Board Report January 21, 2016

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices. Mrs. Bryant reported that filings closed January 19 for the April 5 board election. Names appearing on the ballot include: Dale Speelman, Roger Frieze and Debbie Keller. Terms will expire for Frieze and Keller. It was announced that School Board Recognition Week is January 25-29. Gifts were presented to members from building representatives.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Swofford reported on the following items: make up days for inclement weather; community focus groups will be scheduled April 4-8; district goals for strategic planning; an update on legislative issues; and an overview of the BHS band trip to Memphis where the students performed at the Liberty Bowl and marched in a parade. Mr. Allen reported that the Christmas Assistance program, organized by the social work office, provided gifts for 1,050 students through the generosity of 326 community sponsors.

New Business

The board approved the following items: the 2016-2017 school calendar (attached) as presented by Dr. Swofford; the FV-4 grant application as recommended by Mr. Arnette; the FY 2015 audit as presented by Dr. Forrest; the special education program evaluation as presented by Dr. Henderson; the 2015 fall activities report as presented by Mr. Large; and the 2015-2016 budget revisions as recommended by Dr. Swofford.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Cindy Nevins, CRE reading recovery; Wendy Beck, HS English; William Gowers, HS vocal music; and Renee Nicol, BI cafeteria. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Jack Harris, HS principal; Molly Scott, ECSE instructor; Eric Watson, JH custodian; Amy Matson, ECSE para; and Ashlee Flynn, CRP para. The board approved the substitute list for January.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education is **Thursday, February 18** at 6:30 p.m. in the district offices.