



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

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains High School National Merit finalist Caleb Gill and Alyssa Roylance, the West Plains High School basketball teams, and the Skills USA participants.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Community Survey Update-**

The district recently heard the thoughts and priorities of our community members in the initial Thought Exchange survey process that began in January. From the patrons who shared their priorities with us, we learned about our strengths and the areas that we can improve. One key area of concern that came out of the process was an emphasis on the facilities and class size in our district. Many community members expressed their concerns that the space for learning is at a premium. Before a plan is created, we asked for additional input from our community members through a second survey process on the facilities in our district. The survey ended on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MSBA Policy Update 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Each year, the school board reviews policy recommendations and makes adjustments as needed. Board members were given the annual MSBA Board policy update to review. These policies are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion at the Civic Center, Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

The 8th grade promotion ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Tuesday, May 12th.

#### **High School Graduation at the Civic Center, Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

The high school graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00pm at the West Plains Civic Center on Thursday, May 14th.

#### **Top 10% Banquet**

The annual Top 10% Banquet will be held April 28th at 6:30pm at the West Plains Civic Center. This event is sponsored each year by the Noon Rotary Club. The banquet recognizes high school seniors who rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class.

#### **Summer School Food Service Addendum-**

Summer food service is not part the district's regular contract with Opaa! Food Management. The district is required to approve an addendum each year which identifies the company as the summer food service provider. The board approved the addendum unanimously.

#### **Culinary Arts/MSU-WP MOU –**

The South Central Career Center has been working with Missouri State University- West Plains on a joint partnership to allow students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program to earn credits toward an Associate of Arts degree. The board unanimously approved the agreement.

#### **Hires –**

Eric Widlund – Custodian

Somer Boyer – Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

David Stuckey – High School Teacher/Coach

**Resignations**

Keesha Cotham – South Fork Elementary Teacher

**Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 19th, 2015 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.*