

Board Report

December 20, 2017

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices. Kim Bryant, board secretary, reported that there have been three filings for two openings on the board of education. To date, the names of Dan Boone, Cole Currier and Peter Marcellus will appear on the April ballot to serve a three-year term on the board. Filings close January 16.

Administrative Reports

Student council representatives reported on building activities. Dr. Swofford provided information on the following topics: DESE; the tentative 2018-2019 school calendar; the social work office organized the distribution of Christmas gifts, which were provided by many staff members and student organizations, to 1,008 of our students; a recap of the reception held for outgoing state school board member Peter Herschend; and High School tech students, under the instruction of Jeff Howard, have been selected to be presenters at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference next June. Mr. Harris announced that Alex Brown, senior, will be the high school representative for the MSBA John Belcher Scholarship. Dr. Collins provided a report on the Care for Kids program.

Old Business

The board rejected all bids for the restrooms/storage areas at the new elementary activity fields as recommended by Dr. Forrest. A revised bond resolution, as recommended by Dr. Forrest, was approved.

New Business

The board approved the following: the finance program evaluation as submitted by Dr. Swofford; change orders to construction at the activity fields as recommended by Dr. Forrest; and a seal of biliteracy for high school diplomas as recommended by Mr. Arnette. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school district or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages in high school. The seal became effective in Missouri October 2017. Board policies were approved as submitted by Mr. Arnette and recommended by MSBA.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Lance Duncan, JH physical education (effective end of first semester); Donna Booth, HS science (retirement); Jill Brock, CRP kindergarten teacher (end of school year); Terri Strom, bus aide; Angela Combs, CRP para; Ethan Demarce, bus driver; and Laresa Depew, CRI cafeteria. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Angie Ferguson, bus aide; Khristine Dornquast, CRI cafeteria Alexander Sohl, JH custodian; Debbie Bethel, CRP para; and Jonathan Cooley, HS para. The board approved the substitute list for December.

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