



West Plains Schools Board Update

October 21, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from the Zizzer Pride Academy, Ridgerunner Magazine and National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists, Caleb Gill and Alyssa Roylance.

Regular Agenda

Strategic Planning Update-

The West Plains Public School District is currently reviewing and revising the district Comprehensive School Improvement Communication (CSIP). Six committees consisting of Communication, Safety, Academic, Finance, Professional Development, and Community Relations have been formed to align with the goals listed below.

GOALS:

1. Improve academic achievement in at least one core area for each student on an annual basis.
2. Provide opportunities and incentives for each student to participate in community service.
3. Ensure a safe environment that promotes excellence for students, faculty and staff.
4. Communicate effectively on all levels.
5. Attract, retain and continually develop a highly qualified and professional administration, faculty and staff.
6. Operate in a fiscally responsible manner by being good stewards of patron resources.

MSBA Policy Updates, Policy BBB & IND

The Missouri School Board's Association provided revisions for policies BBB and IND. BBB deals with board elections and IND deals with observance of holidays. Both recommended revisions were recommended to the board and approved.

Health Insurance Renewal Update

The district recently received claims data for the past year as it relates to district health insurance. For this year, the district has paid in 2.1 million in premiums and the insurance company has paid out 2.6 million in claims. The district is looking at a 34% increase in premiums by staying with Coventry. The board approved going to bid and exploring consortium options.

Ballot Discussion for Elementary Classrooms

Dr. Mulford shared with the board that the district is in desperate need for additional classrooms at our elementary facilities and the middle school. Dr. Mulford recommended that the board consider running a ballot issue to fund the construction of additional classrooms and the hiring of additional staff to reduce class size. The board will revisit this recommendation in November.

Resignations

Kayla Holt – Custodian

New Hires

Brittany Bryant – High School Secretary

Sara Hubbell – Paraprofessional

Alina Gerard – Paraprofessional

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 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.