



West Plains Schools Board Notes

March 27th, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance- Bob Pekarek, Ron Hayes and Gust Steckman from the district transportation department led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and also gave an update on the annual school bus inspection. West Plains Schools recently received outstanding results on the annual school bus inspection program conducted in February by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. 100% of the 37 buses owned by the District were approved on the annual safety inspection.

Regular Agenda

Salary Committee Report –

The salary committee recommended to the board a salary schedule revision that, if adopted, would be effective for the 2013-14 school year. The revised salary schedules would only apply to those employees who are hired with a start date of August 2013. However, current and recently hired faculty would have the opportunity to voluntarily move to the new schedule. That said, existing faculty who wish to remain on the current schedule may choose to do so. A copy of the current salary schedule can be found at:

<http://wphs.k12.mo.us/cms/lib2/MO01001590/Centricity/Domain/266/s%20sch.pdf>

Set Summer School Calendar- 5/21 – 6/14

Summer school will be held at West Plains Schools beginning May 21st, 2012 to June, 14th 2012. The program is offered for open enrollment for students in the West Plains District and outside of the West Plains School District. K-6 will be housed at the elementary, 7th & 8th grade summer school will be for mandatory students only and the High School will offer Core classes and some electives.

Adopt Professional Development Plan–

The professional development plan is a document that identifies the goals and strategies for the next three years for West Plains Schools Educators. The plan is revised each year and adopted by the board on an annual basis.

MSBA Policy Updates– 1st Read

Board members were to given the MSBA Board policy update to read at home. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

Bi Annual Transportation Route Approval –

DESE requires Missouri school boards to approve all bus routes twice per year. This includes mileage, time of bus route, etc. The board voted to approve the transportation routes as presented by Mr. Pekarek.

New Hires – All approved by the board.

Alva Parks – Mechanic

Nora Triplett – South Fork 3rd Grade Teacher

Allison Arnold – Middle School 7th Grade Math

Annette Nichols – Middle School Special Education

Kati Bast – Middle School Special Education

Rebecca Hutchinson – Middle School 8th Grade Math

Jack Randolph – High School Principal
Andrea Harris – West Plains Elementary 1st Grade
Sylvia Hershenson – West Plains Elementary 3rd Grade
Mandy Headrick – West Plains Elementary 4th Grade
Hannah Doughty – High School English
Jennifer Edgeller – High School Math
Leah Tidwell – Middle School Special Education
Leigh Spencer – West Plains Elementary 4th Grade
Sammi Renfrow – Middle School 7th Grade Language Arts
Erin McBride - Middle School Special Education
Jake Long – High School Assistant Principal

Transfers

Josh Cotter – High School Dean of Students

Resignations – All approved by the board.

Shirley Dollins – Middle School
Stephanie Cash – Middle School
Sara Jane Nichols – West Plains Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
Emily Gibson – High School
Andy Brown – South Central Career Center Welding Instructor
Amanda Douglas – South Fork 3rd Grade Teacher
Gary Haddock – High School Custodian
Peter Bryant – Middle School
Kathleen Aid – High School

Superintendent Report-

- On Thursday, March 22nd the District held a surplus auction and generated approximately \$8500.00 in revenue. Dr. Mulford recommended to the board to set the funds aside to renovate the West Plains Elementary library this summer. The library has not been renovated since the building was built in 1987. The board unanimously approved the recommendation.
- Dr. Julie Thompson is working with the Missouri State University to provide professional development to area school district teachers which can be applied to a Master's Degree in Educational Technology.
- Dr. Fred Czerwotka was recently highlighted in the Missouri Association of School Business Officials (MoASBO) Journal. Dr. Czerwotka wrote an article for the journal titled "Know Your Purpose."
- Lana Snodgras is the Ozark Region Director for the Missouri School Public Relations Association. Mrs. Snodgras has recently been selected to present at the National School Public Relations Association Conference this summer in Chicago. She has also been selected to receive a scholarship from the Missouri School Public Relations Association to attend conference. 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, April 17th 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.