



West Plains Schools Board Update

March 20, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the West Plains Middle School math teams.

The West Plains Middle School math team recently competed in the MCTM Qualifying Contest at Missouri State University-West Plains. Thirty-two fifth through eighth-grade students entered the contest with 27 of the students earning a top 5 placement in at least one event and 15 students qualified for the next level of competition.

Wrestling Program Proposal –

A group of patrons presented to the board a request to add wrestling to the activities offered at the high school. The informational presentation was led by Marvin Jones. The board tabled the discussion until the April board meeting.

Health Insurance Renewal -

Dr. Smith provided a review of the insurance renewal from MEUHP. The district saw an overall increase of 14% due to a higher usage from employees in 2017. Dr. Smith recommended to continue for another year with MEUHP. Updated rates and plans will be sent to all employees within the next two weeks.

SPEDTRAK Presentation -

Amy Ross presented the software system, SPEDTRAK, to the board along with cost information. SPEDTRAK is the system most widely used in Missouri and also used by many of the area schools. By transferring to SPEDTRAK, the district expects to significantly reduce the amount of time teachers are required to spend on paperwork due to improved efficiency. The board conducted a review of the proposal and is scheduled to approve at the next meeting.

Bus Inspection Update -

The Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted an annual inspection on the district school buses in February. While the district did not receive a 100% pass rate, we were well over the 90% target rate. Any issues identified were minor and have been addressed.

Summer Board Workshop, July 10th – July 12th – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The board is scheduled for a summer board workshop July 10th through July 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The workshop is an opportunity for the superintendent and the board to dialogue about the vision and goals of the district.

MSBA Region 15 Spring Meeting, April 26th, Houston

The school board will travel to Houston on April 26th for the annual Region 15 Spring Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform school boards regarding current issues related to public education.

NAVIANCE Presentation -

Dr. Williams presented to the board Naviance, a college and career readiness solution. The program helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life. Naviance keeps students focused on their objectives by helping students, families, and staff create course plans that not only match students' interests but also fulfill graduation requirements and align to postsecondary goals. The board approved the proposal.

Hires:

Rachel Colbert – High School Science
Rebecca Conway – High School Math
Logan Driskell – Speech Language Pathologist
Lindsey Schwalm – Speech Language Pathologist
Shelby Harris – 8th Grade Math
Grant Talburt – Ag. Education Teacher
Stacy Hutchinson – Custodian
Justin Crinklaw - Custodian

Resignations:

Tami DuBois – High School Math Teacher
Tammy Heiney – Middle school Language Arts Teacher
Adam Steuart – Middle School/High School Computer Science Teacher
Scott Smith – Assistant Superintendent
Miranda Webber – Science Teacher

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 17th 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.