

Board Report

August 17, 2018

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices. Gerry Lee, representing the MSBA, presented the Branson board with a plaque for achieving MSBA's Governance Award.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Swofford provided the board with the following reports: Dr. Worley, the High School Capstone class and the board of education have been selected to present at the annual MSBA meeting in September; updates from the DESE Conference he attended, along with Forrest and Arnette, in August; a recap of the August Primary results; new facilities will be open at OTC for HVAC programs; and Angela Amtower has been appointed to the state FACS board. Mrs. Sheets announced that preliminary enrollment is 4,875. Dr. Brenner provided a recap of the Teaching and Learning Institute. The Junior High faculty handbook was presented by Dr. Bronn and the High School faculty handbook was presented by Mr. Steele. Dr. Forrest presented an update on the completion of summer building projects.

New Business

The board approved the following: the annual tax rate was set at \$3.5630 (slight decrease) as recommended by Dr. Swofford; the annual submission of the application for state school aid, transportation report and the secretary of the board report to DESE as recommended by Dr. Swofford; the summer school program evaluation as submitted by Dr. Worley; an ADAPT grant application as recommended by Mrs. Sheets; an Opioid Resource grant application as prepared by Mrs. Sheets; a Taking Down Tobacco grant application as submitted by Mrs. Sheets; and the annual curriculum program evaluation as prepared by Mrs. Sheets.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Jennifer Thomas, BE grade three; Jacklyn Miller CRE grade three; Angie Ferguson, bus aide; Jessica Woody, BE custodian; Susan Gonzalez, BE cafeteria; Shawntae Hart, HS cafeteria; Becky Groman, CRE cafeteria; Olivia Tristan, CRE cafeteria; Stacey Garr, CRE cafeteria; Roy Hardy, HS para; and Susant Newton, CRE para. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Michelle Kelley, Missouri Preschool Program; Michelle Newman, CRP/CRE/BE music; Kaleigh Shaw, CRE grade three; Kelsey Steele, CRE grade three; Kelly Gaddy-Hartman, JH para; Kerri Lawson, CRE para; Lacey Mitchell, CRI para; Margaret Smith, CRE para; Pamela Storm, HS para; Sarita Haberlein, BI para; Brenda L. Smith, CRP para; Ellen Ford, CRP cafeteria; Candace Fischer, BE cafeteria; Brenda Smith, HS cafeteria; Michael Matney, transportation service writer; Joseph Seymour, bus driver; Mike Brand, bus driver, Tracy Camden, bus driver; Mike DeRusse, bus driver; and James Books, bus driver. The board approved the substitute list for August and reviewed the extracurricular assignment list for the 2018-2019 school year.

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