

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHALL NEWS RELEASE

The Marshall Board of Education met in regular session November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office. Seven board members; two administrators; representatives of the certified staff; and Eric Crump, representing Democrat News were present.

The board approved the minutes of the October 25 regular board meeting, the November bills totaling \$438,782.99, monthly finance report, and the early graduation requests of Cilda Aguirre, Ivan Barcenas, Delta Belsher, Matt Bethel, Courtney Campbell, Guadalupe Cervantes, Kayla Denny, Courtney Dykes, Anayeli Farfan, Leticia Fernandez, Mirian Gonzalez, Rebeca Granados, Mikaela Hirt, Melba Jones, Megan Mabrey, Ariel Martin, Michelle Ruano, Phillip Schmoll, Brandi Smith, and Kaitlyn Smith.

Craig Noah reviewed the inclement weather procedures. The decision to call off school will be made by 5:30 a.m. at which time the news media will be contacted. An announcement will also be sent out on Owl Alert. There will be no snow routes and if school is cancelled there will be no after school events.

The filing times and dates for the April 3, 2012 board election will be December 13, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. and the final day for filing is January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The two terms that expire are Larry Godsey and Wayne Crawford.

Caleb Crawford, Director of Activities, presented information on the construction of a soccer press box at the district's soccer field. Cargill and ConAgra are donating approximately \$10,000 worth of materials to construct a press box. School personal will assist with the construction of the press box.

Joshua Hemphill, representing American Boiler and Mechanical, was present to present information regarding steam trap replacements at Benton Elementary School. Last year the district replaced steam traps at Southeast Elementary School. There are 30 traps at Benton that need to be replaced at approximately \$325 per trap. The board approved to accept a bid from American Boiler and Mechanical to replace the steam traps at Benton Elementary School.

Becky Cramer, representing the Library Media Specialists, presented a program review on the Library/Media Programs. The number of students served by this program is 2,357 and number of staff is 299. In August the librarians traveled to Joplin for one day to assist the Joplin School District sort through books which had been donated to their district. Areas reviewed were literacy skills, student achievement, technology, and recommended changes. A copy of the "Snapshot Day" was given to the board. The "Snapshot Day" initiative was begun by the Missouri Association of School Librarians as a state-wide effort to provide more information to administrators and legislators about the varied instructional and support services that librarians provide each day and to better define ways in which our libraries are used. The board approved the Library/Media Program review.

Michelle Hanson, Adult Education Director, presented a program review on the Adult Education Program. Enrollment in this program is as follows: Practical Nursing – 20; Business Computer Technology - 5; 2011 Spring Community Education - 336; and 2011 Fall Community Education – 238. Areas reviewed were budget, goals, and recommended changes. The board approved the Adult Education Program review.

Derek Lark, Director of the Saline County Career Center, presented a program review on the SCCC. There are 320 secondary and 25 adult students enrolled. Areas reviewed were goals, career and technical student organizations, secondary placement, enrollment, and program analysis. Mr. Lark presented a copy of the Programs of Study and the 2011-12 Course Guide to the board members. The board approved the SCCC Program review.

The board set the date of January 17 to have a special work session to discuss BMS, MHS, and SCCC student achievement. They will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office.

In executive session the board approved the employment of Alec Riedel, SCCC Building Trades Instructor and accepted the resignation of Jim Mills, SCCC Custodian.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next regular board meeting of the Marshall Board of Education is Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.