

# **Board Report**

## **December 19, 2018**

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices. Kim Bryant, board secretary, reported that, to date, the following names will appear on the April ballot: Peter Marcellus, Roger Frieze and Carolyn Boss. Two will be elected to serve three-year terms. Board filings close January 15, 2019.

### **Administrative Reports**

The *Teacher Minute* featured Buchanan Elementary and was led by Amber Barbee, Melissa Harris, Jennifer Webber and second graders. The students wrote an opinion piece on what it means to be a “10” and read it to board members. A video was created by the teachers and featured students and staff. Student council representatives provided updates on building activities. Dr. Swofford presented the draft of the 2019-2020 school year calendar. The calendar will be officially approved in January. Swofford also provided updates on the following items: DESE; Christmas Assistance program through the social work office; and congratulated Dr. Chip Arnette, who earned his doctorate in education. Mr. Harris reported that Evander Gonzalez’s name has been submitted for consideration as a recipient of the John T. Belcher Scholarship. A report on the *Care for Kids* program, through the Silver Dollar City Foundation, was presented by Dr. Collins.

### **New Business**

The board considered and approved the following: a renewal for property and casualty insurance as recommended by Dr. Forrest; a renewal for workers compensation insurance as proposed by Dr. Forrest; the finance program evaluation as presented by Dr. Swofford; and the recommendation, by Dr. Forrest, to conduct a facility study regarding the grounds of the Cedar Ridge campus. The study will be conducted by Great River Engineering.

### **Closed Session**

The board accepted resignations from the following: Rhonda Graham, BI special education; Barbara Head, reading recovery (retirement); Cheryl Bosley, BE grade two (retirement); Kirk Sloan, HS science (retirement); Judi Eason, JH English (retirement); Pam Grisham CRE counseling secretary; and Jose Valiente, bus driver. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Cara Pemberton, BI special education; Dawn Brooks, bus driver; Richard Martin, bus driver; Mike Cole, bus driver; and Sarah Lee, BE cafeteria. The board reviewed the substitute list for December. The annual evaluation of the superintendent’s contract was conducted by the board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is **Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the district offices.