



**West Plains R-VII School District
Board of Education Update
November 14, 2023
Regular Session Meeting
West Plains High School Library**

Open Session & Student/Staff Spotlight

- President Jim Thompson called the meeting to order. (Coleman and Riggs absent)
- The West Plains R-VII School District Board of Education led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Veregy, (CTS), provided an update on the HVAC projects.
- Mrs. Wicheren, Mrs. Falterman, and Mrs. Phipps' West Plains Elementary 4th grade ELA students were featured in the board student spotlight. The students showcased their understanding of the main characters from mentor texts by creating detailed body biographies. The project involved analyzing the characters' actions and words to gain a deeper insight into their personalities and traits.



Consent Agenda (Coleman joined)

- Before approving previous board meeting minutes, the board approved the monthly financial report, resignations, employment, transfers, early graduates, and program evaluations. (6-0)

Regular Agenda

- The payment of the monthly bills was approved. (The board approved 4-0-2; Thompson and Coleman abstained)
- The payment of the BURO bill was approved.(The board approved 5-0-1; Grigsby abstained)

Previous Business

- CSIP Update (CSIP 8.6) - Strategy 8 - Academic - Dr. Ross presented the information.

New Business

- Approval of Surplus Property (CSIP S1 AP1 & S7 AP1) -
 - The board voted to surplus an F-150 extended cab truck, a 1994 Chevrolet ½ ton, and a Kubota zero turn mower. (The board approved 6-0)
- Declared PEERS Positions as Critical Shortage Areas (CSIP S3 AP2) - The district had declared a critical shortage of PEERS contributing paraprofessionals and bus drivers. (The board approved 6-0)

Updates/Reports to the Board of Education

Administrators reported on current events, projects, and plans in their respective buildings or departments.

- Building Level Reports - ZPA & WPHS (CSIP S7 AP1) - Brandon Somoza & Ryan Smith
- Teaching & Learning Report (CSIP S6: AP1 & AP5) - Tiffany Young
- Facility, Security, and Capital Projects Report (CSIP S1 AP1) - Matthew Orchard.
- Federal Programs and Special Education Report (CSIP S7 AP 1 & 3) - Dr. Ross
- Superintendent's Report (CSIP S1 AP 1; S3 AP1 & AP2; S5 AP 2 & AP3) - Dr. Davis
 - Dr. Davis reminded the Board of Education that board filing begins December 5th and runs to December 26th.
 - He discussed current tuition calculations and the process of setting the rate for the 2024-25 school year.

- Dr. Davis discussed Veregy's progress on specs and cost estimates for the connection of WPHS and the East wing. He also mentioned they are working on specs and cost analysis to convert the baseball field to a shared turf baseball/softball field.
- Budget preparations have begun for the upcoming school year as well. Items Dr. Davis mentioned included the following:
 - Reevaluating the district's use of outside entities for working with our technological needs and demands vs. utilizing full time school personnel.
 - The continuation of increasing the district's percentage to health insurance.
 - Determining the cost of ensuring all teachers are on the correct salary based on their teaching experience.
 - Creating a "tiered" stipend schedule for coaches and sponsors based on years of experience.
 - He then reminded the board that all of these are being looked at, but the costs will determine if any of them can happen.
- He closed by reporting on the progress that has been made with the new Ozark Mountain Conference. Games and events are being scheduled with the Athletic Directors, HS Principals, and MS Principals. Bylaws are being adopted for the conference as well as a conference logo competition between the 7 schools.
- Below is the attendance report and enrollment figures:

2023-2024 Attendance										
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
SFES										
PK - SF	91.76%	92.90%	95.09%							
Kind - SF	97.77%	92.90%	95.68%							
1st - SF	97.67%	94.87%	94.41%							
2nd - SF	97.40%	97.55%	95.67%							
3rd - SF	93.66%	95.52%	95.15%							
4th - SF	97.98%	94.78%	95.89%							
5th - SF	97.88%	96.51%	93.17%							
6th - SF	96.53%	95.97%	96.00%							
2023-2024 SFES Attendance	96.74%	94.98%	95.10%							
2022-2023 SFES Attendance	95.53%	93.47%	94.65%	93.99%	94.43%	94.21%	94.00%	93.57%	95.40%	94.99%
2021-2022 SFES Attendance	94.82%	93.64%	95.72%	95.82%	96.57%	91.74%	95.92%	92.71%	95.27%	95.10%
WPES										
PK - WPES	93.53%	89.40%	88.36%							
Kind - WPES	96.06%	92.83%	91.99%							
1st - WPES	97.49%	94.51%	92.96%							
2nd - WPES	96.40%	93.15%	92.37%							
3rd - WPES	97.34%	93.26%	94.20%							
4th - WPES	97.00%	94.01%	93.10%							
2023-2024 WPES Attendance	96.71%	93.49%	92.89%							
2022-2023 WPES Attendance	94.71%	92.18%	90.62%	90.29%	91.86%	93.58%	93.21%	91.92%	93.40%	91.57%
2021-2022 WPES Attendance	95.69%	92.56%	92.50%	91.22%	90.51%	89.32%	93.44%	92.91%	91.04%	90.58%
WPMS										
5th - WPMS	96.83%	94.11%	93.27%							
6th - WPMS	95.13%	91.44%	92.04%							
7th - WPMS	93.42%	90.89%	91.78%							
8th - WPMS	93.32%	90.56%	90.81%							
2023-2024 WPMS Attendance	95.92%	91.52%	91.97%							
2022-2023 WPMS Attendance	95.37%	92.08%	91.73%	88.25%	91.49%	93.39%	90.91%	90.98%	92.43%	93.45%
2021-2022 WPMS Attendance	95.46%	92.81%	92.03%	88.55%	91.03%	89.70%	91.67%	91.75%	90.57%	90.69%
WPHS										
9th - WPHS	92.40%	88.89%	87.45%							
10th - WPHS	93.27%	91.41%	91.73%							
11th - WPHS	94.84%	91.67%	91.37%							
12th - WPHS	95.13%	91.48%	92.77%							
2023-2024 WPHS Attendance	93.48%	90.73%	90.59%							
2022-2023 WPHS Attendance	94.88%	92.44%	91.34%	90.02%	91.62%	92.64%	91.06%	91.24%	90.69%	91.25%
2021-2022 WPHS Attendance	95.88%	92.04%	91.83%	89.53%	89.82%	87.24%	91.77%	91.61%	91.20%	92.82%

2023-24 Enrollment											
Current Year as Compared to Previous Years											
	First Day	31-Aug	30-Sep	31-Oct	30-Nov	31-Dec	31-Jan	28-Feb	31-Mar	30-Apr	Last Day
SFES											
PK - SF	16	16	15	16							
Kind - SF	33	33	34	34							
1st - SF	29	30	31	31							
2nd - SF	19	19	20	20							
3rd - SF	16	17	16	16							
4th - SF	27	27	27	27							
5th - SF	23	23	23	25							
6th - SF	17	17	17	18							
2023-2024 SFES Enrollment	180	180	183	189							
Free/Reduced Percentage		52.29%	56.83%	57.75%							
SPED Percentage		14.28%	15.30%	15.50%							
2022-2023 SFES Enrollment	180	180	183	187							
2021-2022 SFES Enrollment	163	159	159	159	161	161	165	165	161	161	161
2020-2021 SFES Enrollment	154	154	152	153	153	148	149	147	146	149	149
2019-2020 SFES Enrollment	154	146	150	153	153	150	153	152	150	150	151
WPES (EC Not Included)											
PK - WPES	71	68	70	71							
Kind - WPES	146	134	133	131							
1st - WPES	143	134	131	130							
2nd - WPES	141	140	140	139							
3rd - WPES	145	132	133	133							
4th - WPES	143	132	131	130							
2023-2024 WPES Enrollment	787	738	738	736							
Free/Reduced Percentage		57.45%	66.67%	67.66%							
SPED Percentage		13.95%	13.82%	13.72%							
2022-2023 WPES Enrollment	787	738	738	736							
2021-2022 WPES Enrollment	730	736	729	740	742	741	750	749	741	743	738
2020-2021 WPES Enrollment	711	704	703	721	712	706	710	719	727	723	725
2019-2020 WPES Enrollment	726	721	698	695	698	692	703	700	692	690	673
WPMS											
5th - WPMS	128	127	129	129							
6th - WPMS	145	145	142	145							
7th - WPMS	143	144	143	142							
8th - WPMS	150	153	153	152							
2023-2024 WPMS Enrollment	566	569	567	564							
Free/Reduced Percentage		48.32%	57.54%	58.86%							
SPED Percentage		18.80%	18.47%	18.08%							
2022-2023 WPMS Enrollment	566	569	567	564							
2021-2022 WPMS Enrollment	638	621	612	609	611	610	605	606	599	602	601
2020-2021 WPMS Enrollment	619	618	630	616	606	602	601	600	610	603	603
2019-2020 WPMS Enrollment	684	640	635	624	628	620	611	620	621	620	620
WPHS											
9th - WPHS	352	343	346	339							
10th - WPHS	324	324	314	313							
11th - WPHS	260	254	257	256							
12th - WPHS	240	238	239	235							
2023-2024 WPHS Enrollment	1176	1159	1152	1143							
Free/Reduced Percentage		36.58%	40.45%	42.19%							
SPED Percentage		14.23%	14.37%	14.42%							
Non-Resident Percentage		18.22%	18.88%	18.92%							
2022-2023 WPHS Enrollment	1176	1159	1152	1143							
2021-2022 WPHS Enrollment	1162	1170	1170	1157	1156	1153	1121	1120	1109	1103	1098
2020-2021 WPHS Enrollment	1196	1167	1155	1154	1149	1136	1105	1098	1100	1092	1090
2019-2020 WPHS Enrollment	1172	1146	1122	1108	1090	1082	1042	1034	1020	1015	1013
District Enrollment	2708	2648	2630	2630							
District Free/Reduced Percentage		44.37%	52.57%	53.52%							
District SPED Percentage		15.24%	15.12%	15.09%							
District Non-Resident Percentage		16.72%	16.99%	16.92%							
2023-2024 R-VII Enrollment	2708	2648	2630	2630							
2022-2023 R-VII Enrollment	2698	2686	2670	2666	2679	2667	2642	2640	2630	2609	2609
2021-2022 R-VII Enrollment	2680	2642	2640	2644	2615	2592	2563	2564	2563	2566	2567
2020-2021 R-VII Enrollment	2715	2654	2609	2581	2564	2562	2549	2540	2532	2519	2503
2019-2020 R-VII Enrollment	2702	2647	2637	2643	2648	2648	2623	2618	2618	2618	2618
2018-2019 R-VII Enrollment	2632	2600	2608	2608	2607	2610	2596	2585	2579	2572	2572
2017-2018 R-VII Enrollment	2533	2581	2567	2538	2534	2527	2518	2510	2510	2518	2518
2016-2017 R-VII Enrollment	2464	2511	2518	2523	2511	2509	2498	2484	2466	2472	2468

- Dr. Davis and the R-VII Board of Education members each gave a recap of the MSBA fall conference.

New Hires

Certified Positions

- Larry Lindeman - WPE Special Education
- Briawna Wilson - SMTI Practical Nursing Instructor

Non-Certified Positions

- Amystie Hasting - Paraprofessional
- Samantha Osborn - Paraprofessional
- Valeria Molina - Paraprofessional
- Justin Whiteside - Part-Time Custodian
- Anthony Cox - 2nd Shift Custodian

Transfers

- Montana Morse - Custodian to Maintenance
- Joby Steele - WPE Assistant Principal to WPMS Principal
- Colton Hensley - WPMS/WPHS Teacher to WPHS Assistant Principal
- Amanda Grisham - SFE 1st Grade Teacher to SFE Special Education Teacher

Volunteers

- Dakota Sparks - Volunteer

Resignations

- Austin Riggs - Middle School Head Football Coach
- Megan Thompson - SMTI Administrative Assistant (Effective January 2, 2023)
- Rob Phenix - Part Time District Maintenance

Retirements

- Rebecca Hutchinson - WPES Principal
- Mafa Bowen - WPES Paraprofessional
- Jan Mullen - WP R-VII Payroll & Benefits Manager
- Terri Tomlinson - WPES Art Teacher

Terminations

- Harold White - Custodian

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, December 19, 2023 - *The school board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains High School Library unless otherwise posted.*