



## **West Plains Schools Board Notes**

West Plains Schools Administration Building

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge was led by the district custodial staff. Dr. Mulford recognized the custodial staff for their hard work. He said the buildings looked great for the start of school and many compliments from the faculty, parents, and students have been received.

Bob Pekarek and Ron Hayes of the district transportation department also led the pledge. The department recently passed a surprise bumper to bumper bus inspection by the Missouri Highway Patrol. Six buses were randomly selected and all six buses passed 100%.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Capital Improvements Update**

Jim Stufflebeam with SDA Architects out of Springfield, MO, was present to share with the school board the status of the renovation of the South Central Career Center campus on Thornburg. Mr. Stufflebeam shared that they are in the process of developing the bid specifications for a partial renovation of this campus. Within a month or two, the SDA Architects will seek bids for the project and with renovations to begin around the first of the year. The West Plains School District will be approaching this renovation in multiple phases, due to the projected total cost of the renovation. The priority of the school district is to consolidate as many programs as possible from the Howell and Jackson Street campuses to the Thornburg campus. As additional funds are available, the school district will continue with additional phases of Career Center renovation that will allow the district to house all Adult Education programs at this new campus.

#### **2011-12 Bus Route Approval:**

Each year, the state requires school boards to officially set and adopt bus routes and bus schedules for the current year. Transportation Director, Bob Pekarek, provided the school board with a list of these routes and schedules. The school board unanimously adopted all routes.

Additionally, the Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted a surprise inspection of the West Plains School District's bus fleet on Tuesday, September 13. The officers randomly selected 6 buses and all 6 passed with a 100% approval rating. The school board recognized the district's transportation director, Bob Pekarek, head mechanic, Ron Hayes, and his assistant, Gus Steckman, for their commitment to providing safe transportation for our students.

#### **Superintendent Report**

On Monday West Plains Schools was joined by 8 other area school districts for a very motivational seminar from Dr. Todd Whitaker. Whitaker has been recognized as a leading presenter in the field of education, his message about the importance of teaching has resonated with hundreds of thousands of educators around the world. Todd is a professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, and he has spent his life pursuing his love of education by researching and studying effective teachers and principals.

The Lady Zizzer Golf team competed in the Ozark Conference Tournament yesterday at Great Life Fitness and Golf in Lebanon, MO. There were the ten conference teams present and 44 golfers. The Lady Zizzer's won the Ozark Conference championship by 27 strokes with a team score of 360. All-conference is given to the top ten girls in the tournament. **All five** of the Lady Zizzer's made all-conference. The Lady Zizzer's made up half of the all-conference team. First place went to Mackenzie Griffin from Camdenton with a score of 84. Kayla Temple 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an 85; Emiley Odom 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 89; Keely Temple 6<sup>th</sup> place with a 92; Kelsy Temple 8<sup>th</sup> place with a 93; and Courtney Cox 10<sup>th</sup> place with a 95.

**Resignation:**

Pam Tate - Diagnostician

**New Hires:**

Courtney McLaughlin – Elementary Lunchroom Monitor

Gary Haddock - Custodian

Cynthia McFarland – Diagnostician

**Next Regular Meeting**

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm

*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.*