Board Report  
August 16, 2019

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

Administrative Reports
Dr. Swofford provided information on the following items: the district will have three presentations at the Missouri School Boards’ Annual conference in September (Dr. Henderson; staff from CRE; and staff from CRP); an overview of the DESE conference held in July; a legislative update; and a public “thank you” to all district employees for the hard work that goes into making the first few days so successful.

Dr. Dawson reported on the district’s preliminary enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. The official count day is the last Wednesday in September. Dr. Brenner provided an overview of the Teaching and Learning Institute that took place in July. The Junior High Faculty Handbook was presented by Dr. Bronn and the High School Faculty Handbook was presented by Mr. Lourenco. Dr. Arnette provided an update on construction projects completed during the summer months.

New Business
The board approved the following items: the annual tax rate hearing was held and the rate will be $4.2638 (no change in rate) as recommended by Dr. Swofford; a resolution authorizing the submission of application for state aide, the transportation report and the secretary of the board report to DESE as presented by Dr. Swofford; an application for an ADAPT grant as proposed by Mrs. Sheets; the annual curriculum program evaluation as recommended by Mrs. Sheets; the summer school program evaluation as presented by Dr. Worley; and the DESE local compliance plan as recommended by Dr. Henderson.

Closed Session
The board accepted resignations from the following: Cora Johnson, HS FACS; Lori Whorton, BE grade three; Cheryl Goss, CRP cafeteria; Kristine Dornquast, CRI cafeteria; Shanna Swatsenbarg, JH cafeteria; Tiffnie Chandler, BI 10-month secretary; Leslye Young, para; Titus Goodrich, HS para; Cynthia Harris, bus aide; and Terry Harris, bus driver. The board considered and approved the following for employment: Elicia Sohn, HS FACS; Donna Presley, BI grade six; Jessica Torres, CRP cafeteria; Denise Meyer, BI 10-month secretary; Halie Bolin, BI para; Mandy Boutwell, CRI para; Vanessa Bronn, CRP, Para; Jennifer Keysor, BE para; Kaelea Lokovich, HS para; Shaundra Sprinkle, BE para; Cynthia Trimble, CRE para; Hope Ellsworth, CRP Para; Toni Hellmer, HS para; Taylor Poor, HS para; and Kenneth Neal, BE custodian. The board approved the substitute list for August and reviewed extracurricular assignments for 2019-2020.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Branson board of education is Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the district offices.