen; and the gifted program evaluation as submitted by Mr. Dean.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Becky Cook, JH English; Mary Arnold, HS social studies; Arielle Metzger, BI grade five; Allie Hammond, HS English; Jane Boone, CRP secretary; Patricia Eli, CRP custodian; Anna Mullet, CRI, para; and Allen Sanow, BE custodian. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Tim Butler, JH assistant principal; Hannah Ramsey, BI grade five; Hannah Brown, BI grade five; Amy Johnson, CRE reading recovery; Janelle Carter, CRI Title I literacy; Xann Boyd, CRP special education; Shelley Sloan, CRP secretary; Dian Stick, HS custodian; and Jeff VanderHeyden, HS cafeteria. The board approved the substitute list for February. The board approved the superintendent's recommendation for administrative appointments for the 2016-17 school year.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education is **Thursday, March 10, 2016.**