



West Plains Schools Board Update

August 19, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains School District Administration.

Regular Agenda

Swim Team Proposal-

A group of patrons recently approached the district requesting to add swimming to the list of extra-curricular offerings. A four year start up proposal was presented to the board. The group indicated two volunteer coaches are available during start up. There are 590 MSHSAA participating schools. Of that, 107 have boys swimming and 129 have girls swimming. Within the Ozark Conference and Central Ozark Conference, 12 of the 26 schools have swimming. In the Ozark Conference, the Springfield schools and Joplin have swimming. The board will hold a special session board meeting at noon on Tuesday, August 26th to discuss the topic further.

Transportation Handbook Updates

Updates have been made to the transportation handbook to align with the recently adopted collective bargaining agreement. The board approved the updates.

Adult Education Handbook Revisions

Changes have been made in the adult student handbook to align with the recommendations from our preliminary accreditation site visit. The board approved the revisions.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Proposal – South Fork Elementary

The board has approved an agreement with the Howell County Sheriff's Department and the West Plains School District to provide an SRO at South Fork Elementary for each day school is in session.

Deputy Ron Pilkington has served at the Howell County Sheriff's office for nearly twenty years. Deputy Pilkington brings to his new role at South Fork a wealth of knowledge in a variety of area which are vital for the safety, security and well-being of our kids. In addition, to being a Deputy Sheriff, Pilkington is also a licensed and practicing paramedic and serves as a school safety and security instructor for numerous school districts across the state.

Update District Professional Development Plan

Dr. Williams presented to the board an updated Professional Development plan for the district. Each year Dr. Williams works with the Professional Development committee to update the plan to align with current needs. The board approved the updates.

Surplus Items-

The board approved the recommendation to surplus hospital beds from the LPN program. The beds will be donated to a local nursing home.

Approval of Rosetta Stone for Salary Advancement

The district is now able to offer faculty and staff the opportunity to learn another language through our Rosetta Stone program. Dr. Williams recommended the board allow successful completion of a

foreign language course to be used toward salary advancement. 1 course = equivalent of 3 college credits. The board approved the recommendation.

Readopt Financial Disclosure Policy BBFA

The board adopted a revised Financial Disclosure Policy, BBFA. The district must adopt a financial disclosure policy on a regular basis.

Designation of West Plains Bank Donation-

Last year, West Plains Bank & Trust Company began a debit card promotion involving local school mascots. For each transaction, 4 cents is set aside for the school district whose logo is displayed on the card. As a result, West Plains Bank recently presented the district with a check for \$8,870. Dr. Mulford recommend to the board to prorate the funds across the buildings based on student enrollment, with those buildings being able to use the funds as needed for the benefit of their students. The board approved the recommendation.

September In Service

The faculty and staff in service originally scheduled for September 19th, 2014 has been rescheduled to September 22nd, 2014. The decision was made to align with the calendars of the K-8 districts (Junction Hill, Fairview, Richards, Howell Valley & Glenwood).

Resignations

Jarrold Davis – Paraprofessional
Virgil Walker – Food Service

New Hires

Anna Carter – Elementary Paraprofessional
Brandy Peabody – High School Paraprofessional
Keena Simpson – Elementary Paraprofessional
Ethan Smith – Middle School Paraprofessional
Anna Brauer – Bus Driver
Chelsea Roseman – Lunch Room Monitor
Brian Minahan - Bus Driver
Allison Smith – High School Paraprofessional
Jessica Ball – Girls Soccer Coach

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 16th, 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.