



## West Plains Schools Board Update

August 18, 2015

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by building custodians. The custodial staff was acknowledged for their hard work in preparing the buildings for the new school year as well as their work throughout the year.

### **Tax Rate Hearing –**

The overall district assessed valuation is up about \$6.6 million due to new construction. The calculated tax rate ceiling for the 2015-2016 school year is figured at \$3.6450. As compared to last year's ceiling of \$3.6318, this is an increase just over 1 cent. The board approved Dr. Boyer's recommendation to set the tax rate at \$3.6450.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Open Forum Dates to Discuss Ballot Issue Options**

Preliminary results of the most recent Thought Exchange survey will be posted on a Thought Exchange website later this month as well as open forum dates. The district heard some confusion from our patrons from the last survey and is preparing to provide other opportunities to give additional input on the tax levy in April. Those dates are as follows:

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm – 6:30pm – West Plains High School Library

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:30pm – 6:30pm – West Plains High School Library

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – 9:30am – West Plains Middle School Library

#### **Early Separation Incentive**

The salary committee requested in June that the board offer an early separation incentive again for the 2015-2016 school year. The board approved the salary committee's request. A copy of the incentive will be emailed to all faculty.

#### **MSBA Fall Conference, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

All board members will attend the Missouri School Board Association conference this year. Dr. Mulford said he is pleased the entire board of education will be in attendance as there are very few Missouri school districts that have 100% participation from their board members at the conference.

#### **Approval of ECSE Local Compliance Plan (State Model), Final Read & Approval**

The Local Compliance Plan is a document which the state develops and the district adopts on an annual basis. By approving this plan, the district will continue to follow the state model. An amendment has been made to the state model which will allow the district the ability to continue serving students who have been enrolled in Early Childhood Special Education upon entering kindergarten without being reassessed until entering first grade. The Local Compliance Plan was approved at the board meeting

#### **Resignations –**

Erin Maupin – Paraprofessional

Ashley Strazdas – Paraprofessional

#### **Hires –**

Kevin Botkin – PE/Health/Band Teacher

Tracy Grigsby – Parents As Teachers Coordinator

Dale Carstensen – Paraprofessional

Leslie Dennis – Paraprofessional

Koree Vance – Paraprofessional

Gail Harris – Paraprofessional

Meagan Fiedler – Paraprofessional

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 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.*



