



## West Plains Schools Board Update January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by several students in the Students Working At Transition (SWAT) program at the West Plains High School.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Strategic Planning Update – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

The West Plains Public School District presented a draft of the strategic plan to the board. Over the past four months, a strategic planning committee composed of almost 60 people has met to revamp the district's strategic plan. The board will continue to review the proposed plan and approve it in February.

#### **Board Candidate Filing Update**

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and ran through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Jim Thompson and Brian Mitchell are in their final year of a three year term and Courtney Beykirch is completing her first year of a term previously held by Bo Pace. All board members were unopposed and will be sworn in at the April board meeting.

#### **2015-16 High School Course Offerings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read/Approval**

Each year, the West Plains School Board is presented with a list of high school course offerings for the coming year. The school board approved the high school course catalog for the 2015-2016 school year. The course catalog will soon be available to students and parents online at [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org)

#### **Foster Care Liaison Designation, Mrs. Amy Ross**

Each year, school districts are required to designate a foster care liaison. The board designated Amy Ross to serve in this capacity for our district.

#### **MSBA Governance Team Recognition**

The Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) recently notified Dr. Mulford that the board of education has met nearly all of the requirements to receive the Governance Team Award. The remainder of the items needed are:

1. One additional board member to achieve advanced board member certification by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. A board representative will attend the Legislative Forum in Jefferson City on February 17<sup>th</sup>
3. A quorum of the board and the superintendent will attend the MSBA Spring Regional meeting.

The board plans to move forward with the additional requirements to achieve this recognition.

#### **Superintendent Contract**

Each January, school boards across the state take action regarding the contract for their superintendent. The West Plains School Board voted unanimously to extend Dr. Mulford's contract as Superintendent through June 2018.

#### **New Hires**

Tanya Miller – Paraprofessional  
Janet Franke – Paraprofessional  
Nikki Myers – HS Attendance Secretary  
Kate Heuchelin – Custodian

#### **Position Transfers**

Mary Beth Palmer – Currently Kindergarten teacher at South Fork, transferring to WPE Kindergarten  
Abbey Bonham – Currently 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at South Fork, transferring to WPE 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Stephanie Cates – Currently 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at South Fork, transferring to WPE 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Tracy Joiner – Currently high school English, transferring to Instructional Coach grades PK-5  
Lori Shannon – Currently A+ Coordinator, transferring to Instructional Coach for grades 6-12  
Jackie Wright – Currently 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at WPE, transferring to reading specialist at WPE  
Jena Record – Currently 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at WPE, transferring to reading specialist at WPE  
Erin Kimbrough – Currently 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WPE, transferring to 1<sup>st</sup> grade at WPE

**Resignations**

Mandy Freeman – Paraprofessional  
Cynthia Hill – Paraprofessional

**Next Regular Meeting-** The next board meeting is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*