



West Plains School District Board Update

April 20, 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 MAP Testing, a core phonics programs, and the July curriculum camp at the elementary level. Mrs. Young updated the board on the new online learning management system, Canva, and a new Educamp model at the secondary level.

Capital Improvements Update

Dr. Davis gave an update on the district's current improvements, including lights, the ZPA gym, sewer lines at the baseball fields, and additional water fountains in the buildings.

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.

Summer Board Workshop Dates

The board is scheduled for a summer board workshop in June. The workshop is an opportunity for the superintendent and the board to dialogue about the vision and goals of the district.

Related Services Bid

The district accepted bids for related onsite services (occupational therapy and physical therapy) from April 1 to April 15, 2021. After receiving six bids, the district selected to remain with Ozarks Healthcare.

Financial Update

District revenues continue to be higher than the initial district expectations while expenses are holding at predicted levels. Current State Formula revenue is being funded at 97% with an anticipation to reach 100% by the end of the fiscal year.

Update on Federal Programs Onsite Review

An onsite review will be conducted on April 30, 2021, relating to the large number of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) the district received last school year during our triennial desk review. Dr. Ross will give a full report to the board concerning the onsite review in May.

Update on Ronald McDonald Tooth Truck

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile unit provides dental treatment and prevention education for students throughout southern Missouri. Through the end of the school year, the Tooth Truck will serve over 400 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. Thank you to the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Unit.

8th Grade Promotion, Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

The 8th grade promotion ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the West Plains Civic Center on Tuesday, May 18.

High School Graduation, Monday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

The high school graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Zizzer Stadium on Monday, May 17.

ESSER II and III Funding

The state is waiting on guidance from the federal government on the uses of the ESSER III funding. All districts must spend funds to requests funds. There is a potential of receiving \$8 million in ESSER III funds, but 20% of that must be spent on acceleration, learning loss, closing the gaps. Dr. Wilson is waiting to hear how this money can be spent.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the state board of education meeting and asked each principal to give a building update.

New Hires

Amanda Watts - WPHS Counselor

Melissa Hayes - WPES 4th Grade

Jennifer Callahan - WPHS Theater

Cassi Mason - Paraprofessional

Charlotte Cochran - Paraprofessional

Madison Roberts - Paraprofessional

Stephanie Grindstaff - Paraprofessional

Kaitlyn Johnson - Paraprofessional

Kassidy Freeman - SCCC Substitute Practical Nurse Instructor*

Wesley Laughary - Paraprofessional

Stephanie Jeckstadt - Paraprofessional

Elizabeth Mitchell - Paraprofessional

Transfers

Caitlin Reese - WPES Secretary to SPED Paraprofessional

Keena Simpson - WPES 4th Grade to WPES Kindergarten

Ashley Tyree Cooley - WPMS 5th Grade to SFES 4th Grade

Emily Long - WPMS/WPHS Instructional Coach to SPED Process Coordinator

Resignations

Jodi Watson - WPMS 6th Grade

Nora Triplett - SFES 4th Grade

Erin McBride - SPED Process Coordinator

Lindsey Mitchell - Paraprofessional

Rachel Libby - WPMS 6th Grade

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.