



West Plains Schools Board Update

April 15, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by elementary and middle school art students and the MSDC award recipients.

Each year student artwork is selected for display at the West Plains School District Central Office. The framed artwork is on loan for one year and then returned to the students. The students were recognized by the board for their creative artwork at the board meeting.

The West Plains School District received 4 of 6 awards at the Missouri Staff Development Council (MSDC) conference held on March 16th, 2014. Dr. Julie Thompson received the Outstanding Instructional Leadership award. Justin Bennett and Natalie Brazeal won the awards for Outstanding Teacher Leaders. The West Plains Middle School Math PLC team was recognized as the MSDC Outstanding Leadership Team. The WPMS Math PLC team includes Jodie Ficken, Amy Jackson, Becky Hutchinson, Brandy Wilson and Allison Arnold.

South Central Career Center Accreditation Update

The SCCC has completed the overall school standards review. The career center is currently in the process of developing a strategic plan that will include steps to ensure SCCC will be the premier training facility within a 100 mile radius. The dates for the on campus review have been set for September 15-18, 2014.

Regular Agenda

8th Grade Promotion

The 8th grade promotion ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Tuesday, May 13th.

High School Graduation

The high school graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Thursday, May 15th.

Salary Committee Initial Proposal-

The salary committee presented its initial proposal to the board. The following is a list of items that were presented for board consideration. The committee will continue discussions with the school board at the May board meeting, with approval of requests no later than June.

1. Continue board paid health insurance
2. Allow movement along the salary schedules
3. 2% increase to the base teacher's salary (this would translate to other salary schedules)
4. Support Staff: Built in snow days that would not impact hourly employees pay if multiple snow days are missed.

SCCC Duplex Auction Results and Approval

On Monday, April 14th, both school owned duplexes were auctioned by Gary Sexton. The Jackson St. duplex sold for \$133,000 and the Sesson St duplex sold for \$91,000. The proceeds will be used for the new agriculture science facility.

Summer Food Service Addendum

The board approved the summer school food service addendum to the original contract for food service between OPAA and the West Plains School District. This addendum is approved by the board on an annual basis to ensure the district is following all procedures in the food service contracts, as well as DESE requirements.

Top 10% Banquet – May 1, 6:30 pm at the Civic Center

The annual Top 10% Banquet will be held May 1st at 6:30pm at the West Plains Civic Center. This event is sponsored each year by the Noon Rotary Club. The banquet recognizes high school seniors who rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class.

Resignations

Melissa Harper - High School Drama

Juliet Cobb – High School Math

Justin Bennett – Middle School Reading

Karen Sholes – Part-time Special Services Director

Kathy Miller – High School/Middle School Special Education

Randy Fukasawa – Transportation Secretary (Effective December 31st, 2014)

Jessica Johnson – High School Secretary

Jeff Owens – High School Biology

Melissa Girdley – Elementary Nurse

New Hires

Julie Smith - High School Special Education Counselor

Dana Hall – Elementary Preschool Teacher

Patricia Rodriguez – Middle School 5th Grade Teacher

Mary Howell – High School Special Education Teacher

Michelle Mattsfield – Elementary Reading Specialist

Amy McNew – High School Head Volleyball Coach

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 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.