

# Unit 2 Board Meeting Held

*By Kyle Cunningham*

The Bond County Community School District #2 monthly board meeting held Monday evening began with the Recognition of Educational Excellence. Melissa Pierce was present to discuss the success of the Academic Foundation grants. Forty-nine requests for grants were submitted this year with a total of 40 being able to be funded. The grants were able to be awarded with help from the foundation as well as the district. The total requests amounted to \$35,773.00, with a total funded amount of \$22,143.

The Academic Foundation promotes enrichment in the classroom through various projects for students. Some of the items that

will be implemented through the grants were a 3D printer and CSI kits for the junior high science department.

"We look forward to doing more in the future with the new funding model," said Pierce. "The idea is to get more hands-on experiential things in the classroom for the kids that are supplemental to the curriculum," she added.

"The Academic Foundation has been a vital component of the education process here and has supported us in very tough times," said Superintendent Dr. Wes Olson. "They have been dedicated in making sure our kids have opportunities and we appreciate that," he added.

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