



## **West Plains Schools Board Notes**

April 16, 2013

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by the West Plains High School Speech and Debate Team members. The team attended the National Forensic League District Tournament in Springfield on March 14-16 with high school students Laura Grisham and Caleb Gill qualifying for the NFL National Competition in Birmingham, Alabama, in June.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Salary Committee Proposal-**

The salary committee presented its initial proposal to the board. The following is a list of items that were presented for board consideration

1. Continue board paid health insurance
2. Allow movement along the salary schedules
3. 1% increase to the base teacher's salary (this would translate to other salary schedules)
4. 3 floating holidays for 12 month employees
5. Addition of a doctoral stipend to the "old" salary schedule

The committee will continue discussions with the school board at the May board meeting, with approval of requests no later than June.

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

The high school graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Eighth Grade Promotion-**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Celebration of Achievement Reception will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the West Plains Middle School FEMA Building. The District will honor faculty and staff who are retiring this year and also honor those who have served 10, 20, 25, 30, and 35 or more years in the district. The teacher of the year will also be announced for the 2012-2013 school year.

#### **Top 10% Banquet**

The annual Top 10% Banquet will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the West Plains Civic Center. This event is sponsored each year by the Noon Rotary Club. The banquet recognizes high school seniors who rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class.

#### **Revenue Projections for 2013-2014**

The overall revenue projection for 2013-14 is slightly decreased from 2012-13 school year. Initial reports indicate that assessed valuation continues to hold stable for the West Plains district which point toward local revenue will remaining stable. Due to a slight decline in West Plains' Formula Average Daily Attendance, revenues are expected to slightly decline from the previous year. The largest decline in revenue is due to the federal sequestering, which will decrease

district's federal funding. Consequently, The district is budgeting an 8% decrease in federal dollars for 2013-14.

### **One-to-One Technology Proposal-**

The West Plains School District is making plans to pursue its vision of a one-to-one technology initiative for its students. The initial phase of this initiative will focus on laying the groundwork for a successful program. In 2013-14, the district plans to address infrastructure needs, such as fiber, increasing wireless access points, developing a hardware life cycle, centralizing district servers, and providing professional development to its faculty and staff.

This exciting new venture will eventually provide one technology device per student enrolled in the district. The current implementation plan calls for the program to be implemented over a 6 year process.

### **SCCC Duplex Bid Discussion/Approval –**

The West Plains School District took bids for the Duplex located at 640/642 Sesson in West Plains. The duplex was constructed as part of the Building Trades program through the South Central Career Center. A minimum bid of \$125,000 was not met by the closing date of April 15th. Bidding will remain open through May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Persons wishing to place a bid may do so at SCCC offices located at 407 Thornburg in West Plains.

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

Brian Hathcock – SCCC Culinary Arts Instructor

Mike Davis- Custodian

Mary Bouthillier- Bus Driver

Jake Long – Assistant High School Principal

Jamie Dixon – Middle School Art Instructor

Jim McFarland – Paraprofessional

Shirley Robertson – Bus Driver

Jason Harlow – High School Social Studies, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Megan Pitts – South Fork Counselor

### **New Hires –**

Sheila Decker – Middle School Special Education Instructor

Terri Tomlinson – South Fork and West Plains Elementary Art Teacher

Todd Workman – Welding

Michael Hess – High School Science

Rebecca Bonitto – High School Science

Paul Krause – Custodian

Jamie Yost – Seasonal Groundskeeper

Sarah Doss – High School Special Education Instructor

Stephanie Barker - Middle School Special Education Instructor

Jodi Watson – Elementary Teacher

Stephanie Smith – Special Education Counselor

### **Middle School Principal –**

Mr. Lenny Eagleman was named the new principal at West Plains Middle School for the 2013-14 school year. Mr. Eagleman currently serves as the assistant principal at West Plains Elementary and has also served as a teacher in the West Plains and Mt. View school districts. Mr. Eagleman is replacing Dr. Scott Smith who was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in March.

**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.

The West Plains High School Concert Choir traveled to Atlanta, Georgia April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7th for the Heritage Music Festival and came back with outstanding results. This year marks the 4th consecutive year the concert choir traveled to the festival and received top honors.

The Concert Choir received a Gold Rating - 1st place  
The Women's Chorus received a Gold Rating - 1st place  
The Chamber Choir - Gold Rating - 2nd place  
The Plainsmen - Gold Rating  
Three Adjudicator's Awards  
Choral Sweepstakes Award  
Four Invitations to the Festival of Gold festivals  
Two Invitations to perform at Carnegie Hall

West Plains High School took home top honors in the 28th annual Interscholastic Contest hosted by Missouri State University-West Plains Friday, April 5, at the Missouri State-West Plains campus. The West Plains team placed first in the overall competition for the second year in a row, which allowed its members to keep the "traveling trophy" that is given to the overall first place winner every year. West Plains also took first place in Division I competition.

Congratulations are in order for the outstanding staff and faculty at WPE for achieving 100% in all 7 categories on their Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) evaluation last week.

West Plains Elementary School Assistant Principal, Lenny Eagleman, was selected as the "Outstanding Assistant Principal" for the Southwest district at the MAESP conference held in March.

Lana Snodgras is currently the Ozark Region Director for the Missouri School Public Relations Association. For the 2013-2014 school year she will serve as the MOSPRA Secretary. Lana has presented at several conferences around the state including MSBA, MASA, MOASBO and MOSPRA and was also selected to present at the National School Public Relations Association Conference in July. She was just recently notified as a scholarship recipient from the Missouri School Public Relations Association to attend the national NSPRA conference.

**Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st 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.*