



West Plains School District Board Update

March 23, 2021

Academic Update –

Dr. Greg Carter and Tiffany Young gave the board an update on teaching and learning at the elementary and secondary levels. Dr. Carter spoke about an NWEA pilot program, July curriculum camp, and spring testing. Mrs. Young updated the board on restructuring the 6-12 ELA and Math curriculum, SPARK, and the program Actively Learn – an online program focusing on student engagement.

Capital Improvements Update

Dr. Davis gave an update on the district's current improvements, including the generator at the WPMS FEMA building, ZPA Gym, and self-contained special education classrooms.

2021-2022 Tuition Second Read

Each year, the board establishes a tuition rate to be charged for non-resident students attending the school district (primarily the high school). 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. At the February board meeting, the board reviewed a proposed annual tuition rate for non-resident high school students of \$8,514.08 per student, which is an increase of \$405.43, or 5 percent, over the previous year's rate of \$8,108.65. The calculation is based on a recently revised state statute for calculating tuition, which replaces the previous formula. The board approved the new tuition rates.

MSBA Policy Update – 2nd Read

MSBA has provided the district with some additional policy recommendations that align with tuition, graduation requirements, student discipline, and more. The board approved the policy recommendations.

Bus Inspection Update

The Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted an annual inspection on the district school buses in February. The district received a 96% pass rate, exceeding the 90% target rate for distinction.

Budget Amendment

Dr. Boyer recommended to the board to approve a budget update that revises the district revenues and major expenses. The district budgetary revenue will increase by \$207,000 for the 2020-2021 school year. The board approved the budget amendments as presented.

MSBA Spring Virtual Regional Meeting, April 1, 2021

The MSBA will host a virtual region meeting on April 1. The purpose of this meeting is to inform school boards regarding current issues related to public education.

OPAA Contract Extension

Each year the district reevaluates the food service contract with OPAA! Food Management. The district is pleased with the service OPAA has provided. The board approved the contract for an additional year. The contract is the second of a four-contract extension request before a bid must take place.

Update on Ronald McDonald Tooth Truck

Known as the Tooth Truck, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile unit provides dental treatment and prevention education for students throughout southern Missouri. This week, the Tooth Truck is serving West Plains School District students with little to no access to dental

care for free with a goal of completing the treatment plan of each child who registered. Though the mobile office measures just 200 square feet, it is equipped to provide a full range of dental services. Since its debut in summer 2002, nearly 9,000 children have been treated through over 17,000 dental appointments valued at \$3.7 million. Thank you to the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Unit.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the state board of education meeting, she discussed current enrollment numbers, and asked each principal to give a building update.

Hires:

Devin Sexton – WPMS Science
Kelsey Martin – WPHS ELA
Stetson Neldon – WPMS Social Studies
James Denton – WPMS P.E.
Cody Mazingo – WPHS Custodian
Danny Dunn – Full Time Bus Driver
Kelsey Walton – WPE 3rd Grade Teacher
Sara Fullington - Speech Language Pathologist
James Johnson – South Fork Custodian
Greg Dixon - Head Track
Alicia Gunter - Head Cross Country
Nathan Huddleston - Boys' Tennis
Chris Taylor - Head Wrestling

Transfers: 2020-2021 School Year

Braxton Earls – SPED Paraprofessional to WPMS 5th/6th Grade
Mary Beth Palmer – WPE Kindergarten to WPE Preschool
Kim Davis – WPE 3rd Grade to WPE 2nd Grade
Ashley Shultz – WPMS Paraprofessional to WPE Kindergarten
Anna Carter – WPE Paraprofessional to WPE 2nd Grade
Gretchen Weltz – WPE Paraprofessional to WPE Kindergarten Special Education

Resignations

Kearsten Freeman – Special Education SLPA
Greg Freeman – WPMS 5th Grade Teacher
Lindsey Henderson – WPMS Paraprofessional
Jennifer Randolph – WPE Special Education (Retirement)
Kimberly Matthews – WPE 3rd Graded
Patti Pointer – WPHS Custodian (Retirement)
Shelby Harris - WPHS Math
Steve Roseman - Tennis Coach
Andy Hanson - WPHS Theater Teacher

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021, at the West Plains High School Library.
School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted.