



West Plains Schools Board Notes

West Plains Schools Administration Building

July 19th, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge was led by members of the district Administration.

Regular Agenda

Back to School Celebration – West Plains Schools faculty & staff are invited to a Back to School celebration on Monday, August 15th at the People's Park pavilion and pool from 5pm to 7pm. The event is sponsored by Coca-Cola and Bar S Hot Dogs.

MSBA Conference (September 29-October 1) Registration -

Bo Pace provided information concerning MSBA's conference preparation as well as status of MSBA financially. MSBA will keep the dues at the same level for 2011-2012. Mr. Pace also provided information concerning MSBA's informative session on Missouri's PERS and PEERs program.

Set Lunch Price for 2011-2012 School Year – The board agreed to an increase to the lunch price from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and breakfast prices from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Reduced price lunches will remain .40 for lunch and .30 for breakfast. Adult lunches will be \$2.50 and breakfast \$2.00.

Capital Improvements Update

The South Fork Elementary improvements are ahead of schedule and are near completion. An electronic sign is being considered for the building.

The West Plains Elementary will be installing an electronic sign in the next week and a new playground apparatus will be installed for the pre-school.

The 5th grade lockers at the middle school have been replaced and a concrete pad has been laid on the playground to begin the construction of a pavilion.

Grennon Communications is installing an intercom system at the high school.

Superintendent Report

The South Central Career Center received a national award for Most Improved in Technology Centers that Work. The award is given to schools that have made noteworthy improvements in categories such as: increase in graduation rate, percentage of students meeting college readiness standards, a significant increase in percentage of students passing state approved employer certification exams or improvements on state assessments.

The Chris Biffle Midwest Whole Brain Teaching Conference was held on July 6th & 7th at the WPMS FEMA Building. Over 500 teachers across the country were in attendance. This is the second year the conference has been held in West Plains.

West Plains Schools has partnered with Domino's Pizza of West Plains to "Stuff the Bus" full of school supplies to welcome students of Joplin back to the classroom while assisting Howell County students in need through the Ozark Action Back to School Drive. A drop off location was held at Domino's Pizza.

Resignations

Alicia Bishop – BASE Site Supervisor

Kyle Goetting – HS Social Studies

New Hires

Middle School Communication Arts – Rachel Cyr

South Fork Kindergarten Teacher – Mary Palmer

Sign Language Interpreter – Mary Mulford

High School Math – Brent Whitwell

Business Instructor – Sandra Ross

SCCC Adult GED Instructor – Shannon VonAllmen

SCCC ½ Time Medical Profiling – LeAnn Davidson

Next Regular Meeting

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15th at 12:00pm.

School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains Schools Administrative Offices, 613 W. First St., unless otherwise posted.