

## November 11, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The Montgomery County R-II Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in the Jonesburg Multipurpose Room on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Before the Regular Session the Board met in Executive Session and approved the early graduation request of Tessa Dunn.

The Board approved the filing period for the April election. All interested individual have from December 14<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m.) to January 18<sup>th</sup> (5:00 p.m.). Filing takes place in the Montgomery County R-II Central Office located at 418 N. Highway 19.

In Recognition Molly Porter and Michael Brown, Student Board Representatives, recognized Courtney Thomas and Lyndsey Dryden for the “civility” project through FBLA. Lisa Bethel, high school principal, recognized Erin Gotcher and Josh Mirth for successfully passing the Missouri Options program. She also thanked Meribeth Wortmann, Lindsay Capobianco, and Laura Cooley for working with these students in preparing them for the test. Janet Stumbaugh thanked the PLC Leadership Teams for the time they donate to the success of this program. The High School team consist of Lisa Bethel, Richard Sippel, Meribeth Wortmann, and Megan Hollenbeck; Middle School Madonna Pund, Mark Clements, Lori Harris, and Beth Chapman; Montgomery City Elementary Kindra Weaver, Julie Porter, Christina Harms, Lisa Holguin, June Hillebrand, and Jeania Burton; Jonesburg Elementary Debby Guile, Amanda Davis, Rhonda Vicente, and Lavada Rodgers. Jim Beattie presented the Mini-Grant winners. These grants are a result of contributions from the Montgomery City Kiwanis, Jonesburg Optimist, Jonesburg Lions and the Montgomery City Rotary Clubs. He recognized and thanked these organizations for the contributions which resulted in doubling the amount of grants awarded this year. Winners this year included: Amanda Davis, Jonesburg Elementary and the Mel Block Award winner-*“Leveled Readers for Reading”*; Kristy Duello, MCE-*“Electronic Microscope”*; Kathy Holtz, High School-*“Tour of Montgomery County”*; Becky Lavy, Middle School-*“Why Try?”*; Christina Ridgely, High School-*“Cooking to Learn”*; Kista River, Middle School-*“Oliver”*; and Kristel Zerr, MCE-*“Get the Wiggle Out”*. A grant was also awared to Jaime Frankenberg from Immaculate Conception.

Molly Porter and Michael Brown reported on the Worm Project and some slight improvement in the servings at lunch on early release days. They suggested the possibility of S & E classes based on academics and the success of the STUCO Blood Drive for raising 83 units. The STUCO is actively seeking donations to the Polar Bear Plunge, which raises money for Missouri Special Olympics. They also brought attention to the FFA “Top Ten” finish at Nationals and the National Honor Society for their work with the College Fair and the haunted house at Old Settlers.

Janet Stumbaugh reviewed the “proposed” MSIP 5 Standards. Unlike the “old” cycle review these standards are based solely on student performance. Individuals have the opportunity to go to the DESE website, review the standards and make comments. These standards are centered on the four goals of the Missouri School Board:

1. The State of Missouri to be one of the top ten performing states,
2. To have the best early childhood education program in the country,
3. Better prepare teachers and administrators,
4. To better address the Gap Factor.

All of these goals are to be achieved by the year 2020.

In Old Business the Board reviewed the Three Tier Accountability System by hearing from each building principal on other indicators not in the state and federal accountability. The Board approved the third reading of Policy HH and has approved Dr. Ward to review the possibility of twittering.

In New Business the Board reviewed the monthly MSBA Report and approved a work session for December 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss, in more detail, the possibility of a 4 day school week.

In Reports, the Board reviewed the Governance Report submitted by Superintendent Ward. Dr. Ward submitted a five year capital projects plan which calls for a number of large scale funded projects. The Board approved the purchase of new heating and cooling controls at the high school and to purchase a security system at the middle school. The funds for these projects will come from the remaining balance in the Lease Purchase Fund Account.

In Board Reports, Maria Stille gave an update of the sessions she attended at the MSBA Conference in October.

The next meeting will be the Work Session on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Middle School with the Regular meeting scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Art Room.