



## West Plains Schools Board Update

January 16, 2018

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by board president, Jim Thompson.

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

Board candidate election filing opened at 8:00 a.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup> and ran through 5:00 p.m. January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jim Thompson and Brian Mitchell are in their final year of a three year term. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Thompson filed for another term and were unopposed. As a result, no election will be required and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Thompson will be sworn in to serve a 3 year team at the April board meeting.

### **2018-2019 District Calendar-**

Last month the board conducted a first read of the 2018-2019 district calendar. The calendar is very similar to the current year calendar using corresponding dates. The board approved the calendar. The 2018-2019 calendar will be available soon online at [www.zizzers.org](http://www.zizzers.org) under Quick Links.

### **Foster Care Liaison Designation**

Each year, school districts are required to designate a foster care liaison. The board designated Amy Ross to serve in this capacity for our district.

### **Salary Committee Proposal**

The salary committee presented its initial request to the school board for the 2018-19 school year. The committee requested the following three items: 1) Move all faculty to one salary schedule, 2) Add \$450 to the base, bringing the base salary up to \$30,750 3) Allow full movement. The board approved the first two items but will wait until May to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> item once the district has a better picture of legislative impacts.

### **Information Technology Program Approval, SCCC**

The South Central Career Center has been working with a community focus group to develop a program for growing the workforce as it relates to information technology programs. Jim Laughary presented a proposal to the board that includes a two year program for juniors and seniors focusing on client computing/user support, database and information management, digital media, networking, programming, servers, storage, virtualization and essential workspace. The program was approved for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Approval of Surplus Item Bids**

The district has some items that were damaged in the flood and also some older buses for surplus. The board accepted the proposed bids.

### **Hires:**

Ethan Smith – Custodian  
Richard Alverson – Custodian  
Morgan Mulford – Part Time Student Worker Elementary Library  
Jacob Simpson – Part Time Student Worker High School Office  
Kendra Belcher – Elementary Classroom Teacher, South Fork  
Brandon Palmer – Elementary Classroom Teacher, West Plains Elementary  
Jill Pietroburgo – ECSE Itinerate Teacher  
Chris Reese – Carpentry/Building Maintenance  
Brittany Lange – Paraprofessional

### **Resignations:**

Jay Shelton – Auto Body

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 20th 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.*