



West Plains Schools Board Update

October 16, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board of education.

Academic Update

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

Senate Bill 603. On June 1, 2018, former Missouri Governor Eric Greitens signed Senate Bill 603, legislation that modifies provisions relating to virtual education. The bill changes the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP) to "The Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program" and allows eligible students to enroll in online program courses of their choice to be paid by the school district. The school district is required to pay for the course, as long as it is in the best interest of the child's education. And that "best interest of the child's education" part is what prompts districts to ask questions.

Professional Development

- **Rutherford Training.** The administrative team will participate in the second round of Rutherford Training on October 22, 2018.
- **Magnify Learning and PBL** - The fourth grade, fifth grade, ZIA, and high school science groups will participate in ongoing PBL training with Magnify Learning. Weekly sessions will focus on methodology, management, and best practices.

Educamp - The next West Plains professional development release day is scheduled for October 31, 2018. The abundance of professional learning opportunities make it possible to differentiate for the multi-tiered interests of all participants.

Technology

- **eMINTS** - The district is completing the cycle for a 7th grade eMINTS grant and chromebooks will be distributed to our 7th grade in the summer 2019.

The district was notified on 10/04/2018, that the eMINTS National Center at Mizzou has been selected to fund the U.S. Department of Education Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grant. As a result, the district has been invited to apply for the 8th grade grant which would provide devices to 8th grade in the summer 2019. Schools will be randomized into two groups: treatment and control. Treatment schools will start with affiliate trainer professional development during the summer of 2019. Teachers will begin professional development in the fall of 2019. All equipment purchases will be provided during the summer/fall of 2019.

MSBA Fall Conference Update

The board of education attended the Missouri School Board Association conference on September 27th – September 30th. The conference was in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and focused on engaging, learning and connecting.

Capital Improvement Update

District Facility Analysis - The district is currently in the process of completing a full facility evaluation at each campus, taking a look at immediate needs, short term projects, and long-term goals. The goal is to analyze items such as roofs, HVAC, and technology infrastructure.

South Fork Entrance - The new road project at South Fork is completed. After communicating the student pick-up plans with the parents in advance, stopped traffic has been eliminated from the highway during after-school pickup.

Cross-Country Fieldhouse - The Building Trades class has passed all tests, completed a few beginning projects and are working on completing the CC/Track fieldhouse. Completion of the project is set for the spring.

Food Service Update

Dr. Davis collected over 150 responses from the staff concerning our food program. He asked not only for concerns but also suggestions. Many staff members asked the students the questions as well. Dr. Davis will use the information in the upcoming bid process and food selection.

Budget Update

During the month of November the district will have our annual large budget update.

We have three major tasks when updating this budget:

1. Reorganize the budget to the new account codes that DESE implemented last spring.
2. Review existing budgets and revised expense estimates.
3. Evaluate the summer construction cost and budgeted amounts.

Hires:

Casie Graham – Custodian

Stephen Cook – Custodian

Resignations:

Rhonda Richter – (retirement) – WPHS Art

Crystal “Robin Cloud – Bus Driver

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 15th, at 11:30 p.m. – West Plains High School.

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.