

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHALL NEWS RELEASE

The Marshall Board of Education met in regular session February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office. Seven board members; four administrators; Elaine Kelly, CTA President, Eric Crump, representing Democrat News; and Ken Lewellen, representing KMMO were present.

The board approved the minutes of the January 25 regular board meeting and the February 7 special board meeting, the February bills totaling \$377,877.41, the financial report, and the first reading of MSBA Policies.

Dr. Noah reported the district will not be increasing tuition rates for the 2011-12 school year. Last year the board approved raising grades 9-12 tuition by \$420.

As of this date, nine days have been missed because of inclement weather and the district is required to make up eight days. Five days have been added to the calendar and President's Day was used as one day. School was scheduled to be out on March 25 and April 25. Dr. Noah informed the board school would be in session these days. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on March 25 allowing teachers to have in-service in the afternoon and school will be in session all day on April 25. Dr. Noah will continue to monitor the snow day forgiveness bill (HB 471) which would forgive four days of school for the district if it passes. Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 22 and the last day of school will be Friday, May 27.

Wayne Crawford was appointed to represent the board on the Outstanding Teacher Selection Committee.

Erin Oligschlaeger presented information on Medicaid billing through MSBA. In November Mrs. Oligschlaeger was informed by our local doctor, who had volunteered her time, would not be available to sign for Medicaid billing. MSBA has a program to accommodate schools in the state. If this program had been in place during the 2009-10 school year, the district would have paid \$4,082.87 with a total reimbursement for Medicaid billing of \$27,258.76. The board approved to participate in this program.

The board approved to renew its contract with OPAA Food Management Inc. for the 2011-12 school year. Currently OPAA charges the district \$2.60 per student lunch and the rate charged to the district for the 2011-12 school year would increase to \$2.62 per student lunch. The contract for the 2011-12 school year estimates the district will receive a profit of \$81,184.27.

Dr. Noah reported the district had advertised for the lease purchase of five busses for the 2011-12 school year and one bid was received from Central States. The district is currently leasing busses from Central States in the amount of \$78,045.80 per year with the final payment being made next year. The board approved to lease five new busses from Central States with a five year payment plan in the annual amount of \$89,736.68 to begin in the 2012-13 school year. Central States is also paying the district \$17,840 for the trade in of six busses.

In executive session the board accepted the resignations of Bill Michael, Electronic Technology Teacher; as of the end of the 2010-11 school year; Kelli Spies, MHS Activities Director, as of the end of the 2010-11 school year; Claire Yu, Personal Para, as of the end of the 2010-11 school year; and Sandi Golden, ESL Teacher, as of February 11, 2011. The board approved the employment of the following for the 2011-12 school year: Jon Stockman, 8th Grade Football; Gentry Lark, 7th Grade Volleyball; Caleb Crawford, MHS Assistant Football; Josh Ming, 7th/8th Track; Katie Berger, BMS Librarian; Jana Wooten, MHS Special Education Teacher; Stan Henderson, MHS Special Education Teacher; and Amanda Silvers, BMS Speech Pathologist. They also re-employed all administrators for the 2011-12 school year freezing their salaries at their current rate.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. The next regular board meeting of the Marshall Board of Education is March 22 at 7:00 p.m.