



West Plains Schools Board Notes

January 21, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by members of the West Plains Middle School Junior Beta Club who attend the Missouri State Junior Beta Club Convention on January 15th & 16th. Caroline Beykirch won 1st place in Essay, Savannah Mardock, 3rd place in Embroidery; Emiline Yorty, 2nd Place in Water Color; and Clair Kimball, 3rd Place in Campaign Speech.

Regular Agenda

SCCC Accreditation Update-

Following the notification of being accepted as a candidate, SCCC has started the self-study process. This process involves an intense review of each adult program and an assessment of the overall institution through the lens of ten standards set by the accrediting agency. The program reviews are scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks with the standards reviews tentatively scheduled for completion by March 1st.

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

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on December 17th, and ran through 5:00 p.m. January 21st, 2014. Bo Pace, Lee Freeman and Elizabeth Grisham all filed to run an additional three year term and were unopposed. The board members will be sworn in at the April board meeting.

2014-2015 Course Offerings-

The school board approved the high school course catalog for the 2014-2015 school year. The course catalog will soon be available to students and parents online at www.zizzers.org

Boys & Girls Club Presentation

Dakota Crow expressed appreciation on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater West Plains Area for the support the board has shown to the program. Crow went on to say if the board had not given the program access to the West Plains Elementary facility this summer and now the former administration office on W. 1st street, the program would not be where it is today. The club is now serving almost 200 students from the West Plains community.

Designate Amy Ross as Foster Care Liaison

Each year, school districts are required to designate a foster care liaison. The board designated Amy Ross to serve in this capacity for our district.

DESE Evaluation Requirements 2014-2015

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, all school districts are required to align their evaluation procedures to the seven effective principles that have been established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Dr. Smith discussed the process will start with faculty committees and evaluation models will be evaluated. The first committee meeting will be held Wednesday, January 22, at 3:45 pm in the middle school library.

Approval of 2014-2015 School Calendar

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2014-2015 calendar. The first day of school has been set for August 14th, 2014, with the last day of classes set for May 14th, 2015. The district will also move to a Tuesday/Thursday evening parent teacher conference schedule in the fall and a spring parent teacher conference will be added to the calendar in March. The district calendar can be found online at www.zizzers.org under Quick Links.

Set Tuition Rate for 2014-2015 School Year

The tuition rate for the 2014-2015 school year has been set at a rate of \$7,436.29 per student. The method used to set the tuition is reflective of the district's cost using the Weighted ADA from the previous year.

MSBA Board Recognition

January 26th – February 3rd is declared School Board of Education Recognition Week by Governor Jay Nixon. Dr. Mulford acknowledged each member with School Board Recognition certificates. In addition, each board member also received special cards and gifts from each building in the district.

Resignations

Nikki Dulaney – Payroll Clerk

Ron Hayes – Bus Driver

Jeanette Frye – Middle School Counselor

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 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.