



## West Plains School District Board Update

January 21, 2020

### **Board Candidate Filings**

Board candidate election filing opened on December 17 and ended at 5:00 p.m. January 21, 2020. Lee Freeman, Christena Coleman, and Courtney Beykirch are in their final year of a three-year term. All three board members filed for another term and were unopposed. As a result, no election will be required. Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Beykirch, and Mrs. Coleman will be sworn in to serve a 3-year team at the April board meeting.

### **Approval of Penmac for Outsourcing Procurement of Substitutes**

At the December board meeting, a group from Penmac discussed the possibility of a substitute teacher recruitment and placement program. The board discussed the proposal and approved the recommendation.

### **Board Workshop – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

The board of education will attend a special workshop in the high school library on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Belcher Scholarship Applications**

MSBA FutureBuilders established the Belcher scholarship program in memory of John T. Belcher, who was instrumental in developing innovative financing programs for Missouri school districts. The learning environment for thousands of Missouri's public school students improved as a result of his work.

A \$1000 annual scholarship is awarded to a student in each of MSBA's 17 regions. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities, and the quality of an essay. A statewide winner is selected from this group of regional winners and awarded an additional \$1500. The application of West Plains High School senior Hannah Collins has gone through the regional level and will now go through the state level with other schools who submitted applications.

### **Hires:**

Matthew Orchard – WPHS Principal (2020-21 School Year)  
Mozella Jett – SCCC Culinary Arts  
Taylor Smith – High School English Language Arts  
Shelby Smith – High School Science  
Mason Miller – High School Social Studies  
Jamie Cook – Special Education Paraprofessional  
Jennifer Taylor - Special Education Paraprofessional  
Chris Carstensen - Special Education Paraprofessional

### **Resignations-**

James Walker – SCCC Drafting  
Dave Moore – South Fork Elementary Custodian (Retirement)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the West Plains High School Library.

*School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains High School library, unless otherwise posted.*