



## West Plains School District Board Update

May 19, 2020

### **Elect Board President & Vice President –**

Jim Thompson was elected as board president and Cindy Tyree was elected as vice president. Each will serve a three term in their elected positions. Mr. Thompson has served on the board since 1988 and Mrs. Tyree has served since 2004.

### **Swear in Board Members –**

Lee Freeman, Christena Coleman, and Courtney Beykirch were sworn in to serve a three-year term. Mr. Freeman has served on the board since 2011, Mrs. Coleman since 2018, and Mrs. Beykirch since 2014.

### **Academics –**

#### **Summer School 2020 –**

The West Plains School District will offer two great opportunities for summer school this year. A virtual summer school will begin May 26 through June 30. The district also plans to provide an in-person Learning Academy session for elementary and middle school students from July 6 to July 30. Students will register in their current grade level for the 2019-2020 school year.

Virtual Summer School – Virtual summer school will be implemented through Google Classroom. All students will check-out a Chromebook device on May 26, 2020.

The virtual K-8 Programming will rely on existing Grade-level content and highlight: (May 26 – June 30)

- 1:1 Chromebook for each student
- Teacher-supported programming through Google Classroom
- ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies standards
- Engaging online activities
- Adaptive software access

In-Person K-8 Learning Academy (July 6 – July 30) Both elementary and middle school aged participants will engage in in-person thematic academic instruction enriched with stimulating hands-on activities to broaden interest in the world around us. Culminating experiences will nurture a sense of wonder and encourage participation. Morning and afternoon transportation is provided for all K-12 students.

#### High School Summer School

The West Plains High School will offer Zizzer Success for incoming freshman and physical education classes for grades 9-12.

Registration to enroll is now open. Registration for virtual summer school will end on May 22, and registration for the in-person Learning Academy will end on July 6.

To register for Virtual Summer School (June) [Click Here](#)

To download the Chromebook User Agreement [Click Here](#)

To register for In-Person Summer School (July) [Click Here](#)

### **Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget, Discussion**

The board annually approves a budget for the upcoming school year. Board members were presented a preliminary budget to review. It is scheduled to be approved at the June meeting.

### **Summer Board Workshop**

The board workshop is an opportunity for the superintendent and the board to dialogue about the vision and goals of the district. A date will be set soon.

### **Food Services, 2020-2021 OPAA Agreement-**

Each year the district reevaluates the food service contract with OPAA! Food Management. The district is pleased with the service especially the service OPAA has provided through COVID-19. To date OPAA and district has served over 100,000 meals to our students. The board approved the contract for an additional year.

### **CAREES Fund Expenditures**

With the CARE fund, the district will purchase devices for all high school students to prepare for online learning should that arise in fall.

### **High School Graduation, June 6**

The West Plains High School is set to provide a modified graduation ceremony with reduced numbers to comply with local and state ordinances and to observe safe interaction while providing the best possible ceremony for our graduates.

Based on local and state ordinances, the class of 2020 will have its commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Zizzer Stadium. This will allow the class of 2020 to graduate together at the football stadium. Each graduate will be issued seven (7) graduation tickets - one for the graduate and six for close family members or friends to attend the ceremony. To comply with local rules, only six guests will be admitted to Zizzer Stadium. For more information visit, [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org)

### **Collective Bargaining Agreement, 1<sup>st</sup> Read-**

The collective bargaining negotiations between the Missouri NEA/West Plains Full Time Route Drivers Bargaining Unit and the West Plains School District is closed. As a result, an agreement has been presented to the board and will vote at the June board meeting.

### **Hires:**

Tamara Phay – WPE Preschool  
Andrew Hanson – WPHS Speech/Debate/Drama Teacher  
Gretchen Welty – SPED Paraprofessional  
Ashley Schultz – SPED Paraprofessional  
Braxton Earls – SCCC SPED Paraprofessional  
Tarjinder Singh – Financial Aid Coordinator  
Keith Allan Denton – Bus Driver  
Harold Copeland – Bus Driver

### **Transfers:**

Sarah Cobb – Preschool (WPES) to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies (WPMS)  
Lanetta Stirewalt – Library Aide (WPHS) to SPED Paraprofessional

### **Resignations:**

Larry Fine – Custodian (WPMS) {Retirement}  
Melody Meeks – Library Aide (WPMS)

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the West Plains Elementary. *School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.*