



West Plains Schools Board Update

March 15, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance- The West Plains Elementary 4th Grade Choir led the Pledge of Allegiance and also performed "America" for the board. The choir is an extra-curricular group of 26 auditioned singers in fourth grade. The group focuses on singing techniques, learning repertoire, and performing as an ensemble. The students perform carols around town, lead the school-wide caroling, perform the national anthem at a Grizzly game, and culminate the year with a spring concert in March.

Regular Agenda

Building Level Strategic Plans

Individual building plans have been compiled into one comprehensive strategic plan for the district. This strategic plan will be used to guide decisions made by the district. The board approved the strategic plan.

MSBA Region 15 Spring Meeting –

The school board will travel to Mountain Grove on April 28th for the annual Region 15 Spring Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform school boards regarding current issues related to public education.

Bus Inspection Update

The West Plains Schools Transportation Department received outstanding results on the annual school bus inspection program conducted on March 9th by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Out of 36 buses owned by the district, 100% were approved on the annual safety inspection.

Mobile Classroom Quotes

Dr. Boyer provided comparison quotes from several companies for the addition of mobile classrooms at West Plains Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year. The board approved the proposal from Classrooms Inc. with flexibility given to the administrators on the exact number of classrooms needed.

Jobs for America's Graduates Grant

The Jobs for America's Graduates program has been around for over 30 years and is designed to develop employability skills in the At-Risk population of a school district. The program is funded through a grant that is renewable annually pending sufficient appropriations. For year one, the district will receive 75% salary reimbursement plus an additional \$5,000 for supplies and equipment. In subsequent years, the district would expect to receive \$25,000 - \$35,000 per year for salary reimbursement. The board approved to move forward with the grant.

Hires:

Hailey Beazley – WP Elementary Teacher
Patricia Brandt – HS Social Studies
Karen Collins – HS Special Education
Nathan Huddleston – 7th Grade Math
Stephanie Huddleston – MS Special Education
Jeremy Russell – HS Science
Lara Strong – HS Language Lab

Resignations:

Nancy Davidson – Elementary Library
Sarah Doss – High School Special Needs

The next board meeting is scheduled for April, 19th 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.