



West Plains School District Board Update

December 18, 2018

Academic Update

Over the last couple of weeks Dr. Williams met with each building to discuss the initial data report for the spring 2018 test window. She presented the data to the board. Dr. Williams and the teachers will continue to rewrite the science curriculum and will begin the social studies revision in the spring 2019. The district will also closely examine the alignment of the Missouri Learning Standards, District Curriculum, and the assessments which are administered to align with these standards.

Professional Development

Twenty-four teachers and administrators will be traveling to Bolivar, on January 2, to participate in the Ruby Payne seminar on Emotional Poverty in All Demographics. Ruby will discuss emotional poverty and how to build emotional wealth in your students.

The next district-wide professional development event will be hosted January 18, 2019, and will have offerings which allow all teachers to experience a "day-in-the-life" of an SCCC student.

On February 15, 2019, Tara Brown, "The Connection Coach", will speak to faculty and staff about her 30-year professional journey across the globe. She will reinforce what we know to be true about the importance of building relationships.

Technology

The district-wide technology meeting will be hosted on December 19th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the West Plains High School Library. The 40+ person committee will include key stakeholders in the journey to 1:1.

Board Candidate Filings

Board candidate election filing opened on December 11th and will run through 5:00 p.m. January 15th, 2018. Sam Riggs & Cindy Tyree are in their final year of a three year term. Both seats will be up for election in April.

CTS Presentation – Facility Improvements Utilizing Design/Build Energy

CTS representatives presented facility improvements utilizing design/build energy performance contracting. The company has toured each of the district buildings and presented their findings to the board. The board will read over the presentation materials and discuss it more in depth at the next board meeting.

MOU GOCAPS - ZCAPS

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding to continue offering the ZCAPS program at the high school.

MSBA Policy Update - 1st Read

MSBA has provided the district with some additional policy recommendations that align to legislative changes. The board approved the policy recommendations.

Annual Liability Insurance Renewal

The district is currently a member of the Missouri United School Insurance Council (M.U.S.I.C.), a self-funded insurance consortium for public schools in Missouri. The district received an annual renewal proposal for the amount of \$290,339 for 2019. The amount is an increase of \$11,000 but the proposed rate is still lower than the annual premium for the 4 of the last 5 years. The district

administration has been pleased with M.U.S.I.C. and recommended that the renewal be accepted. The school board unanimously approved the recommendation.

2019-2020 School Calendar, 1st Read

The board conducted a first read of the 2018-2019 district calendar. The proposed calendar is very similar to the current year calendar using corresponding dates. The board will be asked to approve the calendar in January. The current district calendar can be found online at www.zizzers.org under Parent Resources.

Hires:

Emily Edwards – Long Term Sub – WPMS Music
Julie Marquis – WPE Office Secretary
Rebecca Richardson – Parents As Teachers
Casie Graham – WPHS Custodian

Resignations:

Kendra Gleghorn – WPMS 6th Grade
Stephen Cook – WPHS Custodian

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 201 – Central Office Administration Office

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.