



## West Plains Schools Board Update

June 27, 2017

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by board President, Jim Thompson.

### **Salary Committee Proposal**

The salary committee presented its initial proposal to the board at the March board meeting. The following is a list of items that were presented to the board for consideration. All components of the proposal were unanimously approved.

1. Board Paid Health Insurance Through MEUHP (\$425 monthly cap)
2. Revised salary schedules for hourly employees
3. Full Movement on ALL salary schedules

### **Preliminary 2017-2018 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Read and Approval**

The board annually approves a budget for the upcoming school year. The budget for the 2017-18 was approved unanimously by the school board.

### **Adopt Salary Schedules**

The board approved the salary schedules for the 2017 -18 school year. All schedules will be posted on the district website by July 10, 2017.

### **Set Meal Prices for 2017-2018**

Six 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 2017-2018 school year.

Student Breakfast  
Full Price = \$1.90  
Reduced Price = \$0.30  
Adult Breakfast - \$2.00

Student Lunch  
Full Price = \$2.75  
Reduced Price = \$0.40  
Adult Lunch - \$3.00

### **Approval of Two Way Radio Bid**

In April the district went out for bid for a complete radio system that will serve all of our buildings as well as the busses and transportation department to help communicate more effectively. Dr. Smith recommended to the board RadioPhone, a company based out of Springfield. RadioPhone has the support and technology in place to fully fit district needs. The board approved the recommendation to move forward with RadioPhone and plans to have the radio system implemented in time for the beginning of the school year.

### **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.

### **Hires:**

Lauren Brassfield - HS Secretary

Amy Smotherman -Elem Secretary  
Lacey Loring - Elem Secretary  
Linda Hedeem - Paraprofessional  
Sherri Howell – Paraprofessional  
Zachary Martin - Paraprofessional  
Olivia Powers – Paraprofessional  
Misty Rutledge – Paraprofessional  
Amy Green – School Nurse  
Jennifer Tidwell – School Nurse  
James Walker – Part-Time Mechanical & Architectural Drafting

**Resignations:**

Ruth Brazeal  
Deborah King

**Transfers:**

Amy Wheeler – MS Nurse to Health Occupations Teacher

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.*