

The regular meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education was held June 11th in the Middle School Art Room. Board members present were Maria Stille, Heath Sellenriek, John Wood, Jim Beattie, Laurie Sippel, and Candace Reagan. During Executive Session, the board accepted the resignations of Cara Weekley and Rod Dollins. The board offered probationary contracts to Larry McMinn (MS Science), Brian Hammond (Elementary Teacher), Allison Brower (MS Special Education) and Kristy Duello (Elementary Teacher). Extra duty assignments included Jessie Cobb (Golf), Ben Blank (Conditioning), Don Moultrie (Baseball), Mitch Jenkins (MS Track), Mark Clements (MS Track), Chasity Rodgers (HS Track), and Donnie Bethel (JV Baseball).

The board adjourned Executive Session and heard a report on metal roofs from Steve Spade A-Lert Roofing.

In Regular Session Consent the board extended membership with the Missouri School Board Association and put used weight equipment on the surplus bid list.

During Recognition Debby Guile (Bellflower Principal) and Janice Edgar (Coach), reported on the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition in Ames, Iowa. Students attending were Eric Queathem, Dylan Miller, Joey Schlueter, Hanna Lane, and Grant Shanks. The board also, recognized retiring Principal Larry Geib by issuing him a year's dues to the Missouri Retired Teachers Association.

In New Business the board approved to amend the 2008-2009 budget to actual figures and to pay the remaining bills for this fiscal year. The board also approved the 7% fund 4 transfer of \$500,000 to cover capital projects for the 2010 budget year. Some of those expenses include the purchase of a new boiler and hot water heater/1000 gallon reserve at the high school. The board will be accepting bids on the boiler replacement through June 24th. Dr. Ward presented the board with the 2009-2010 budget that was approved. With the addition of the stimulus dollars and the reductions for this coming year the board approved a balanced budget. Dr. Ward commented "the need to evaluate all programs because of this one time money we will need to make reductions for the coming years to remain balanced." The board also reviewed the procedure for the issuing of the Sharp Loan checks to students attending a school of higher learning.

In the Superintendent's Report Dr. Ward updated the board on summer projects that include the expansion to the Montgomery City Elementary cafeteria, high school restroom renovations, replacement of hot water heater and reserve tank at the high school, and moving the modular trailer from Bellflower to Jonesburg. Bids have been requested for the replacement of the boiler at the high school and will be accepted on June 24th. The week of July 6th asbestos abatement will begin in the boiler room for the replacement of the boiler and hot water heater. Dr. Ward brought to the attention of the board a problem in the drain cover at Montgomery City Elementary. Due to all the rain erosion has taken place around the concrete, which causes a safety issue. This will be addressed as soon as the area dries out. Dr. Ward has applied for a grant totally over \$18,000 for the replacement of cafeteria equipment at Jonesburg that includes a reach in freezer, mixer, and milk cooler. The grant is funded through the stimulus package. The board heard a report and reviews on the scope of work from Joe Brazil and Tim Delanty, from TREMCO, on roof replacements at the high/middle school and windows at the high school. Dr. Ward asked the board to consider applying for career ladder funds to be utilized by teachers with national board certification. The District would be required to match a portion of the yearly stipend. The board also approved a one time stipend for all employees, except administrators.

The next scheduled meeting for the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education will be July 9th in the Middle School Art Room.