



West Plains Schools Board Notes

March 18, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance- The West Plains High National Forensics team and the West Plains High School girls basketball team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Saturday March 8th, Caleb Gill placed first in Oratory speaking at Neosho. By doing so, Caleb has qualified for national competition. It was a particularly tough tournament with top National Forensics League schools in attendance.

The Lady Zizzers finished the season winning 21 of 27 games, placing second in the district tournament. The team also won a second consecutive Ozark Conference Championship. In addition, Coach Womack has been chosen as the Ozark Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Regular Agenda

SCCC Accreditation Update-

The SCCC has completed reviews of each adult program. The next step in the process is the overall school standards review which is set for April 10th, 2014. These steps are required as part of the current accreditation process.

MSBA Board Policy Annual Updates – 1st Read-

Board members were to given the annual MSBA Board policy update to review. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting. Each year, the school board reviews policy recommendations and makes adjustments as needed.

Bus Inspection Report-

The Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted an annual inspection on the district school buses in February. This year the district did not see the success rate that it has normally seen in previous years. The contributing factors were an aging bus fleet and a more stringent inspection. The current fleet consists of thirty buses and of those the district had five buses that were put out of service and two sub buses that were flagged by the inspectors. Most issues were minor and addressed immediately.

Addendum for Snow Days to the 2014-2015 School Calendar -2nd Read & Approval

The board reviewed the proposed winter weather contingency policy for the 2014-15 school year. Currently, the district incorporates 10 snow days into the school calendar so that additional days will not have to be added. For the 2014-2015 school year if more than 10 days of school are missed due to inclement weather, the following days would be used, respectively, as additional instructional days, starting with the 11th snow day: (1) January teacher In-service, (2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, (3) February Teacher In-service, (4) President's Day, (5) Monday following spring break. If more school is missed after using the above dates, additional days may be added to the end of the school year at the discretion of the school board. The addendum was unanimously approved by the board.

MyOn Reader Adoption-

MyOn is the world's largest 24-7 interactive digital library for schools with over 4000 books geared for Pre-K through 9th grade. The MyOn program is set up to know the reader individually including age and reading level. Dr. Mulford shared with the board a PowerPoint presentation of what the program offers, discussed the financial component and the proposal for how this program will be

used. The board unanimously approved the program beginning with a reading initiative set to begin this summer.

May Board Meeting – Date Change-

The board unanimously approved a board meeting date change of May 20th, 2014 to May 13th, 2014. The board meeting will begin at 5:00pm with the middle school promotion to follow at 6:30pm.

Resignations

Sharon Hayes – Bus Driver

Sue Kimberlin- Elementary Reading Specialist

Krista Robbins – High School Special Education

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 15th, 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.