



West Plains Schools Board Notes

October 18th, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge was led by the 7th & 8th grade football teams along with Coach David Adams and Coach Denny Melvin. The 8th grade team finished the 2011 season with an undefeated record of 8-0.

Regular Agenda

MSBA Conference Summary –

The West Plains School Board attended the 2011 Annual Conference sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA). The event was held September 29th through October 2nd at Lake of the Ozarks. The conference featured nationally recognized keynote speakers, numerous workshops and clinics designed to improve the leadership skills of school board members, secretaries and superintendents. It focused on ways they can influence the improvement of student achievement in Missouri's public schools. Dr. Czerwonka gave the board members an opportunity to share what they learned at the MSBA Conference. Several board members said they enjoyed presentations on the Sunshine Law, marketing, copywriting, distance learning, backpack program and others.

Capital Improvements Update -

SDA Architects is working to develop the bid specifications for the partial renovation of the South Central Career Center campus on Thornburg. The anticipated renovation start date is January 2012.

Additionally, Dr. Czerwonka presented photos of various projects that the board approved for completion this past summer including the South Fork & West Plains Elementary Playgrounds, Storage Building for track and football, playground pavilion at middle school, visitor's press box at stadium, window replacement at South Fork and the electronic signs at the high school and elementary.

Health Insurance Approval –

Mercy Health Plans made no increase to district health insurance rates. The board approved to adopt the employee health insurance carrier for January 1, 2012 – December 31st, 2012.

Superintendent Report –

Dr. Czerwonka highlighted the Watch Dog Program at the West Plains Elementary School. The program is the father involvement initiative of the National Center for Fathering that organizes fathers and father figures in order to provide positive male role models for the students and to enhance school security.

Dr. Czerwonka also mentioned the South Fork and WPMS Fall Festivals were a success and the WPMS Jr. Beta Club Bass Tournament held on Saturday had a great turnout with 52 boats.

Next Regular Meeting

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th 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.