



West Plains School District Board Update November 16, 2021

Academic Spotlight –

Each month the board of education has an opportunity to hear academic spotlights on programs or classrooms around the district. This month, West Plains Elementary Principal Becky Hutchinson updated the board on the Wilson phonics curriculum. Mrs. Hutchinson introduced teachers utilizing the program, including Amber Galihier (kindergarten), Adrian Wooderson (first grade), and Sarah Land (second grade), as well as students from each class.

Academic Update

Dr. Greg Carter and Tiffany Young gave the board an update on elementary and secondary curriculum. Dr. Carter spoke about the Missouri writing professional development project on November 18, MRI training, and NWEA training. Mrs. Young updated the board on a middle school and high school data assessment, SPARK, 6-12 ELA, math, science, and social studies curriculum.

MSBA Policies Updates 2nd Read

Each year, the school board reviews policy recommendations and adjusts as needed. Board members were given the annual MSBA Board policy update to review. These policies were approved by the board.

COVID Update

This fall, the district implemented Test to Stay in an effort to limit the number of students required to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19. The protocol is a recommendation from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The purpose is to balance the need for in-person instruction with the need to limit the spread of COVID-19. Initially, the district planned to test the first seven days of quarantine. The district is now testing three times out of the first seven days of quarantine. Basically, every other day. Full details can be found at www.zizzers.org/COVID19.

Filing for Board Candidate

Board candidate election filing opens 8:00 a.m. on December 7, 2021, and runs through 5:00 p.m. December 28, 2021. Cindy Tyree and Sam Riggs are in their final year of a three-year term. Reid Grigsby was sworn in at the October board meeting to finish out the final year of Courtney Beykirch's three-year term. All seats will be up for election in April.

2021-2022 Budget Amendment

During the fall of each fiscal year, the district reviews revenues and expenditures and adjusts the budget accordingly. The board approved the budget amendments as presented.

MSBA Conference Update

The board of education attended the Missouri School Board Association conference this year on November 5-7. The conference was held in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and focused on engaging, learning, and connecting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wilson updated the board on the student enrollment, upcoming dates and asked each principal to give a building update.

New Hires

Certified Positions

Kelly Jones – WPMS/WPHS Special Education Teacher

Karen Vaughn – WPMS/SFES Special Education Teacher

Non-Certified Positions

Cassandra Collins - WPHS Custodian
Alissa Davenport - Central Office Receptionist
Breanna Harlan - Paraprofessional
Nicole Harris - WPMS Office Manager
Stephanie Sprude - WPES Custodian

Transfers

Michael Davis - ZPA Sped to ZPA Regular Classroom
McKenzie Peck (Barker) - WPES PARA to WPMS SPED Teacher
Stormy Peeler - WPES Classroom Teacher to WPES Reading Specialist

Resignations

Kevin Hedden - WPMS Assistant Principal - Resignation (Retirement)
Falisha Neal - WPMS SPED Teacher - Resignation (Effective 12/1/21)
Sonya Jones - WPHS Art Teacher - Resignation (Retirement)
Rexanne Smith - WPMS Cook - Resignation
Susan Thomas - WPHS Math Teacher - Resignation (Retirement)
Tad Zitter - WPHS Custodian – Resigned
Tracy Waggoner – WPE Teacher – Resignation (Retirement)

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021, at the West Plains High School Library. School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise posted.