

The regular meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> in the High School Library. During the Executive Session, the board accepted the early graduation request for Jessica Kessler, David Haynes, Carina Clemens, Miranda Hillebrand, and Sayla McClain. The board also approved residency waivers for David Thompson and Zachary Kottwitz.

In the Consent Agenda the board approved addition to the substitute teacher list and the 2008-09 bus routes.

During recognition Dr. Ward recognized all staff of the district for being selected by the Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. He also recognized Holly Neske for the work she did on writing and successfully being awarded the ICAN Grant for the second time. With this new award, the focus will be on students K-5 with continuance of doubled elementary PE time, a budget for elementary PE equipment, and beyond school hour programs. Madonna Pund recognized Brian Hammond for going above and beyond his duties as a personal/classroom paraprofessional. Brian meets his student at home games and pushes his wheelchair along the sidelines so the student can participate as a team manager/statistician. High School Principal Lisa Bethel, recognized Rebecca Mosley, high school art instructor, for being selected as one of the 26 teachers in the nation to participate in the Kansas City Art Institute's ArtLab. She has been instrumental in revamping art offerings and increased enrollment in classes at the high school.

During regular business the board amended the 2008-09 calendar to reflect an early out for October 17<sup>th</sup>. This date will be used to prepare teachers for the parent teacher conferences scheduled for October 23 (3:00 – 8:00) and the 24<sup>th</sup> (8:00-12:00). All elementary and middle school parents need to contact the school to schedule an appointment and the high school has an open format. The board heard a report from Holly Neske on the new ICAN Grant Award from the Missouri Foundation for Health. The grant will be used over the next three years and totals \$337,490.

Reports included a review of performance standards and plans for improvement of student performance presented by Assistant Superintendent in charge of Curriculum and Instruction Janet Stumbaugh. Dr. Ward reported to the board on the September Membership count for this year and the enrollment is down 7 students from his time last year (1287.9/1294.71). Jonesburg's enrollment increased twenty students (158/138), Montgomery Elementary increased 4 students (334.91/330.08), and Bellflower decreased eight students (95.5/103.5), Middle School decreased 18.30 students (278.11/296.41) and the High School decreased 5.34 students (412.38/426.72). He reported to the board concerning a drainage issue after rains at the Jonesburg playground. Maintenance Director, Mike Schofield, will look into removing high spots to allow the water to run into the tile drains. The board adopted a resolution in support of H. R. 6239 that would put a temporary suspension on NCLB, until reauthorization in June.

The board scheduled the yearly walk around for October 30 and will start with the Central Office at 8:00. The next scheduled meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at Bellflower Elementary.