

JANUARY 13, 2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education met on Thursday, January 13th in the Montgomery City Elementary Cafeteria. Prior to the Regular Session the Board met and approved two early graduation request and the retirements of Lisa Bethel (HS Principal) and Donnie Bethel (Middle School Industrial Arts), effective at the end of their 2010-2011 contracts.

During Recognition, Dr. Ward presented all members with a certificate of appreciation for serving the students of Montgomery County R-II. This was done in conjunction with School Board Recognition Week for the week of January 23-29.

Joan Andrews addressed the Board under Patron Comments regarding the 4 Day School Week.

Michael Brown and Molly Porter, Student Representatives, reported on activities at the high school. The Board asked that they present an in-depth report regarding the second shift lunch at the next meeting.

Janet Stumbaugh reported the state made public their report on their standing nationwide. Missouri moved up from 42nd to 38th nationally and from a C- to a C. It is their goal to be in the top 10 by the 2020 school year. She also reported the District was going to be a part of a pilot on student achievement. It is a 20 month pilot which will focus on student growth in regards to achievement.

In Old Business Dr. Ward presented 4-day week information regarding bus routes and instructional minutes per day. A survey will be sent out the end of January to get responses from parents on their concerns and level of support. A committee will be formed to review the surveys.

In New Business the Board viewed the monthly MSBA report. It touched on the Legislative Forum in Jefferson City February 15th, board candidate information, and School Board Recognition Week January 23rd-29th.

Dr. Ward reported information on state funding. Information from the state has been slow in coming in for the budget projections for the next fiscal year. Informed the Board on funds released for transportation and the lack of gaming revenues. Dr. Ward presented the past three years' fund balances. Overall, the district is in pretty good shape with fund balances.

In Reports Mendi Burch, Director of Special Services presented the Special Education Program Evaluation and Janet Stumbaugh, Asst. Superintendent, presented the Resources Standards Report. Dr. Ward reported the following: punch list completed on the roof, security cameras in place at the Middle School, and a book study on grades and grading for the board and administrators.

School Board activities included the filing for the April election ends at 5:00 p.m. on January 18th and the MSBA Legislative Forum February 15th.

The next Regular Session Board meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2011 in the High School Library at 7:30 p.m.