



## **West Plains Schools Board Update**

November 21, 2017

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains High School cross country teams.

The West Plains High School cross country teams competed for the Class 4 State Championship in Jefferson City on November 4th. The boy's team took home the second-place trophy and the girl's team finished at 7<sup>th</sup> place. This year makes the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the boys' team has traveled to state and 33<sup>rd</sup> year for the girls.

### **Early Degree Program MOU, 2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Approval**

Last month, the board was presented with the first read of an MOU with Missouri State University – West Plains. The South Central Career Center has been working with MSU-WP to develop an additional degree path related to the current Early Degree Program. The SCCC early degree program will align with career and technical education while dually enrolled in SCCC and MSU-WP. The board approved the MOU with MSU-WP.

### **Board Candidate Filing Dates, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Board candidate election filing opens 8:00 a.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through 5:00 p.m. January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Jim Thompson and Brian Mitchell are in their final year of a three year term. Both seats will be up for election in April.

### **2017 Annual Audit Review**

Bill Wood from Shultz, Wood, & Rapp presented the findings of the annual district audit to the School Board. Mr. Wood reported that the district remains in compliance with the state budgeting and finance requirements. All Missouri school districts are required to have an independent audit conducted each year. The board unanimously approved the report from Shultz, Wood, & Rapp.

### **MSBA Policy Updates, 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

MSBA has provided the district with some additional policy recommendations that align to legislative changes. The board will review the policy recommendations and approve at the December board meeting.

### **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.

### **Approve/Reject Tennis Court Bids**

The district opened the bidding process to replace the tennis courts on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The base bid came in at \$645,000, which is significantly higher than the insurance company has approved. The board voted to reject the bids and will be working with insurance company to determining how to proceed.

### **Hires:**

Amy Marshall – Head Softball Coach  
John Hippleheuser – MS Lead Custodian

### **Resignations (Effective End of School Year):**

Heather Mulford – Resignation, HS Techbrarian  
Korrie Jo Vance – Resignation, Paraprofessional

### **Resignations:**

Joel Barrentine – Resignation, Custodian  
Robert Garfield - Resignation, Custodian

**Retirement Effective End of School Year:**

Susan Bowles – Retirement, ECSE Itinerant  
Karol Brown – Retirement, Elem PE Teacher  
Nancy Brown – Retirement, ECSE Process Coordinator  
Mark Jett – Retirement, SCCC Carpentry Teacher  
Barbara Nix – Retirement, SF Teacher  
Karen Sartin – Retirement, LPN Director  
Susan York – Retirement, HS Sped Teacher  
Pamela Schutjer – Retirement, Paraprofessional  
Larry Jewell – Retirement, Bus Driver

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 19th 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.*