



West Plains School District Board Update

February 18, 2020

Set Tuition for 2020-2021

Each year, the board establishes a tuition rate to be charged for non-resident students attending the school district (primarily the high school). As a reminder, tuition is charged for these students because the funding for non-resident students is sent to the school district in which they reside rather than the West Plains School District that they attend. Tuition billing is how the district recoups the costs associated with educating non-resident students. The district uses a formula to calculate tuition that is based on actual cost per student, as identified in the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The tuition rate for the 2020-21 school year has been set at \$8,108.65 per student, an increase of 3.0% over the 2019-2020 school year.

Approval of Contract with FantasTechs

The board approved a contract with FantasTechs for the 2020-2021 school year. FantasTechs specializes in IT needs for school districts, similar to what Opac! does for food service. This company evaluates, hires, and manages technology in conjunction with the school district to achieve desired outcomes.

Update on Career and Technical Education

In honor of Career & Technical Education (CTE) month South Central Career Center Director, Jim Laughary, recognized the accomplishments of the career center, the faculty and staff, and technical student organizations.

Missouri School Board Association School Board Appreciation Week

February 9-15, 2020, was declared School Board of Education Recognition week by Governor Mike Parson. Dr. Wilson acknowledged each member with school board recognition certificates and shared a special "What Does a School Board Member Do" video, highlighting students around the district. In addition, each board member also received special cards and gifts from each building in the district.

Principal's Report

Each building principal gave a short update to the board on what's happening in each school.

Hires:

Karen Pitts – High School Art

Transfers –

Shelia Decker – High School Special Education to High School Science

Shelby Harris – Middle School Math to High School Math

Resignations-

Brandon Parmer – 4th Grade

Anna Brauer – Bus Driver – Transportation (Retirement)

Len Jones – High School ISS (Retirement)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the West Plains Elementary.

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