

DECEMBER 9, 2010 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education met In Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Art Room. Prior to Regular Session the Board met in Executive Session to discuss legal issues for the District.

Under Recognition, Students Representatives Molly Porter and Michael Brown recognized the High School Student Council. In attendance was Kim O'Fallon (sponsor) and members Molly Block and Alex Ahrens. They reviewed all of the activities for the year which included blood drives, Winter Formal, Homecoming, clothing drive, baskets for Girl's town, Lion's Club Barbeque, and scholarship opportunities. Thirty-six members will be participating in the Annual Polar Bear Plunge which raises funds for Special Olympics. Their goal is to obtain \$1800 which will cover the \$50 entry fee per member. Dr. Ward recognized Mr. Felten, Mrs. Bethel and those that helped with another successful basketball tournament.

Mrs. Stumbaugh Achievement Report included updates on professional development and professional learning communities. She also presented the Board with a revision to Goal 2 to the CSIP revision. Goal 2 will now state "Montgomery County R-II School District will have at least a 95% attendance rate and at least a 90% graduation rate." This was approved by the Board under New Business.

Under Old Business the Board continued discussion of the 4 day week. The Board asked Dr. Ward to put together three sample calendars that will include start and end times. SB 291 (4 Day Week) was passed two years ago to present districts options to address the ongoing reductions in education funding.

Under New Business the Board approved the CSIP revision and heard the monthly report from the MSBA. One topic of discussion to be discussed this session is open enrollment. Open enrollment would allow students to transfer to any school across the state. MSBA opposes this because of transportation and funding issues.

April McCown presented the Library Media Report. Stated weaknesses were lack of funding and availability at the Middle and Elementary Schools. Strengths: Average age of library materials has increased, make advancements within budget restraints, research data bases, and United Streaming.

Dr. Ward updated the Board on the security system installation at the Middle School, ceiling tile replacement at the High School, review of a transportation routing system compatible with the student information system, application to purchase a bus with ARRA funds, and will make a recommendation in February to a "pay to participate" fee. The fee would help cover expenses associated with extracurricular activities. Mr. Felten will be assisting Dr. Ward in this recommendation.

Under Board activities the filing for the April 5th election will start December 14th at 8:00 a.m. and run through January 18th at 5:00 p.m. There are three/three year terms to be filled. Incumbents include: Maria Stille, Candi Reagan, and Laurie Sippel. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery City Elementary Cafeteria.

The Board adjourned and went back into Executive Session to discuss personnel.