



West Plains Schools Board Update

June 30th, 2016

Student Handbooks Update, 2nd Read and Approval

The school board approved student handbooks for the 2016-17 school year. All revised handbooks will be posted on the district website by July 10, 2016.

Employee Handbooks Update, 1st Read

The board approved employee handbooks for the 2016-17 school year. All revised employee handbooks will be posted to the district website by July 10, 2016.

Salary Committee Proposal

Following the May board meeting, one item requested by the salary committee remained under consideration by the school board; The request to allow full movement along all salary schedules for employees. With revenues and expenditures coming in much closer than anticipated, the administration recommended that the board approve the request to allow full movement. This recommendation was approved unanimously.

Preliminary 2016-17 Budget, 2nd Read and Approval

The initial budget for the 2016-17 was approved unanimously by the school board. Keeping in mind that some questions surrounding projected revenues still exist, the initial budget reflects a potential deficit. A revision to this budget will be made in the fall as better projections are available.

Adopt Salary Schedules

The board approved the salary schedules for the 2016 -17 school year. All schedules will be posted on the district website by July 10, 2016.

Update MSBA Board Policies

Due to recent changes in legislation related to federal programs and funds, the school board approved the policy update recommendations as received from the Missouri School Board's Association (MSBA).

Designation of Amy Ross as ESL, Homeless and Migrant Student Contact

Each year, school districts are required to designate a school official to serve as the ESL, Homeless, and Migrant student liaison. The Board approved Amy Ross, Special Services Coordinator, to serve in this role.

Set Lunch Prices for 2015 – 2016 School Year

Five years ago, DESE set forth a mandate that requires school districts to increase breakfast and lunch prices gradually each year until they equal the rate of federal meal reimbursement amount.

DESE provides a formula that school districts can use to determine the amount of increase required. This formula has been used once again this year to help assure the recommendation is accurate. The formula calculation for the West Plains School District actually resulted in no required increase. As such, Dr. Smith recommended to the board the breakfast and lunch rates remain the same for the 2016-2017 school year.

Student Full-Pay Breakfast Price: \$1.90

Student Full-Pay Lunch Price: \$2.75

Student Reduced Rate Breakfast: \$0.30

Student Reduced Rate Lunch: \$0.40

Adult Breakfast: \$2.00

Adult Lunch: \$3.00

Annual Audit set for August

All public school districts are required to conduct an annual, independent audit following the close of the fiscal year. The district audit will be conducted by the accounting firm Shultz, Wood, and Rapp in August.

School Resource Officer Contract Approval

The West Plains School District contracts with the West Plains Police Department to provide School Resource officers on the campuses within the city limits. The prior contract ended in May and the school board approved a revised 2-year agreement.

Hires:

Tim Carver – Paraprofessional

Landon Franz – Paraprofessional

Joel Barrentine – Custodian

Robert Phenix – Custodian

Eddie Sheets – LPN Clinical Supervisor

Mildred Bass – Speech Language Pathologist

Resignations:

Erin Kimbrough – Elementary Teacher

Sunshine Gorsky – Paraprofessional

Jackie Douglas - Paraprofessional

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 23rd, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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.