



West Plains Schools Board Update September 15, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by West Plains High School Student Council President Spencer Beard and by the South Central Career Center Surgical Technology Coordinator, Misty Hathcock. Mrs. Hathcock was recently awarded the Didactic Educator of the Year Award by the Association of Surgical Technologists.

Regular Agenda

Strategic Plan Review

The board reviewed the goals and objectives of the district strategic plan which was revised in March 2015 and discussed steps the district is taking to meet those goals. The goals are listed below and a complete Strategic Plan can be found on the district website at www.zizzers.org

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.

2015-2016 Bus Route Approval

Each year, the state requires school boards to officially set and adopt bus routes and bus schedules for the current year. Dr. Smith provided the school board with a list of recommended routes and schedules. The school board unanimously adopted all routes.

MSBA Policy Updates

The Missouri School Board's Association regularly provides policy updates for school boards to consider. Four policy updates were presented that include state mandated evaluation processes and updates to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The recommendations were approved by the board.

Professional Based Teacher Evaluation Update

The board voted to approve a recommendation made by Dr. Smith to decrease the annual number of documented evaluations for tenured teachers from eight to four. This change will be effective immediately.

Ballot Issue Discussion

The district held a total of four open forums as well as presented at the Noon Rotary Club and West Plains Chamber of Commerce meetings. A facility improvements survey was given at each open forum and community meeting. At this time we have had a total of 98 responses with 94 indicating they would be in support of a tax levy increase. The district is scheduled to visit a few other community organizations later this month. The board voted to hold a special board meeting on October 6th to make a decision on which option to pursue.

Resignations –

Donnie Luna – West Plains Elementary Assistant Principal

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 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.