



West Plains Schools Board Update

May 10, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the LAD Spelling Bee winners and by Luke Skeeters, winner of the state handwriting contest.

Peyton Reynolds placed 2nd and Ethan Mongillo placed 1st at the LAD Fair Bee at Willard on April 28th.

Luke Skeeters has been named "Missouri's Second Grade-Level Winner" in the 27th Annual Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. The contest gives students in kindergarten through eighth grade the chance to showcase and receive recognition for their handwriting skills in manuscript or cursive. About 280,000 students nationwide participated in this year's contest.

Salary Committee Proposal

The district approved a raise to the teacher's salary schedule in January for the 2018-2019 school year. The salary committee has also requested to allow movements on all schedules. The request will be voted on at the June board meeting.

Preliminary 2018 – 2019 Budget, 1st Read

Dr. Luke Boyer presented a preliminary budget to the board for review. When budgeting, the district strives to estimate conservatively on revenues while identifying expenditures as accurately as possible. The preliminary budget shows about a 4% deficit, most of which is a result of planned capital projects, including the FEMA addition at South Fork Elementary, Secure entrance at South Fork Elementary, district portion of tennis courts, and other various safety upgrades. The board will review the proposed budget again in June and approve it for the 2018-19 school year.

Student Handbooks Update

The board conducted a first read of the 2018-2019 student handbooks.

Employee Handbooks Update

The board conducted a first read of the 2018-2019 certified and support staff employee handbooks.

District Assessment Plan, Approval

Dr. Williams provided the board with an updated District Assessment Plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Districts are now required by the state to adopt a dyslexia screening plan for the next school year. Dr. Williams and her team have been attending trainings and are following the state's required plan. The board approved the District Assessment Update.

Hires:

Cassie Willard – Kindergarten Teacher

Resignations:

Kaley Lyons – PE/Health & HS Volleyball Coach

Elaina Martin – Kindergarten

Miranda Webber – Paraprofessional

Reese Taylor – Paraprofessional

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 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.