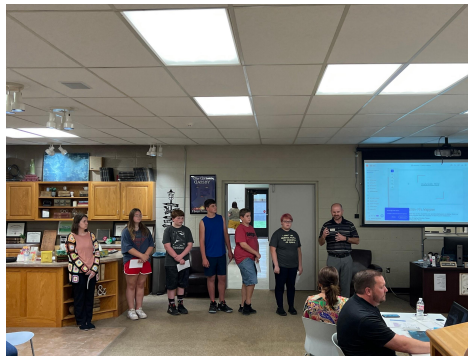




**Board of Education Update
September 19, 2023
Regular Session Meeting
West Plains High School Library**

Open Session & Student/Staff Spotlight

- The board led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The board presented a check for \$10,000 to the Connor Lair Family. Class of 2022 Zizzer alumnus and football standout Connor Lair has recently been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The support from students and alumni, including gate proceeds, helmet collections, donations, and sticker sales, demonstrates a great display of unity.
- Mr. Orchard and the principals recognized the new staff at the meeting.
- West Plains Middle School student spotlight.



Consent Agenda

- Before approving previous board meeting minutes, the board approved the monthly financial report, resignations, employment, transfers, and Program Evaluations. (6-0)

Regular Agenda

- The payment of the monthly bills was approved. (The board approved 6-0)

- The payment of the BURO bill was approved. (The board approved 5-0-1)

Previous Business

- CSIP Update (CSIP 9.4) - Strategy 9 – Social-Emotional - Mr. Orchard presented this information.

New Business

- Declare SMTI Equipment Surplus (CSIP S2 AP 3 & AP 4)
 - The board voted to surplus equipment items at SMTI - (Approved 6-0).
- Adoption of Local Compliance Plan for Special Education (CSIP S8 AP1)
 - Dr. Davis presented the compliance plan for review - (Approved 6-0).
- Approval of OZH Affiliation Agreement - SWAT Work Experience (CSIP S8 AP5) - (Approved 6-0).
- Approval of Boys/Girls Club Memorandum of Understanding - (Approved 6-0).
- Approve 2023-24 Bus Routes - (Approved 6-0).

DRIVER	AREA	Route	Mileage	Ride		Route	Mileage	Ride
		Type	AM-PM	Time		Type	AM-PM	Time
David Watson	Town	1 Elem.	14 miles	28 min.		1/MS-HS	16 miles	31 min.
Debra Collins	Town/Country	2 Elem-MS-HS	48 miles	90 min.				
CJ Rosenbum	Town/Country	3 Elem-MS-HS	43 miles	75 min.				
Brian Minahan	Town	4 Elem.	12 miles	25 min.		4/MS-HS	14 miles	30 min.
Sue Carter	Town	5 Elem.	18.6 miles	40 min.		5/MS-HS	16 Miles	35 min.
Danny Dunn	Town	6 Elem.	30 miles	35 min.		6/MS-HS	31 miles	45 min.
Sandra Roberts	Town	7 Elem.	22 Miles	30 min.		7/MS-HS	20 miles	28 min.
Craig Harrison	Town	8 Elem.	16 miles	45 min.		8/MS-HS	12 miles	35 min.
Ken Cook	Town	9 Elem.	18 miles	30 min.		9/MS-HS	16 miles	30 min.
Peggy Tyler	Town	10 Elem.	24 miles	35 min.		10/MS-HS	23 miles	30 min.
Rachel Holloway	Van Route	Van Route	29 miles	70 min.				
Richard Davidson	South Fork	20 Elem/MS-HS	84 miles	80 min.				
David Clarkson	South Fork	22 Elem/MS-HS	95 Miles	75 min.				
Gary Huff	South Fork	23 Elem/MS-HS	98 Miles	70 min.				
Lucas Hensley	South Fork	24 Elem/MS-HS	96 Miles	85 Min.				
Steve Evans	South Fork	26 Elem/MS-HS	76 miles	85 min.				
Doug Warren	Town Sp Nd's	53	54 miles	80 min.				
Gust Steckman	S.F. Sp Nd's	50	68 miles	60 min.				

- - Review and Update the District Wellness Program
 - Mr. Orchard presented to the board an update on the district wellness program. The board approved the plan as presented - (Approved 6-0).
 - Mr. Orchard asked parents, students, and community members to take a wellness survey. [Click here for the results.](#)
 - Approval of Cash Basis accounting method beginning 7/1/24 (CSIP S7 AP1 & AP2) - (Approved 6-0).
 - MSBA Policy Update
 - MSBA recommends rescinding policy IGDJA-R since it can not be reflected in our online manual. The policy code is no longer available due to its age and being unused - (Approved 6-0 to rescind).
 - Approval of joining "BuyBoard" National Purchasing Cooperative (CSIP S7 AP1)

- The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a cooperative formed by governmental agencies to streamline the buying process for public schools and other government agencies; the City of West Plains is currently a partner in this program - (Approved 6-0).

Updates/Reports to the Board of Education

Administrators reported on current events, projects, and plans in their respective buildings or departments.

- Building Level Reports - SFES, SMTI, Tech, WPES, WPMS, WPHS, & ZPA. (CSIP S7 AP1) - Seth Huddleston, Josh Cotter, Jonathan Hufstedler, Becky Hutchinson, Donnie Miller, Ryan Smith & Brandon Somoza.
- Public Relations & Communications Report (CSIP S5 AP1, AP2, & AP3) - Lana Snodgras
- Teaching & Learning Report (CSIP S6: AP1 & AP5) - Tiffany Young
- Facility, Security, and Capital Projects Report (CSIP S1 AP1) - Matthew Orchard.
- Federal Programs and Special Education Report (CSIP S7 AP 1 & 3) - Dr. Davis
- Superintendent's Report (CSIP S1 AP 1; S3 AP1 & AP2; S5 AP 2 & AP3) - Dr. Davis
 - Dr. Davis spoke about the need to replace our existing dishwashers at WPES and WPHS and the current status of the scoreboard at Zizzer Stadium. All of these will need to be replaced soon.
 - He reported that over \$53,000 of tuition funds have been reimbursed to current teachers working on their masters. This was all made possible by a grant the district received.
 - He also noted that over \$50,000 in the Lease Purchase funds from 2019 had not been “drawn down” by the district. Dr. Davis said these funds will have to be expended on facilities improvements.
 - He discussed the possibilities of baseball/softball field upgrades and the East Wing/WPHS connection idea. The board asked him to pursue cost estimates for both projects and report back in the upcoming months. Also, he was asked to look at a future gym/performing arts facility. Dr. Davis explained that a gym/performing arts facility project would need increased funding, which would take the people's vote, as the district does not have the funds to do that.
 - Updated information on school conference affiliation was also presented. Several different school districts are in the process of shifting to different conferences and also looking at making new ones. Dr. Davis told the board that his number one priority in these conference discussions is to keep West Plains “a part” of a conference, attempt to create more opportunities for the middle school students to compete in the conference, and most importantly, not let the district become independent.
 - Lastly, he shared info on the tuition calculation and how that was progressing and enrollment and attendance data.

2023-24 Enrollment											
Current Year as Compared to Previous Years											
	First Day	31-Aug	30-Sep	31-Oct	30-Nov	31-Dec	31-Jan	28-Feb	31-Mar	30-Apr	Last Day
SFES											
PK - SF		16	16								
Kind - SF		33	33								
1st - SF		29	30								
2nd - SF		19	19								
3rd - SF		16	17								
4th - SF		27	27								
5th - SF		23	23								
6th - SF		17	17								
2023-2024 SFES Enrollment		180	182								
Free/Reduced Percentage			53.29%								
SPED Percentage			14.28%								
2023-2024 SFES Enrollment		180	182								
2022-2023 SFES Enrollment		163	159	159	159	161	161	166	165	161	161
2021-2022 SFES Enrollment		154	153	152	153	153	148	149	147	146	149
2020-2021 SFES Enrollment		139	145	152	153	152	152	153	153	153	152
WPES (EC Not Included)											
PK - WPES		71	66								
Kind - WPES		146	134								
1st - WPES		143	134								
2nd - WPES		141	140								
3rd - WPES		145	132								
4th - WPES		141	132								
2023-2024 WPES Enrollment		787	738								
Free/Reduced Percentage			57.45%								
SPED Percentage			13.95%								
2023-2024 WPES Enrollment		787	738								
2022-2023 WPES Enrollment		730	736	729	740	742	743	750	749	741	743
2021-2022 WPES Enrollment		711	704	703	721	713	706	710	719	727	722
2020-2021 WPES Enrollment		726	721	699	695	698	697	703	700	690	686
WPMS											
5th - WPMS		128	127								
6th - WPMS		145	145								
7th - WPMS		143	144								
8th - WPMS		150	153								
2023-2024 WPMS Enrollment		566	569								
Free/Reduced Percentage			48.32%								
SPED Percentage			18.80%								
2023-2024 WPMS Enrollment		566	569								
2022-2023 WPMS Enrollment		630	621	612	610	611	610	605	606	599	602
2021-2022 WPMS Enrollment		619	618	630	616	606	602	601	600	610	603
2020-2021 WPMS Enrollment		669	644	632	629	626	626	632	629	632	626
WPHS											
9th - WPHS		352	343								
10th - WPHS		324	324								
11th - WPHS		260	254								
12th - WPHS		240	238								
2023-2024 WPHS Enrollment		1176	1159								
Free/Reduced Percentage			36.58%								
SPED Percentage			14.23%								
Non-Resident Percentage			38.22%								
2023-2024 WPHS Enrollment		1176	1159								1098
2022-2023 WPHS Enrollment		1161	1170	1170	1157	1156	1153	1121	1120	1109	1103
2021-2022 WPHS Enrollment		1196	1167	1155	1154	1143	1136	1105	1098	1100	1092
2020-2021 WPHS Enrollment		1172	1144	1122	1108	1089	1067	1062	1058	1058	1055
District Enrollment		2709	2648								
District Free/Reduced Percentage			44.33%								
District SPED Percentage			15.14%								
District Non-Resident Percentage			16.72%								
2023-2024 R-VII Enrollment		2709	2648								
2022-2023 R-VII Enrollment		2698	2686	2670	2666	2670	2667	2642	2640	2610	2609
2021-2022 R-VII Enrollment		2680	2642	2640	2644	2615	2592	2561	2564	2583	2566
2020-2021 R-VII Enrollment		2715	2654	2605	2581	2564	2562	2549	2540	2532	2519
2019-2020 R-VII Enrollment		2702	2647	2637	2643	2648	2648	2623	2618	2618	2618
2018-2019 R-VII Enrollment		2632	2600	2608	2608	2607	2610	2596	2585	2579	2577
2017-2018 R-VII Enrollment		2533	2581	2567	2539	2534	2527	2518	2510	2520	2519
2016-2017 R-VII Enrollment		2464	2513	2518	2523	2511	2509	2498	2484	2496	2472

New Hires – Board Action Required

Certified Positions

- None at this time

Non-Certified Positions

- Robert Kramer - Custodian
- Harold White - Custodian
- Darrell Milburn - Full Time Driver
- Robert Broyles - Custodian
- Brent Pitcock - Sub Custodian
- Adiline Hicks - Substitute Nurse
- Tyonna Nichols - WPE Part Time Secretary
- Brian Tuohy - Tech. Specialist
- Hailey Reid - Substitute Nurse
- Sydney Colbert - WPHS FBLA Sponsor
- Robert Chaney - Paraprofessional

Transfers – Board Action Required

- Donnie Miller - WPMS Principal to District Transportation Director (2024-25 school year)
- Brad Tilley - Maintenance Employee to District Maintenance Director

Volunteers - Board Action Required

- None at this time

Resignations – Board Action Required

- Jill Lawson - Paraprofessional
- Crystal Burnett - WPES Part-Time Secretary
- Justin Shannon - WPHS Custodian
- Cody Davis - Maintenance
- Grayson Gordon - SFE Part-Time Music Teacher

Retirements - Board Action Required

- Kenneth Holstine - WPHS Assistant Principal (End of 23-24 SY)
- Rebecca Conway - WPHS Math Teacher (End of 23-24 SY)

Terminations - Board Action Required

- Abby Eldringhoff - WPMS Cross Country Coach
- Dave Hensley - Maintenance Director
- Colin Boyd - Paraprofessional

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

The school board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains High School Library unless otherwise posted.