

Board Report

January 19, 2018

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

Jonas Arjes, representing the Taney County Partnership, addressed the board in regard to the proposed Branson Adventures TIF for the area. Kim Bryant provided a report on board filings for the April 3 election. Names appearing on the ballot will include: Dan Boone, Cole Currier, Peter Marcellus, Brian Christian; and Dale Speelman. Two will be elected to serve three-year terms. BTA representatives Todd Koon and Besty McQueen presented gifts to board members in honor of School Board Appreciation Week (January 22-26).

Administrative Reports

The *Teacher Minute* featured the High School. Mary Beth Calkin, Julie Schreffler and students provided an overview of the AP Capstone Program. Dr. Swofford reported on the following items: DESE updates; a legislative update; the Branson Education Foundation chili supper, held January 12, was well-attended; three snow days will result in changes to the 2017-2018 calendar (make up day February 19; add two days in May); and publicly thanked the maintenance crew for getting the buildings ready for students and staff following the snow, along with the transportation department for all the drives to check road conditions. Mrs. Sheets reported that 1,008 students were provided gifts through the Christmas Assistance Program organized by the social work office.

New Business

The board approved the following: the 2018-2019 school calendar as submitted by Dr. Swofford; the FY 2017 audit as presented by Dr. Forrest; the fall activities report as submitted by Mr. Large; a \$50,000 grant application for the ADAPT Coalition as recommended by Mrs. Sheets; and the special education evaluation as submitted by Dr. Henderson.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Cara Gammill, HS counselor (retirement); Christina Hughes, CRP secretary (end of school year); Lauren Dorris, HSVB coach and history; and Jerry Simms, bus driver (retirement). The board considered and approved the following for employment: Trenton Moeller, JH P.E. (replacing Lance Duncan for remainder of the 2017-2018 school year); Jacob Hamon, JH P.E. (2018-2019 school year); Alexander Gomez, BI cafeteria; Elizabeth Curtis, HS cafeteria; Jessica Stanford, CRE cafeteria; and Michael Brand, bus driver. The substitute list for January was approved by the board. The January teacher evaluation cycle was reviewed by the board with principals. The board conducted the annual review of the superintendent's contract.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education is **Thursday, February 22** at 6:30 p.m. in the district offices.