



## West Plains Schools Board Notes

April 17th, 2012

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by West Plains High School student Kelby Czerwonka. Kelby is among fifteen high school students who were honored Monday by the Missouri State Board of Education and the Missouri Bar as recipients of the 2012 Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship Award. The award has been presented annually since 1990. Award recipients were recognized during a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City and received a plaque honoring them as outstanding young citizens.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Salary Committee Proposal –**

The salary committee proposal has been tabled until a better indication of the projected revenues for the 2012-2013 school year can be determined.

Last month, 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>

#### **MSBA Policy 2012 Update–**

The board conducted a first read of the MSBA Board policy updates. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

#### **Top 10% Banquet –**

The annual Top 10% Banquet will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at the West Plains Civic Center. This event is sponsored each year by the Noon Rotary Club.

#### **Middle School Promotion-**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **High School Graduation-**

The high school graduation will held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Celebrations of Achievement Reception-**

This reception is to honor the faculty and staff who are retiring this year and also honor those who have served 10, 20, 25, 30, 35 or more years in the district. The teacher of the year will also be announced for the 2011-2012 school year.

#### **2012 -2013 Tuition Rate-**

The tuition rate for the 2012-2013 school year has been set for 7027.50 per student. The method used to set the tuition is reflective of the district's cost using the Weighted ADA from the previous year.

**New Hires** – All approved by the board.

Melissa Harper – High School Drama Theatre Instructor

Mike Davis – High School Custodian

David Williams – Assistant High School Football Coach & Health Instructor

Sandy Hill – Senior Advisor/RTI Coordinator

Danny Meyer - One on One Aide

Tara Akins – FACS Instructor

**Resignations** – All approved by the board.

Larry Noller – South Central Career Center Machine & Drafting Instructor

Jeff Jennewein – High School Physical Education & Health Instructor

Jerry Howell – Middle School Custodian

### **Superintendent Report-**

- Breakfast in the classroom at West Plains Elementary and South Fork Elementary has proven to be an effective program for students. The district hopes to expand this program to the middle school during the 2012-2013 school year.
- VJ Smith is a professional speaker and author of the book, *The Richest Man in Town*. He will speak to students and staff at the Zizzer Stadium on Thursday at 1:00pm. The presentation is sponsored by West Plains Bank and Trust Company. The theme of Mr. Smith's presentation is treating people with respect, the importance of relationships and leaving a lasting legacy.
- The district has partnered with West Plains Bank and Trust Company to offer a Zizzer debit card. For every purchase made with the card 4 cents will be donated back to the district. The debit card will be made available this summer.
- The South Central Career Center Auto Collision and Technology programs hosted the first annual Autofest and Career Expo on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Thornburg Campus. The event was very successful and included car shows and competitions in conjunction with the Spring Career Fair as part of the College Access Challenge Grant. Many trophies and prizes were donated by several community sponsors.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th 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.*