

September 11, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education met on Thursday, September 11th in the Montgomery City Elementary Cafeteria. During Executive Session, the board approved to hire Michelle Baillie, as a para-professional in the middle school and Debbie Mohundro for the 4 hour custodial position at the high school. The board also reviewed Dr. Ward's goals for the upcoming school year.

At 7:30 the Board went into regular session. During recognition Dr. Ward and High School Principal Lisa Bethel recognized the Montgomery County R-II High School FFA Chapter for receiving national achievement as a three star chapter. Those present were advisor Laura Cooley, students Logan Reese, Alyssa Thomas, Elizabeth Queathem, Katie Queathem, Jamie Ybarra, and David Reagan. They will be presented with the award at the national convention in late October. Also recognized was Jonesburg Principal Larry Geib for being chosen to participate in a national forum on rural education, in Denver, Colorado.

In New Business Bill Biggs and Lorne Poindexter, representing the Little League Association reported to the board of the possibility of breaking ground on the new ball field in November. Parking has been a concern during the summer months and they asked the board to explore the possibility of adding a new lot next to the new field. Under the direction of Corey Felten, Dr. Ward, Mike Schofield, Bill Biggs, and Lorne Poindexter placement of a lot will be reviewed. Lindsey Engemann, Professional Development Chair Person updated the board on activities taking place in the district. The board approved two more early release dates to help teachers meet the needs of the four focus questions. The administrators will review the calendar and report back in October for the approval of dates. The board approved participation in the MSBA Medicaid Claiming Consortium.

Under reports the board reviewed the Support Service Report submitted by Dr. Ward, Assistant Superintendent Janet Stumbaugh updated the board on the State Board of Education Waiver Review. The State Board approved the classification of Accredited for the Montgomery County R-II School District. Dr. Ward updated the board on the new fence at the high school football field and the need to construct a wheelchair ramp for one of the trailers at Jonesburg. Dr. Ward thanked the Bellflower PTO for the painting of the front entrance at the elementary. The three elementary schools were denied participation in the fresh fruit and veggie grant program and the board agreed to purchase a portable computer lab to be used by the traveling librarian. The next meeting for the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education will be October 9th at the high school.