



West Plains Schools Board Notes
December 17th, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by high school band student, Randy Fukasawa and also Kevin Dulaney, district network director.

Randy has been selected as one of 4 oboists to perform with the National High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in New York City on February 6, 2014. Randy submitted a performance audition recording, and was selected for this honor based on the quality of his audition out of hundreds of applicants from across the United States and Canada.

Kevin Dulaney, the district network director, is resigning at the end of December 2013 due to relocation of his family. Kevin was presented a plaque for his hard work and dedication to the district.

Regular Agenda

MSBA Policy Update, 2nd Read/Approval– 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. The policy update has been approved by the board.

SCCC Accreditation Update-

The South Central Career Center has been accepted into Candidacy Status at the Commission of Council on Occupational Education meeting held in November. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status granted to an institution actively seeking accreditation by the Commission of the Council. The next step for SCCC to receive full accreditation is to complete a self-study based on the standards, criteria and conditions of the Commission and host a visiting team before it is reviewed for initial accreditation.

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

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on December 17th and will run 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 Grisham is in her final year of a term previously held by Shawn Rhoads. All three seats will be up for election in April.

2012-2013 Audit Approval-

Bill Wood from Shultz, Wood, & Rapp presented the findings of the annual district audit to the School Board. Mr. Wood reported that the district remains in compliance with the state budgeting and finance requirements. Mr. Wood also stated that the district's current financial status is strong. The board voted to approve the audit.

MUSIC Insurance Renewal –

The board voted and approved to renew with Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC) based on a recommendation from Dr. Boyer. MUSIC is a protected self-insurance program, which is designed to provide broad property and casualty coverages under one comprehensive plan for school districts.

2014-2015 Course Offerings-

The board conducted a first read of the 2014-2015 course offerings for West Plains High School and is scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

2013- 2014 Budget Amendment –

Due to the known changes in district revenue and expenditures minor adjustments were made to increase the accuracy of the 2013-2014 budget. Revenue from the state has been slightly higher than anticipated and the district also has incurred some additional personnel costs regarding student aids that were not accounted for in the initial budget. The proposed changes were approved unanimously by the school board.

Surplus Property – 6 School Buses

A total of six busses have been approved by the board to surplus. These busses were used as substitute busses and are no longer needed since adopting a tiered routing system. The district will solicit open bids on the busses over the next few weeks.

New Hires

Cheri Brotherton– High School Secretary
Bonnie Adams – Special Education Secretary

Resignations

Bekah Frazier – Secretary
Kevin Dulaney – Network Director
Shirley Wood – High School Secretary
Nancy Poppe – Middle School Gifted

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2014 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.