



## **West Plains Schools Board Notes**

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by members of the West Plains High School Student Council.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Mission, Vision, Goals Review-**

Two faculty representatives from each building were present for the board meeting to provide feedback related to the district mission, vision, and goals that were established by the school board in June. The district mission, vision and goals will be posted on the district website after receiving approval at the September board meeting. A draft of the mission, vision and goals is attached for your review.

#### **Designation of Surplus Auction Funds-**

The surplus auction was held on Friday, Aug. 9, with a net profit of \$7,375 for the items sold. The board has designated the money toward various school entities in the past and it has been recommended that this year's proceeds be designated toward the new construction of the Ag-Science Building. The board unanimously approved the recommendation.

#### **Readopt Financial Disclosure Policy BBFA**

The board readopted the Financial Disclosure Policy BBFA. The district must readopt the policy on a regular basis to provide each board member with the flexibility of completing the disclosure short form.

#### **Adopt Floating Holiday Policy-**

In June the school board approved the salary committee's request to add 3 floating holidays for all 12 month employees (July 1- June 30). Personal floating holidays are available to employees for personal business, family sickness, and religious observance, and may also be used as an extension of bereavement time, holiday time, or vacation time. The board adopted the policy with an implementation date of September 1, 2013. A copy of the floating holiday policy is attached for your review.

#### **Approve Local Compliance Plan (Special Services)**

Each year, school districts that receive federal funds for special needs programs must adopt the Local Compliance Plan. The board approved the plan as submitted.

#### **Designation of West Plains Bank Donation-**

In the fall of 2012, West Plains Bank & Trust Company started a debit card promotion involving local school mascots. For each transaction, 4 cents is set aside for the school district whose logo is displayed on the card. As a result, West Plains Bank recently presented our district with a check for just over \$3,200. The board approved for the funds of the debit card program to be prorated across our buildings based on student enrollment to be used at the discretion of the administrator for the benefit of their students.

#### **SCCC Accreditation Update-**

Last spring the South Central Career Center was notified that its current accrediting body (North Central Association) would likely lose its ability to accredit secondary institutions in Missouri.

The career center is currently working to initiate the process of accreditation through Council on Occupational Education. At this time, SCCC is awaiting word on the date of the initial accreditation visit.

**New Hires**

Cindy McFarland - Special Education Diagnostician

Jill Tanner Lawson – Paraprofessional

**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.

**ECSE Ribbon Cutting -**

The Early Childhood Special Education Center (ECSE) held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2013. The event was well attended as several members of the community as well district staff came to support ECSE. The Early Childhood Special Education Center officially opened its doors on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to over 50 students.

**Building Administrator's Update-**

Dr. Mulford invited each building administrator 60 seconds to give a building update. All administrators said the first few days went very smooth and the students and teachers started the year with great enthusiasm.

**SB253 Update –**

The board voted and approved a resolution on House Bill 253. This resolution is attached for your review.

**Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:00pm

*School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains School of Education Office, 305 Valley View Drive, unless otherwise posted.*