

West Plains R-VII Board Meeting October 7, 2025

Opening Items

- Call to Order by President Tyree (5:00 PM)
- Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda - Approved 7-0

Motion to move to Closed Session - Approved 7-0

Motion to move to Open Session - Approved 7-0

- Call to Order by President Tyree (5:30 PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Tyree

Student/Staff Spotlight

- West Plains High School - Coach Gunter - EDU 150 Students
 - June Woods attended the meeting to represent the EDU 150 "Intro to Teaching" class. She shared that she aspires to become a teacher. Coach Gunter reported that there are nine students enrolled in the class, who have been working on lesson plan writing, learning about teacher salaries, participating in class discussions, and creating bulletin boards. Students have also had the opportunity to visit classrooms to observe teaching in action.



Consent Agenda - Approved 7-0

- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
- Approval of Monthly Finance Reports
- Approval Request for employments, resignations, retirements, terminations, transfers, and volunteers of individuals as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools
 - New Hires - Board Action Required
 - Certified Positions
 - None at this time
 - Non-Certified Positions
 - Kaleb Wartnaby - Custodian
 - Madison Stevens - WPHS Asst. Girls Basketball Coach
 - Transfers - Board Action Required
 - Brent Pitcock - Substitute Custodian to Full Time Custodian
 - Volunteers - Board Action Required
 - Austin Riggs
 - Resignations - Board Action Required
 - Madalyn Ivy - WPHS Asst. Girls Basketball Coach
 - Heather Ortega - SOMO Tech. Welding Instructor
 - Retirements - Board Action Required
 - Amy Jackson - WPMS Mathematics Teacher (EOY)
 - Gwen Vreeland - WPES Front Office Secretary (EOY)
 - Rebecca Harrison - WPHS Special Education Teacher (EOY)
 - Terminations - Board Action Required
 - Ann Morris - Paraprofessional
- Approval of Program Evaluation(s)
 - [Program Evaluation 1](#)
 - [Program Evaluation 2](#)
- Approval of CSIP Update(s)
 - [CSIP Update](#)
- Approval of MSU Affiliation Agreement for SLP/SLPA Placement (CSIP 9)

- [MSU Agreement](#)

Previous Business

- None at this time

Regular Agenda

- Payment of Bills - Approved 7-0

New Business

- Approval of Surplus property bids - Approved 7-0

Updates & Reports to the Board

- Student School Board Member Report - No report this month
- Administrative Reports
 - Briana Link - Communications
 - A new district phone app is in development in partnership with our website provider, Finalsite. The app will pull important information from the website, including calendars, sports schedules, activities, and more. It will also feature two-way communication between staff, parents, and teachers—similar to the “Remind” app, but all in one centralized location. The app is scheduled to launch later this fall. Additionally, highlights were shared of sports teams supporting meaningful causes, including the Softball team's Suicide Prevention Night and the Volleyball team's Breast Cancer Awareness Night.
 - Josh Cotter - SMTI
 - SOMO Tech is partnering with Ozarks Radio Network to offer life skills programs for students, including topics such as cooking and auto maintenance. It was also noted that the recent Professional Development Day went very well, with CPR training sessions being especially successful.
 - Matthew Orchard - Facilities/Human Resources
 - October 1 marked the early notification deadline for retirees or staff planning to resign at the end of the school year, allowing the district to anticipate openings. Job listings will be updated as notifications are received from staff. The after-school meal

program has begun at West Plains High School, providing meals each day for any student staying after school. The track was restriped last weekend. The active shooter training held during the last Professional Development Day went very well. Additionally, a full-scale emergency drill involving multiple agencies is scheduled for December 22 to enhance collaboration and preparedness—an initiative that has never been done before.

- Michael Davis - ZPA
 - Last Friday, the monthly Care Team meeting was held. Three new students joined the program, and two additional students have completed the MO Options program and are scheduled to graduate in December. A total of six students have now completed the requirements for graduation. The ZPA Student of the Month was recognized and presented with a celebratory lunch. Representatives from the Navy and National Guard, as well as Missouri State University–West Plains, are planning to visit, and future plans include reading activities at the elementary school.
- Ryan Smith - WPHS
 - A shoutout was given to the Student Council for their efforts during Homecoming and for fostering such a positive culture at the high school. Representatives from Ozarks Healthcare Behavioral Health presented to students on topics including suicide awareness and coping with emotions. The Elite Zizzer “EZ Trophy” continues to be passed to a new staff member each week, recognizing the outstanding contributions of high school teachers.
- Tiffany Young - Teaching/Learning
 - Dr. Young recently spoke with the EDU 150 class, discussing teaching standards, lesson planning, and related topics. First-year teachers participated in the BTAP program, where they learned about the typical phases and experiences of a first-year teacher. The same grade card is now being used across both South Fork and West Plains Elementary School. The next Professional Development Day is scheduled for October 31.

- Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Davis discussed the recent Regional MSBA held at Glenwood School District. Board Members Brian Mitchell and Jodi Purgason also attended the meeting. Dr. Davis mentioned that the majority of the regional meeting was the discussion based on the uncertainty of funding. The possibility of local tax funding not increasing, the changing of the state funding formula, and the change of federal funds being diverted straight to the state level.
- The State MSBA Conference will be held at Kansas City on October 23 - 25. He reminded the school board members of the different break out sessions and general sessions that they could attend.
- Dr. Davis spoke about recent opportunities to meet with area school districts' Board of Education. During September he was able to speak with both Howell Valley and Glenwood. He is scheduled to meet with Junction Hill later this month. Board members thanked Dr. Davis for continuing to work on the relationships with the area school districts.

Motion to return to Closed Session (6:09 PM) - Approved 7-0

- The board accepted Dr. Davis' retirement effective June 30, 2027. Approved 7-0 (The district will hire a Deputy Superintendent to work alongside Dr. Davis for the 2026-27 school year to assist with the transition).

Motion to return to Open Session (6:41 PM) - Approved 7-0

Motion to Adjourn (6:42 PM) - Approved 7-0