



West Plains Schools Board Update

February 20th, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains Elementary 4th Grade Choir.

The choir is directed by Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Quimby. The choir is an extra-curricular group of 45 auditioned singers in fourth grade. The group focuses on singing techniques, learning repertoire, and performing as an ensemble. The students perform carols around town, lead the school-wide caroling, perform the national anthem at a Grizzly game, and culminate the year with a spring concert in March.

Career & Technical Education Update

In honor of Career & Technical Education (CTE) month South Central Career Center Director, Jim Laughary, recognized the accomplishments of the career center, the faculty and staff, and technical student organizations.

Opaa! Food Management Contract Extension

Each year the district reevaluates the food service contract with Opaa! Food Management. The district is pleased with the service and quality of food. The board approved the contract for an additional year.

Set Tuition for 2018 -2019

Each year, the board establishes a tuition rate to be charged for non-resident students attending the school district (primarily the high school). As a reminder, tuition is charged for these students because the funding for non-resident students is actually sent to the school district in which they reside rather than the West Plains School District that they attend. Tuition billing is how the district recoups the costs associated with educating non-resident students. The district uses a formula to calculate tuition that is based on actual cost per student as identified in the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The tuition rate for the 2018-19 school year has been set at \$7,890.79 per student. This reflects an \$9.84 increase per student over the current year.

School Photo Provider Contract

Dr. Smith provided a summary of the bid process to the board but recommended staying with Wingard Photography, the current provider. The district has used Wingard for the last six years and has been pleased with the service.

Purchase of Additional Trailer at Middle School

Dr. Boyer recently solicited bids for an additional trailer at the West Plains Middle School, which will provide 2 additional classroom spaces for the 2018-19 school year. Missouri Leasing Equipment had the best proposal at \$26,850. The board approved the bid and the trailer will put in place for the 2018-2019 school year. Other site prep costs are estimated to be approximately \$25,000.

Tennis Court Bid Approval –

The West Plains School Board approved the replacement and relocation of the high school tennis courts at the February monthly board meeting. The need to replace the courts is a result from the severe flooding in April 2017. The bid was awarded to local contractor, Cary Stewart, and consists of constructing 6 new tennis courts, removal of the damaged tennis courts, and relocation of an electrical unit. The total cost of the project is \$665,641.85 with 75% of the cost being covered by the insurance company. The tennis courts will be relocated to old soccer field located on Howell Ave., allowing the existing tennis courts to be converted to additional parking.

Recommendation for Hire: (18-19 School Year)

Richard Forshee – Elem./MS Teacher

Rebecca Keaton – MS Teacher

Katherine Shockley – MS Math Teacher

Amelia Henderson – HS Science Teacher

Tiffany Young – Instructional Coach (K-5)

Mary Mulford – South Fork (2/3 Reading Specialist and 1/3 Music)

Karen Vaughan – Part-time Special Education Teacher

Kelly Jones – Part-time Special Education Teacher

Resignations:

Jessica McKee – High School Secretary

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 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.