



## **West Plains Schools Board Notes**

February 19, 2013

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by the West Plains Middle School Junior Beta Club and representatives from South Central Career Center's Career & Technical Education programs including Skills USA and Culinary Arts. The Junior Beta Club discussed the results of the state convention and announced the winners to the board. February is Career & Technical Education month at SCCC. SCCC is set to host an evening dedicated to showcasing career and technical education programs offered locally on February 21, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at three of West Plains' South Central Career Center campuses.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Approve Auditor RFP-**

Dr. Czerwonka gave a brief update on the auditor bids and recommended to the board to extend the contract to Schultz, Wood & Rapp for another year. Board members approved unanimously.

#### **Architect Report on Thornburg Campus-**

Jim Stufflebeam from SDA Architects was there to present to the board regarding the progress of Phase 2 of SCCC. The SCCC is proceeding with Phase 2 and plans to open the project for bid within the next two weeks.

#### **Surplus Property-**

The West Plains School Board designated as surplus the duplex on the corner of Sesson and Davidson Streets. The duplex will be advertised for bid within the month.

#### **MSBA Policy Update – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **Adopt 2013-2014 Calendar-**

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2013-2014 calendar. The first day of school has been set for August 15th, 2013, with the last day of classes set for May 15th, 2013. The district calendar can be found online at [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org) under Quick Links.

#### **Easement Approval-**

The City of West Plains has requested easements to the Thornburgh campus to make repairs to the bridge on Thornburg Street and to improve water flow through Howell Creek. Board members approved both easements unanimously.

#### **Food Service Contract Renewal**

Dr. Mulford gave a brief update on the district's food service program and recommended that the School Board extend the contract for Opa! Food Management for another year. Board members approved unanimously.

#### **Distinction in Performance Banquet March 4<sup>th</sup> –**

For the last 12 years, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have reported on how each school district is performing as measured by the 14 academic performance standards. West Plains Schools received the Distinction in Performance award for 2011-2012.

The award is one of the state's most prestigious honors for school districts. It is based on the district's performance relative to student performance standards that are used to determine state accreditation through the Missouri School Improvement Program. Our district will be honored at the Distinction in Performance Banquet on March 4<sup>th</sup>. During the banquet, the Dorris Ridder Excellence in Education Award will be presented. Nathan Fleming will represent the West Plains School District as a nominee for this award.

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

Joan Wright- SCCC Counselor

Jane Kramer- High School Special Education

Jane Whited – Middle School Physical Education

Cyndi Wright – High School Science

Deb Lewis- LPN Instructor

Karen Hawkins- Paraprofessional

Kathy Barr- RTI Specialist

Karen Sholes- Student Services Director

Bob Pekarek- Transportation Director

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

Tatyana Protsenko – Russian Interpreter

Benjamin Crampton – IT Staff

Christopher Miller – IT Staff

**Superintendent Report-** The superintendent report provides an opportunity for the board of education to be updated on various educational topics and items of interest to West Plains Schools.

On behalf of 13 anonymous area donors, the Shoe Sensation of West Plains made a delivery of new shoes to the entire junior class at the West Plains High School. A total of \$10,000 was donated to provide each student with a brand new pair of shoes. The students were recently fitted by Shoe Sensation and were able to select from brands including Adidas, Nike, Puma, Kswiss, and Osiris.

Mr. Seth Huddleston, principal at South Fork Elementary, challenged his students to raise \$750.00 for the St. Jude Radio-thon that was held on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Huddleston promised his students if they raised \$750 he, along with Mick Price, Librarian; Brian Morris, Head Custodian; and Steven Crask, student teacher; would dye their beards pink. The students raised \$1500.00!

**Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th 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.*