



West Plains Schools Board Notes

February 17, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance- In recognition of Career & Technical Education month, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the South Central Career Center Administration.

Regular Agenda

Strategic Planning Update – 2nd Read

Dr. John Mulford, superintendent, presented a draft of the revised strategic plan to the school board in January. Over the past four months, a planning committee composed of nearly 60 community members met for the purpose of drafting a new strategic plan for the district. During a review of the plan, the board expressed concern that some of the wording was unclear and voted to table the adoption of the strategic plan until March so additional wording clarifications could be made.

Community Survey Update-

The district completed the second phase of the Thought Exchange community survey process on February 16th. We asked community members to read through a selection of thoughts and assign stars which best aligned with the participant's priorities. In the final process, thoughts and ideas will be reviewed by team of analysts. Themes and graphics will be created to assist in developing understanding of the results. Reports and results will be shared with identified focus groups and will be shared online at www.zizzers.org.

MSBA Policy Update -

As part of a religious freedom bill passed during the last legislative session, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requiring all school districts to adopt a policy regarding students speaking at school events. The board adopted such a policy as recommended by the Missouri School Board's Association.

Opaa! Food Management, Contract Renewal-

School districts using a food service provider must receive annual approval from the school board to continue in a contracted food service agreement. The school district accepted bids during the 2013-2014 school year and awarded a second 5-year agreement to Opaa! Food Management. The West Plains School District has partnered with Opaa! Food Management since the 2009-2010 school year. Board members unanimously voted to continue using Opaa! for the 2015-2016 school year.

Adopt 2015-2016 Calendar- 1st Read

The board conducted a first read of the 2015-2016 district calendar. The proposed calendar is similar to the current year calendar using corresponding dates. The board will be asked to approve the calendar in March. The current district calendar can be found online at www.zizzers.org under Quick Links.

New Hires-

Amy Spoor – Teacher
Janiece Wilbanks – Teacher
Denise Sullivan – Teacher
Amber Russell – Teacher
Rhonna Dalton – Teacher
James Matthew Roberts - Teacher
Ashley Freeman - Paraprofessional

Annette Boone – Paraprofessional

Transfers

Lenny Eagleman – Director of Transportation/A+ Coordinator/Summer School Coordinator

Jon Allen – 7th Grade Communication Arts to HS Communication Arts

Resignations/Retirements

Kelly Gleghorn – West Plains Elementary (retiring at year's end)

Linda Taylor – Bus Driver (retiring March 31st after driving for over 40 years)

Next Regular Meeting-

The next board meeting is scheduled for March, 17th, 2014 at 5:00pm, @ West Plains Elementary
*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.*