



West Plains School District Board Update

January 15th, 2019

Academic Update

Assessment

- **APR**
APR-the preliminary APR Annual Performance Report has been released but is embargoed from the public and the press until February 1, 2019. The state has introduced 3 sets of standards and four assessments in the last five years which has created a moving target for students and staff. Fortunately, this year will be the second year of administration for the same examination in ELA, MA, and SC. The district will experience a new, nonoperational Government test; which means we will not receive feedback from this year's scores.
- **Stanford 10**
To increase K-2 accountability for the district, we will administer the Stanford 10 ½ year test for Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade in February to both the West Plains Elementary and South Fork Elementary. Collection of data from the ½ year performance will allow us to closely examine the processes and to determine where we may need to increase the rigor our instructional and curricular efforts.
- **Stand Alone English Pilots**
This district also participating in the English I and English II stand alone pilot for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which will expose our students and staff to the new blended writing requirements for the high school End-of Course Exams. Scores will be returned in March and will not be used for grading purposes but to inform our department of how we may need to modify our writing efforts.
- **NAEP**
Once again, South Fork has been chosen for the National Assessment of Education Progress test for fourth grade. Students will be given a random test in one of the content areas with the results being used for state comparisons across the nation. No identifiers for individual students are used but rather it seems the demographics of South Fork students fit into a suitable norm for valid results.

Professional Development

- **Ruby Payne**
A combination of 27 teachers and administrators traveled to Bolivar on January 2, 2019, to listen to author, Ruby Payne, discuss the "Emotional Poverty in all Demographics". Her discussion focused on how to reduce anger, anxiety, and violence in the classroom.
- **EduCamp**
Our next Edu camp will be January 18, 2019, this Friday, on the West Plains High School Campus.

Board Candidate Filings

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on December 11th and ran through 5:00 p.m. January 15th, 2019. Sam Riggs and Cindy Tyree are in their final year of a three year term, both board members filed for another term and were unopposed. As a result, no election will be

required and Mrs. Tyree and Mr. Riggs will be sworn in to serve a 3 year team at the April board meeting.

2019-2020 School Calendar, 2nd Read

Last month the board conducted a first read of the 2019-2020 district calendar. The calendar is very similar to the current year calendar using corresponding dates. The board approved the calendar. The 2019-2020 calendar will be available soon online at www.zizzers.org under Parent Resources.

MSBA Policy Update -2018B

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

Federal Food Service Bid

The district received two food service bids. Dr. Davis recommended to the board to approve the bid from Opaal!. The board approved the contract for an additional year.

Missouri Assessment for Learning Consortium Approval

Sixty-five districts have submitted MOUs to the Partnership. Membership remains open to districts that have not yet joined. The partnership has moved forward on 1) determining the current and ideal state of assessment and assessment practices, 2) understanding the state of assessments and assessment systems, and 3) goal planning and forming an advisory committee. There have been six vendor demonstrations, with the anticipation of a few more. Three primary areas of focus for the Partnership, and thus the Advisory Committee, have been: 1) the assessment system and resource development, 2) knowledge and practice, and 3) professional learning.

2019-2020 High School Course Offerings Change in Approval

Dr. Wilson recommended to the board to change the approval process on the high school course offerings. Each August, a change in curriculum or addition of new classes will be brought to the board for approval.

Foster Care Liaison Designation

Each year, school districts are required to designate a foster care liaison. The board designated Amy Ross to serve in this capacity for our district.

Depository Bid

Depository bids were due on Friday, January 11th at 12:00 p.m.. A public bid opening occurred directly after. Dr. Boyer recommended to the board to approve Community First Banking Company. The board approved the recommendation.

Superintendent Contract

The board voted to extend Superintendent Dr. Lori Wilson's contract through June of 2022. The vote came as part of the board's annual review of the superintendent. Dr. Wilson is completing her first year as superintendent.

Hires:

Nicole Hardison – Early Childhood Special Education
Emily Edwards – High School Special Education
Jasmine Evans – High School Math

Resignations:

Laura Brassfield – High School Secretary & High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Robert Arnett – Elementary Custodian

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2019

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.