



West Plains Schools Board Notes
November 19th, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by the West Plains High School boys and girls cross country teams. The teams recently went to the state meet making it the 26th consecutive trip to state for girls cross country and the 36th consecutive trip for boys cross country.

Regular Agenda

Board Candidate Filings Dates – December 17th, 2013 – January 21st, 2014

Board candidate election filing opens 8:00 a.m. on December 17th and runs through 5:00 p.m. January 21st, 2014. Bo Pace and Lee Freeman are in their final year of a three year term and Elizabeth is in her final year of a term previously held by Shawn Rhoads. All three seats will be up for election in April.

MSBA Policy Update, 1st Read – GCA, GCBC, GDA, GDBC, GDM

MSBA provides school districts with policy updates to ensure compliance with legislation. The policies listed above relate to the requirements of employers in relation to the 2014 requirements of the Affordable Care Act. The requirements identified herein have already been or are in the process of being implemented to ensure compliance. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

Technology Agreement - FantasTechs

Kevin Dulaney, the district network director, is resigning at the end of December 2013 due to relocation of his family. The district has explored a variety of options to fill the needs of the IT department. FantasTechs is a St. Louis based company who specializes in IT needs for school districts, similar to what Opaa! does for food service. This company will evaluate, hire, and manage technology in conjunction with the school district to achieve desired outcomes. Board members approved unanimously on agreement that will allow the FantasTech to begin December 1st.

Food Service Bids

The district has been in the process of seeking bid proposals for the district's food service program. As a result, the district opened bidding on November 11, 2013. Dr. Smith recommended to the board to offer a one year contract to OPAA Food Service. This contract is renewable annually for four additional years until a rebid is required in 2019. Board members approved unanimously. OPAA has been the district food service provider over the past five years.

New Hires

Sarah Maynard – High School Science
Courtney McCloughlin – West Plains Elementary Secretary
Sarah Sydow – Playground Supervisor

Resignations

Dixie Huff – High School Science
Mary Walker – SCCC Secretary

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 Board of Education Office will be closed for fall break beginning Wednesday, November 26th at noon through Friday, November 29th.

Community Service

Lana Snodgras gave a brief update on the community service projects happening throughout the district.

- Recently, all six first grade classes at the West Plains Elementary raked and bagged leaves at the People's Park and also collected 63 boxes of personal hygiene items and small toys for children around the world through Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.
- The West Plains High School Beta Club recently helped McDonald's raise \$1400 for our local Shop with a Cop program by volunteering during the Veteran's Day Parade and at McDonald's fundraiser night on November 11th.
- District faculty and staff adopted 102 foster children for Christmas.
- South Fork Elementary recently held a food drive and collected 550 cans of food for the Samaritan Outreach.
- The West Plains Middle School Jr. Beta Club plans to make holiday candy bags for the local fire and police departments.

R.E.D. Magazine Wins National Award-

The first edition of the district magazine, R.E.D., recently won a national award through the National School Public Relations Association.

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 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.