

August 12, 2010 Board Minutes

The Montgomery County R-II Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 12 in the Middle School Art Room. Prior to Regular Session the Board held a reception for all new teachers to the District, held Executive Session, and the annual Tax Rate Hearing.

Prior to the regular meeting the Board held the Tax Rate Hearing for the 2010-2011 school year and set the rate at \$3.4318. The tax rates are set to produce revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010, shows to be required from the property tax. The rates for this year are \$0.1438 cents higher than last year.

In Executive Session the Board accepted the resignation of Dara Gaines, paraprofessional at Jonesburg and hired Ben Creech for middle school softball coaching.

Under Old Business the Board moved to offer the Bellflower property to the City of Bellflower. The Board will publish its intent for the property for the next two weeks and finalize the agreement at the September meeting. The Board also approved the addition of student representation to board meetings. The Board of Education recognizes the unique perspective, held by students, on issues impacting the school district. The student representative shall represent the views of the students enrolled in the high school.

The student representative shall:

1. Be recommended by the Montgomery County R-II High School guidance counselors and approved by the high school principal or designee, to serve for a term established by the Board. The high school principal shall select an alternate to serve during the absence of the representative.
2. Be a senior, in good standing, and begin his or her term at the Board's regular meeting in September or at the Board's discretion.
3. Represent all high school students in the district and communicate with the student council.
4. Sit at the Board table.
5. Be excluded from executive sessions of the Board.
6. Not be able to vote on any issues before the Board.

Michael Brown and Molly Porter were selected to be the student representative for the coming school year and will start their position in September.

Janet Stumbaugh, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction presented the annual AYP report. The District met 5/8 groups for 62.5%, compared to last year's 25%. District met all communication arts groups but math missed in three of the sub-groups. Results per building include the high school 3/6 met all Communication Arts and did not meet Math; middle school 3/6 met all Communication Arts and none in Math; Bellflower met total but did not have any sub-group sizes; Jonesburg 1/6 met one Communication Arts and none in Math; Montgomery City Elementary 6/6 met all areas.

In New Business the Board heard the monthly reports from MSBA; approved bids for the crop land owned by the District and re-adopted Policy BBFA (Conflict of Interest/Financial Disclosure).

Dr. Ward presented the annual Facilities and Safety Report and updated the Board on projects in the District. The date for roof completion has been moved to the middle of September with punch list completion by the first of October. Other projects that will be on-going at the start of school are the re-keying of the High School and MCE, doors at MCE and security cameras at the High/Middle School.

The Board has scheduled a Special Meeting for August 25, 6:30 p.m., in the Middle School Library for the purpose of reviewing the superintendent's goals and evaluation. The next Regular scheduled meeting is September 9th at 7:30 p.m., in the Montgomery City Elementary Cafeteria.