



## West Plains Schools Board Update June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains School District Board of Education Vice President, Bo Pace.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **SCCC Accreditation Update**

Mr. Laughary, Dr. Cotter, and Cindy Doss presented information to the board on the self-study portion of SCCC's accreditation process. The presentation will be available on the SCCC website for viewing by June 20<sup>th</sup>. A visit is scheduled with the accreditation team leader in July and a full review is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Student Handbooks – 2nd Read**

The board approved student handbooks as reviewed in the month of May. Changes to the student handbooks will go into effect for the 2014-15 school year. All revised handbooks will be posted on the district website by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

#### **Employee Handbooks – 2nd Read**

The board approved employee handbooks as presented in the month of May. Changes to employee handbook will be implemented July 1, 2014.

#### **Professional Based Teacher Evaluation (PBTE) Plan, 2nd Read**

At the March board meeting the board voted to approve the NEE model for teacher evaluation. As a result, the evaluation committee determined to seek approval on the draft PBTE plan as read in the month of May. The PBTE plan was approved.

#### **Approval of ECSE Local Compliance Plan (State Model), 2nd Read**

The Local Compliance Plan is a document which the state develops and the district adopts on an annual basis. By approving this plan, the district will continue to follow the state model. An amendment has been made to the state model which will allow the district the ability to continue serving students who have been enrolled in Early Childhood Special Education upon entering kindergarten without being reassessed until entering first grade. The Local Compliance Plan was approved at the June board meeting

#### **Salary Committee Initial Proposal**

The salary committee resubmitted its proposal to the board from the April board meeting. The following is a list of items that were presented to the board. The proposal was unanimously approved at the June board meeting.

1. Continue board paid health insurance
2. Allow movement along the salary schedules
3. Add “longevity steps” to the far right column of the teacher’s salary schedule.
4. Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> week of vacation for fulltime, 12 month employees upon the completion of five years of service.

#### **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCCT)**

The South Central Career Center was approached by Missouri State University – West Plains about partnering through a grant that would provide programming to support specific local industry needs. Mr. Laughary and representatives from the university presented a proposal to the board for approval to move forward with the grant. The board approved unanimously.

### **Missouri College Advising Corps Proposal**

A representative from the University of Missouri has approached the district about a program called the Missouri College Advising Corps. It is a grant funded program that would place a full-time employee on our campus for the purpose of assisting students toward college entrance. The board approved the Missouri Corps advising proposal.

### **Student Registration Date Change – August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Registration dates at all buildings have been moved from July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adopt Salary Schedules**

The board approved the salary schedules for the 2014 -15 school year. All schedules will be posted on the district website by July 1, 2014.

### **Collective Bargaining Agreement for Bus Drivers**

The collective bargaining negotiations between the Missouri NEA/West Plains Full Time Route Drivers Bargaining Unit and the West Plains School District came to a close on June 4<sup>th</sup>. As a result, an agreement has been presented to the Board of Education. The West Plains School board voted to approve the document.

### **Purchasing Card Vendor Approval**

The district wanted to change the current p-card provider to a local bank. Dr. Boyer evaluated what each local bank offers and made a recommendation to use Arvest Bank. The board approved Arvest Bank as the district p-card provider.

### **Fund 1 to 4 Transfer**

The board made and approved the motion which will allow the district to make a Fund 1 to Fund 4 transfer into the capital projects fund. The exact number will be calculated when the 2013-14 fiscal year is finalized. This motion ensures the district has the capability to make the correct transfer to cover the districts needs at the conclusion of the 2013-14 fiscal year.

### **Designation of Amy Ross as ESL, Homeless and Migrant Student Contact**

Each year, school districts are required to designate a school official to serve as the ESL, Homeless, and Migrant student liaison. The Board approved Amy Ross, Special Services Coordinator, to serve in this role.

### **Back to School Celebration Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The annual Back to School Celebration will be held on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2014. Plans are currently underway for a 9 hole golf tournament, followed by food, and other activities.

### **Set lunch prices for 2013-2014 school year**

Three years ago, DESE set forth a mandate that requires school districts to increase breakfast and lunch prices gradually each year until they equal the rate of federal meal reimbursement amount. The following is a list of prices set by the school board for the 2014-2015 school year:

Student Full-Pay Breakfast Price: \$1.90

Student Full-Pay Lunch Price: \$2.75

Student Reduced Rate Breakfast: \$0.30

Student Reduced Rate Lunch: \$0.40

Adult Breakfast: \$2.00

Adult Lunch: \$3.00

### **Board Member Resignation – Bo Pace**

After 13 years of dedication and service to the district, Bo Pace is resigning from the board. Mr. Pace officially retired from his position at the Ozark Horse Trader earlier this year and plans to farm and enjoy life with his wife, Sunie. Pace says over the last 13 years, he has had the privilege to work with the best school district in the state.

### **Resignations**

Jessica Collins – Elementary Secretary

Rose Turnbough – High School Counselor

Rebecca Perkins – High school Science

Mandy Headrick – Elementary Teacher

Karlyn Zimlich-Deal – Paraprofessional

### **New Hires**

Mollie Horst – High School Science

Elizabeth Rutledge – High School Special Education

Kim Coble – Elementary Teacher

Travis Mackey – LPN Instructor

Faith Grace – Elementary Secretary

Christy Meeks – Elementary Playground Monitor

### **Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 19th, 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.*