



West Plains School District Board Update

December 15, 2020

Spring Semester Return to School Plan

Grades 7-12 will return to school in a full 5 day learning environment on January 4, 2021. Students will be exempted from quarantine and allowed to attend school only if all parties are masked and not showing any symptoms. Students who are positive for COVID-19 will quarantine as required by the CDC. Students will still be required to quarantine from extracurricular activities beyond school hours. In addition, the Howell County Health Department will not modify the length of quarantine from 14 days to the possibility of 7 days without a negative test. The positivity rate in our community currently remains too high. More information can be found at www.zizzers.org

File for Board Candidate – December 15, 2020 – January 19, 2021

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on December 15 and will run through 5:00 p.m. January 19, 2021. Jim Thompson and Brian Mitchell are in their final year of a three-year term. All seats will be up for election in April.

Designation of Foster Care Liaison

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.

Annual Liability Insurance Renewal

The district is currently a member of the Missouri United School Insurance Council (M.U.S.I.C.), a self-funded insurance consortium for public schools in Missouri. The district received an annual renewal proposal for the amount of \$329,857 for 2021. The amount is an increase of \$9,040. The district administration has been pleased with M.U.S.I.C. and recommended that the renewal be accepted. The school board unanimously approved this recommendation.

MOU GOCAP – ZCAPS

Dr. Wilson gave an update to the board on the West Plains High School ZCaps program. Currently, enrollment is low due to COVID-19 and the effect it has on students interning at external locations. The program will be re-evaluated in the spring.

Update on Cares Funding and Various Grants

Dr. Boyer gave an update to the board on federal and county funding.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the State Board of Education and discussed the spring semester and the return of students. Dr. Wilson also asked each principal to give an update on their building.

Hires: 2020-2021 School Year

Darrin Wilson – High School Special Education Teacher

Transfers: 2020-2021 School Year

Falisha McVicker – Special education paraprofessional to middle school special education teacher

James Vance - Special education paraprofessional to South Fork special education teacher

Resignations

None

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 at the West Plains Middle School. *School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.*