



West Plains Schools Board Update

September 20th, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program. This program is new to West Plains High School and is funded through a federal grant. The primary focus of the JAG program is work with students to ensure a successful transition to the work force or post-secondary training after high school. The program targets students who are identified through a selection process aiming to detect students who would benefit the most from JAG.

MSBA Fall Conference, September 29th - October 2nd

Board of education members will attend the Missouri School Board Association conference this year on September 29th through October 2nd. The conference is in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and will focus on engaging, learning, and connecting.

Homecoming Parade - October 14th

The 2016 homecoming events are set for Friday, October 14th, with a parade beginning at 1:30pm, the football game beginning at 7:00pm, and the dance to follow the game.

2016 - 2017 Bus Route Approval -

Each year, the state requires school boards to officially set and adopt bus routes and bus schedules for the current year. Dr. Smith provided the school board with a list of recommended routes and schedules. The school board unanimously adopted all routes.

Approval of School Vehicle Purchase

The board approved the purchase of two vehicles for the district: an 8 passenger cargo van and school car. The van will be used in place of the excursion to transport small groups while also providing storage space for luggage and equipment. The new car will replace one of the older vehicles that is need of replacement. The district uses school vehicles in place of mileage reimbursement as a cost savings measure.

Hires:

Reese Taylor - Paraprofessional

Resignations:

Chris Mitchell - Paraprofessional

Christy Meeks - Playground Monitor

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains School of Education Office, 305 Valley View Drive, unless otherwise posted.