



## West Plains Schools Board Notes

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team. The team finished the season undefeated 16-0. The team was coached by Sami Renfrow and team members included Payton Richards, McKenzie Barker, Kaylee Spradlin, Emily Riggs, Sierra Halstead, Caitlyn Tuck, Kerry Smith and Andrea Schmitt.

### Regular Agenda

#### **Board Policy Update –**

The board reviewed the employee-student communication policy as recommended by the MSBA. School districts have until March 1, 2012 to adopt the policy. The board will approve the policy at the next board meeting.

#### **Separation Agreement Approval-**

The board approved the separation agreement for a one year term. Any faculty members desiring to participate in this incentive program must complete the necessary paperwork by the end of business on Feb. 1, 2012.

#### **Eco-Recovery Presentation –**

Joe Davis gave a presentation to the board on a shredding and recycling business that will employ individuals with developmental disabilities and give them permanent job placement. Davis is interested in leasing space at Howell St for the business. The West Plains Daily Quill published a detailed article in the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 edition of the newspaper.

#### **Booster Club Presentation–**

Greg Simpkins and the Athletic Booster Club asked the board for permission to pursue a fundraising effort for improvements at the Zizzer Stadium. The project would include possible renovations such as field turf, field house expansion, improve lighting, new scoreboards and additional seating.

#### **Approval of course offerings for 2012-2013 –**

The school board approved the high school course catalog for the 2012-2013 school year. Response to Intervention (RTI) will be fully implemented for grades 9-12. The bell schedule was adjusted to include an 8<sup>th</sup> period with the 8<sup>th</sup> period being for RTI and enrichment. The course catalog will soon be available to students and parents online at [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org)

#### **Designate Ms. Karen Sholes as Foster Care Liaison-**

The board approved to designate Karen Sholes as the Foster Care Liaison for the district. This action is an annual requirement for all school districts.

#### **MSBA Board Recognition –**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> is declared School Board of Education Recognition Week by Governor Jay Nixon. Dr. Czerwonka acknowledged each member with School Board Recognition certificates. In

addition, each board member also received special cards and gifts from some of the elementary classrooms.

### **Superintendent Report-**

- West Plains Schools is on the front edge of a new trend with business partnership opportunities. Business partnerships will soon become a necessity for many schools in the near future and will allow local business owners to partner with the district in the form of advertising on the website, Avashare Integration, newsletter and more.
- Four high school students' names were pulled from a drawing to win an iPad 2 for 95% or better 1<sup>st</sup> semester attendance. Congratulations to Felicity Finley, Emilee Floyd, Arthur Walter, Ashley Smith.
- Eight middle school students' names were pulled from a drawing to win a Dell Netbook for 95% or better 1<sup>st</sup> semester attendance. Congratulations to Jacob Anderson, Mackenzie Smith, Noah Becker, Jolee Laughary, John Campbell, Laureen Acklin, Zach Wood and Kendra Moore
- Lana Snodgras has recently been selected to present at the National School Public Relations Association Conference this summer. Mrs. Snodgras is the Communications & Community Relations Director for the West Plains School District.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm

*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.*