



**Board of Education Update - July 26, 2022**  
**Summer Work Session of the West Plains School District Board of Education**  
**Held Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the WPMS Library Media Center**

The regular board meeting convened at 4:00 pm with the following members in attendance: Jim Thompson, Cindy Tyree, Reid Grigsby, Sam Riggs, Lee Freeman, Christina Silvey-Coleman, and Brian Mitchell.

**New Business**

1. Mr. Hufstedler reported the district phone upgrade and the electronic lock timeline to the school board. He shared timelines and showed examples of how the door locking system will be utilized. The project is waiting for many pieces of technology to arrive to be finished.
2. Ms. Fox shared with the board the new cooperative arrangement to place Community Support Specialists in some buildings.
3. The school board approved the MOU with Ozarks Healthcare for the staffing of the Community Support Specialists.
4. Ms. Miller discussed the current activity and athletic programs. She shared enrollment and also shared info concerning the official shortage in Missouri. Currently, the district has four coaching positions open.
5. Dr. Young and Dr. Carter discussed the timeline for curriculum work, an update on NWEA testing, and reviewed the district's SPARK program. This includes timelines for the curriculum approval, enrollment figures for SPARK, and test results from the NWEA testing from last school year.
6. The school board had the first reading of the K-5 ELA and Math curriculum. It is scheduled to be approved in the August meeting.
7. Along with Mr. Orchard, The Veregy Company (CTS), discussed the current and future status of the HVAC and electrical upgrades for the district. Updates were provided for WPES, SFES, WPMS, WPHS, ZPA, and SCCC. The biggest concern is that some HVAC units could not be delivered until late 2023.
8. Dr. Ross provided a detailed view of what our Early Childhood program offers and how it is funded. She discussed ECSE, Preschool, ADA Preschool, and PAT. A highlight of this report was the dramatic increase in the use of the Parents as Teachers program. Also, the total number of students for preschool in August is expected to be over 100. This is up from approximately 40 students two years ago.

9. Dr. Ross reviewed the ESSER and Title budgets.
10. Dr. Ross informed the board of the upcoming work on MSIP 6 and our local CSIP. The district was selected to participate in the 1st year of MSIP 6 (2022-23). This will require some updates to the current CSIP. Dr. Ross is already working on this.
11. Dr. Davis discussed district attendance rates for staff and also substitute shortages. The district had 7,213 absences during the 21-22 school year. This figure represents all staff; not just teachers. Of the total absences, 3,582 required substitutes. This cost the district over \$388,000 in sub payments to Penmac.
12. Mr. Orchard spoke on COVID leave. After discussion, the district will not offer paid COVID leave for the 2022-23 school year.
13. Dr. Davis, Mr. Orchard, and the school board discussed some concerns on facility safety. They also discussed current projects and procedures that are being implemented.

## **Closed Session**

The board adjourned to closed session at approximately 8:12 pm. The following contains the approved employment transactions.

### **1. New Hires – Board Action Required**

#### *Certified Positions*

- Joanna Patillo - Practical Nursing Instructor - SCCC
- Patricia Stoops - Business Teacher (Part-Time) - WPHS
- Gabe White - 7th/8th Social Studies - WPMS
- Jason Holladay - Special Education - WPHS
- Brian Johnson - Carpentry - SCCC

#### *Non-Certified Positions*

- Crystal Burnett - WPE Part-Time Secretary
- Kynslee Burgess - Paraprofessional
- Macie Duggins - Paraprofessional
- Macie Duggins - WPMS Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Isabelle Frescoln - WPMS/WPHS Library Assistant
- Sarah Martin - Paraprofessional
- Gabe White - WPMS Assistant Football Coach
- Melissa Hollingshad - Substitute Nurse
- Steve Evans - Bus Driver
- Robert Kohlmeier - Bus Driver

### **1. Transfers – Board Action Required**

- None at this time

### **1. Resignations – Board Action Required**

- Janet Cancino-Franke - WPMS Social Studies Teacher
- Karen Collins - WPHS Special Education Teacher
- Marcus Cook - ZPA Teacher
- Angela Gregory - Bus Driver
- Stephanie Grindstaff - Paraprofessional
- Krista Niles - WPMS Math Teacher
- Jess Buren Wilson - Paraprofessional

Full closed session minutes will be available after 72 hours in accordance with RSMO 610.021.

### **Adjournment**

The board returned to open session and adjourned at 9:26 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16 at 5:00 pm in the WPHS Library Media Center.