

# West Plains Schools Board Update

September 19th, 2017

**Pledge of Allegiance -** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jobs for America's Graduates students and instructor, Joan Dietrich. The program was the recipient of several national and state awards over the summer. The program is new to the West Plains High School as of 2016 and is funded through a federal grant. JAG is the nation's largest, most consistently applied model of dropout prevention and school-to-career transition for at-risk young people of great promise.

#### **MSBA Fall Conference**

The board of education will attend the Missouri School Board Association conference this year on October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The conference is in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and will focus on engaging, learning and connecting.

#### Homecoming Week

The homecoming parade will be on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 in downtown West Plains. The homecoming game will be held on at 7:00pm Friday evening at the Zizzer Stadium.

# Leave Policy Update

The district has been working with the salary committee to amend the sick leave buyback policy. The amendment would replace the need for an early separation incentive in future years and provide a higher rate for those who give ample notice for separation. The board read through the policy update and will make a decision at the October board meeting.

## 2017-2018 Bus Route Approval

Each year, the state requires school boards to officially set and adopt bus routes and bus schedules for the current year. Dr. Boyer provided the school board with a list of recommended routes and schedules. The school board unanimously adopted all routes.

# Hires:

Sarah Edelen – School Nurse Robert Arnett – Custodian Stormy Donaldson – Custodian Robert Garfield – Custodian Clayton Johnston – Maintenance

# **Resignations:**

Cody McKee - Paraprofessional

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 17<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.