

August 14, 2008 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education was held on the 14th in the Middle School Math Pod. During Executive Session, the board accepted the resignation of Billie Dickson, aide position and Kathleen Wilson, Middle School science. Barbara Littrell was approved for the position of Montgomery City Elementary custodian. Jeff Davis was approved for a contract to teach Middle School science. Extra duty assignment for cross country was offered to Gary Ash. The board also approved the residency waivers for three high school students and one early graduation request.

At 7:30 the Montgomery County R-II Board held the annual tax rate hearing. The school district takes in tax revenue from three counties, with the bulk of the funds coming from Montgomery County. The board approved the \$3.2772 rate for the school year ending June 30, 2009.

During recognition Madonna Pund honored Lindsey Engemann for the completion of the Professional Development Academy. Dr. Ward recognized the Board and all of the administrators for the work put into the Leadership Retreat. During the retreat the leadership team put together the focus for the year, which included; communication, focus on assessments and collaborative team building. All buildings will be addressing these questions.

1. What do we want our students to know?
2. How will we know they have learned it?
3. What will we do if students are not successful?
4. What will we do if students have learned at a high level?

During Previous Business Bart Korman, a representative from Lewis-Bade, made a presentation to the board on possible solutions to the water runoff problem at Jonesburg Elementary parking lot. During heavy downpours the driveway drains into the front doors. An 8 inch PVC storm sewer pipe, approximately 160 feet long, will be installed at the site. David Gaines addressed the board on the sidewalk project that will connect the walking trail at the MS to Montgomery City.

Dr. Ward updated the board on summer projects that included: the completion of renovation to the middle school restrooms, completion of the front windows at the high school, hot water run to one of the two restroom areas at the MCE (the other will be completed after the start of school), completion of the new parking lot at MCE, and preventative maintenance to all air conditioners in the district. One side of fencing has been removed from the football field, but will be in place before the first home game on September 5th.

Janet Stumbaugh answered questions concerning the MSIP survey that had been tabled from the July meeting.

Reports included a Facilities and Safety report from Superintendent Ward. Some concerns are the lack of space in the elementary libraries, handicap accessibility at Bellflower, the overall age of the facilities and the number of maintenance staff to handle all five campuses. Dr. Ward

asked Janet Stumbaugh, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, to report on the preliminary AYP. The district failed to meet the qualifications of NCLB in sub-group achievement. Dr. Ward informed the board that the ala carte line, at the high school, will only serve foods that meet or exceed the qualifications of the district Wellness Policy. All fried items have been removed and replaced with baked. The vending machines will be off during lunch and on after school with only healthy offerings. OPAA has offered to supply a box lunch for after school activities, at a cost.

In other action the board set graduation for May 15, raised sub-custodial/secretary pay to \$8.00 per hour and mileage reimbursement to .40 per mile.

The Board adjourned Regular Session and went back into Executive Session to discuss the goals for Superintendent Ward.

The next meeting will be September 11th at the Montgomery City Elementary.