

Board Report

January 18, 2019

The board of education met in regular session last night in the district offices. Board secretary, Kim Bryant, provided a board filing report. Names appearing on the April 2 ballot include: Peter Marcellus, Roger Frieze, Carolyn Boss and Lane McConnell. Two will be elected to serve three-year terms. In honor of School Board Recognition (February 11-15), the board was provided gifts from BTA, JH student council and HS student council.

Administrative Reports

The *Teacher Minute* featured the High School. Mr. Steele and students provided an overview of the career tech opportunities that are offered at the High School including programs through OTC. Student Council representatives provided updates on building activities. Dr. Swofford reported to the board on the following items: DESE update; legislative update; and announced that Myra McNeill has been named the KRZK/Central Bank Teacher of the Month; Tim Peters has authored a book on fly fishing; and Ben Walworth is among 100 high school students selected for the Disney Dreamers Academy. Dr. Forrest provided an update on a safety audit that will look into district practices currently in place. Mrs. Romine announced that community forums will be scheduled this spring to provide parents and the community with information about how social media is used throughout the district. Mrs. Sheets reviewed the Christmas Assistance Program with the board.

New Business

The board approved the following: the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented by Dr. Swofford; the fiscal year 2018 audit as presented by Dr. Forrest; the annual Fall Activities Report as recommended by Mr. Large; the annual Special Education Program Evaluation as recommended by Dr. Henderson; a master's of education program agreement between the district and Evangel University as recommended by Dr. Swofford; and the Professional Development Program Evaluation as recommended by Dr. Brenner.

Closed Session

The board accepted resignations from the following: Toni Ewing, HS counselor (retirement); Kim Pingleton, BE librarian (retirement); Elizabeth Renshaw, HS science; Chad Enlow, JH social studies; Elizabeth Taylor, CRP speech pathologist; Alexis Spain, CRP kindergarten; Ruth Lautenschlager, HS cafeteria; Janie Dillon, HS para; and Janis Cravens, CRP para (retirement). The board considered and approved the following for employment: Cora Johnson, HS FACS (second semester); Shelby Roberts, JH P.E. (second semester); Titus Goodrich, HS para; and Lisa Furtkamp, .4 time caseworker (Skaggs Legacy Mental Health Grant). The board approved the substitute list for January. An update on the January teacher evaluation report was reviewed with administration. The board approved the annual renewal of the superintendent's contract.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the district offices.