

# **West Plains School District Board Update**

August 18, 2020

### <u>Tax Rate Hearing –</u>

The calculated tax rate ceiling for the 2020-2021 school year is figured at \$3.8345. The tax ceiling for 2019-2020 was \$3.8144. The board approved Dr. Boyer's recommendation to set the tax rate at \$3.8345.

### Annual Audit Update -

All public school districts are required to conduct an annual, independent audit following the close of the fiscal year. The district audit is being conducted by the accounting firm Shultz, Wood, and Rapp August 17-20, 2020.

#### MSBA Fall Conference -

The 2020 MSBA fall conference will be held virtually September 25-26. The virtual conference will include general sessions, and sessions related to the coronavirus pandemic.

#### Capital Improvements Update -

Dr. Davis gave an update on the status of summer projects including 4th grade trailer wall construction, the OMC/Zizzer Clinic, screen dividers, playground improvements, CC building, press box, and more.

## <u>Local Compliance for Special Education</u>

The Local Compliance Plan is a document which the state develops and the district adopts on an annual basis. Districts are required to adopt a Local Compliance Plan for Special Education which addresses the state compliance plan. The Local Compliance Plan was approved at the board meeting

## **Title IX Coordinator Designation**

Each year, school districts are required to designate a school official to serve as the Title IX Coordinator. The Board approved Wesley Davis to serve in this role.

# OMC/Zizzer Clinic Update

The Ozarks Medical Center is set to open a new healthcare clinic located on the West Plains School District campus, beginning on the first day of school on August 24. The OMC/Zizzer Clinic is a unique healthcare model in which comprehensive physical and preventative healthcare services are provided to students and school staff in the school setting. It is a result of a collaboration between the West Plains School District and OMC, to support the healthcare needs of the student population.

### **CARES Funding Update**

Dr. Boyer is working on the district's CARES Act application to cover the costs associated with COVID-19. The application is very detailed and includes cleaning supplies, technology devices, protective equipment, and costs that allow the district to properly social distance. Dr. Boyer has met with SCOCOG and the county commissioners to create a unified report on requesting money from the county.

#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the Return to Learn plan and online learning.

#### Hires:

Spencer Beard – Middle School Part Time Library Aide Jonathan Frey – High School Custodian Kelly Marsh – Middle School Custodian Joseph Johnson - Middle School Custodian Danny Cobb – Bus Driver

## **Transfers:**

Ryan Smith – Middle School PE to WPE Assistant Principal Matt Perkins – High School ISS to Middle School PE & High School Weight Room Brandon Pitts – High School ISS to Middle School PE & High School Weight Room

## **Resignations:**

Keith Denton – Bus Driver Lacy Loring – Elementary Paraprofessional Zeb Wallace – Elementary Assistant Principal Brittany Lange – Elementary Paraprofessional Gwen Osborn – High School Secretary

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at the West Plains Elementary library. School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.