



West Plains Schools Board Update

March 21st, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains Middle School math team. In January, team members competed against eight other schools in the Annual MESCM Middle School Math Relays and won 1st place overall. The relays consisted of 22 events and points were earned for placing top 5 in each event. The points were combined to determine an overall team score.

Howell County Sales Tax Issue, Mark Collins

Commissioner Mark Collins discussed with the board the upcoming county sales tax issue. He explained that the funds would be used for asphalt, gravel and other materials to improve our road system. He also explained that no part of the sales tax increase would be spent toward employee salaries.

Salary Committee Proposal

The salary committee presented its initial request to the school board for the 2017-18 school year. The committee requested the following three items: 1) Continue with MEUHP as the insurance provider and maintain the \$425 monthly board contribution, 2) Allow full movement across all salary schedules, and 3) Adopt updated hourly rate schedules as agreed upon by the salary committee and administration. A decision will be made regarding these requests no later than the June board meeting.

Approve to Solicit Bids for 2-Way Radios

One of the communication tools the district uses in all buildings and school buses are two-way radios. The last major update was done about 10 years ago. Since that time, the radio software and equipment has had a variety of issues. The board approved going out for bid for new radios and equipment for the transportation department and school buildings.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Every five years the district is required to adopt a resolution with FEMA. The board approved the resolution.

Hires for the current year

Debra Head - Elementary Office Manager
Tammie Harper - Part Time SLP

Hires for the 2017-18 school year

Morgan Davis – Elem. Teacher
Jennifer Shipley – FACS
Sonia Kuessner – HS Chemistry

Resignations (effective at the end of the school year):

Susan Bass – Speech Language Pathologist
Danny James – Educational Diagnostician
Debbie Stauffer – Part Time Speech Language Pathologist
Dawn Gatewood - Paraprofessional
Erik Widlund - Custodian

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 2017 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.