



## **West Plains Schools Board Update**

February 16, 2016

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by representatives from the West Plains Middle School girls and boys basketball teams.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Career and Technical Educate Update**

In honor of Career & Technical Education (CTE) month, South Central Career Center Director, Jim Laughary, recognized the accomplishments of some of the career and technical student organizations. FCCLA recently competed in STAR events and did very well; several students are moving on to state competitions next month. FFA recently competed in the Area 13 competition and did very well. Cole Henry was also named Star Area Farmer and will be competing for Star State Farmer in April. He is one of 16 students selected from across the State.

In a partnership with the City of West Plains and MSU-WP, the SCCC has secured over \$325,000 in funding for the Greater Ozarks Center for Advanced Technology for renovation of the old city scales building. Classes are scheduled to begin in the renovated building in August.

SCCC is currently serving 11 high schools, including West Plains.

#### **Opaa! Food Management Contract Extension**

Each year the district must renew its partnership with Opaa! Food Management for contracted food service. This contract is renewable annually for three additional years until a rebid is required in 2019. Board members approved the renewal unanimously. OPAA has been the district food service provider over the past seven years.

#### **Student Information System Approval -**

The district currently uses Lumen as its Student Information System. Over the last couple of years the district has been considering moving to a new product to better suit the needs of our teachers and staff. Ronnie Harper and Jonathan Hufstедler were leading the charge to find other options for this service. A faculty and staff committee was formed to review the options. After much research the committee narrowed down the options to Infinite Campus. The committee believes Infinite Campus to be the most inclusive and it would allow the district to eliminate costs associated with other software programs. The board approved the transition to Infinite Campus for the 2016-17 school year.

#### **Set Summer School Dates**

The 2016 elementary and middle school summer school dates have been set for May 23 – June 16 for a total of 16 days which will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m., four days per week at the West Plains Elementary and West Plains Middle School. High school will have a 6-week session starting May 16 (select courses) and 4-week session starting May 31st. Summer school registration forms will be available at [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org) next month.

#### **Capital Improvements Update**

Due to the current student population issues in the West Plains Elementary, the district is currently seeking mobile trailer classrooms for the 2016- 2017 school year. The district is currently accepting pricing for 4 classrooms. The initial agreement will extend through the 2017-18 school year with the option of extending for additional years.

#### **New Hires**

Anna Berry - Teacher

Kaley Lyons - High School Volleyball Coach/Teaching

Tanya Miller - Special Education Teacher

Nichole Riggs - Teacher

**Resignations -**

Marcia Dryden (retirement) - Kindergarten Teacher

Amy McNew - High School Volleyball coach/Foreign Language Instructor

The next board meeting is scheduled for March, 15th 2016 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.*