



**West Plains R-VII School District
Board of Education Update
January 16, 2024
Regular Session Meeting
West Plains High School Library**

Open Session & Student/Staff Spotlight

- President Jim Thompson called the meeting to order.
- The West Plains R-VII School District Board of Education led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

- Before approving previous board meeting minutes, the board approved the monthly financial report, resignations, employment, transfers, program evaluations, and approval of early graduates. (The board approved 7-0)

Regular Agenda

- The payment of the monthly bills was approved. (The board approved 7-0)
- The payment of the BURO bill was approved.(The board approved 6-0-1; Grigsby abstained)

Previous Business

- CSIP Update (CSIP 8.1) - Strategy 8 - Academics
 - The information was provided in the packet for the board to review
- Approval of the 2024-2025 Calendar - 2nd Read (CSIP S5 AP1)
 - Mr. Orchard discussed both calendar options. The board approved the calendar with the early out Fridays included. (The board approved 7-0)
- Approval of 2024-2025 WP R-VII Tuition Rate - 2nd Read (CSIP S7 AP1)
 - Dr. Davis reviewed the rate. The board approved to set the upcoming rate at \$9,307.80, which is an increase of 2.7056%. (The board approved 7-0))
- Approval of 2024-2025 SMTI Tuition Rate - 2nd Read (CSIP S7 AP1)
 - Dr. Davis reviewed the rate. The board approved to set the upcoming rate at \$2,028.44; which is an increase of 2.7056%. The motion also included verbage to continue in the future with the same percentage increase as non-resident tuition. (The board approved 7-0)

New Business

- Approval of Food Service Contract (CSIP S7 AP1)
 - Mr. Orchard reviewed the three proposals. The board approved the contract with OPAA. This is a yearly approval with a total of 5 possible years in this contract. (The board approved 7-0)
- Designation of Matthew Orchard as Homeless Liaison (CSIP S1 AP1)
 - Mr. Orchard was approved by the school board as the District's Homeless Liaison. (The board approved 7-0)
- Approval of Surplus Bid(s) (CSIP S7 AP1)
 - Mr. Orchard reviewed the bids. The board approved the bids as presented for computers from SMTI and equipment from maintenance. (The board approved 7-0)

Updates/Reports to the Board of Education

- Superintendent's Report (CSIP S1 AP 1; S3 AP1 & AP2; S5 AP 2 & AP3) - Dr. Davis
 - Tip Line - Dr. Davis reported that a "Tip Line" has been added to the webpage for students, staff, patrons, etc. This can send him a concern instantly.
 - Finance Report
 - YTD Budget to 1/4/2024
 - Total Revenues - \$12,355,803.00 (41.69% of budget)
 - Total Expenses - \$14,465,476.59 (50.85% of budget)
 - Collected \$1,289,684 in Current Taxes. (20.50% of budget)
 - 2024-25 Budget update - BUDGET NUMBERS ONLY AT THIS TIME
 - Calculating a step for all staff
 - Calculating "catching up" teachers who are behind on their steps
 - Calculating an insurance percentage increase
 - Calculating a "Tiered Stipends" schedule for longevity in coaching and sponsorships
 - New staff positions
 - Additional school nurse
 - Additional 2nd Grade Teacher at SFES
 - Two instructional coaches
 - Possible Capital Projects for the upcoming budget
 - Exterior door replacements at ZPA & SFES
 - Flag Pole - Valley View
 - Secured Entrance at ZPA
 - Mower
 - Two Buses
 - Dishwasher at WPES
 - Seal lower WPHS Parking Lot

- Paint Maintenance Shed
- Car rotations
- Carpet Tile - WPHS Library
- Stadium Upgrade - May - September
- Connection project - May-August
- Bank bidding process - Tentative Dates
 - Process begins - February 1
 - Bids Due - Noon, February 7, 2024
 - Bids Opening - 12:05 pm, February 7, 2024
 - Selection - 2/20 Board Meeting
 - Effective - 7/1/24
- Student representative on school board progress
 - Student letter of interest due 1/26/24
- The district closed on the 719/727 E Olden property, which was purchased last fall
- Softball/baseball stadium and connecting building update

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%	92.32%	91.70%					
Kind - SF	97.77%	92.90%	95.68%	95.41%	91.23%					
1st - SF	97.67%	94.87%	94.41%	95.52%	95.20%					
2nd - SF	97.40%	97.55%	95.67%	96.55%	93.13%					
3rd - SF	93.66%	95.52%	95.15%	92.38%	92.51%					
4th - SF	97.98%	94.78%	95.89%	95.27%	93.89%					
5th - SF	97.88%	96.51%	93.17%	97.02%	94.22%					
6th - SF	96.53%	95.97%	96.00%	96.64%	94.84%					
2023-2024 SFES Attendance	96.74%	94.98%	95.10%	95.30%	93.36%					
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%	88.32%	86.93%					
Kind - WPES	96.06%	92.83%	91.99%	91.88%	90.57%					
1st - WPES	97.49%	94.51%	92.96%	93.46%	91.62%					
2nd - WPES	96.40%	93.15%	92.37%	93.71%	91.67%					
3rd - WPES	97.34%	93.26%	94.20%	94.19%	92.70%					
4th - WPES	97.00%	94.01%	93.10%	93.22%	91.81%					
2023-2024 WPES Attendance	96.71%	93.49%	92.89%	93.15%	91.72%					
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%	93.22%	90.25%					
6th - WPMS	95.13%	91.44%	92.04%	91.97%	91.71%					
7th - WPMS	93.42%	90.89%	91.78%	91.12%	88.48%					
8th - WPMS	93.32%	90.56%	90.81%	90.56%	88.58%					
2023-2024 WPMS Attendance	95.92%	91.52%	91.97%	91.72%	89.75%					
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%	88.83%	90.56%					
10th - WPHS	93.27%	91.41%	91.73%	90.21%	89.32%					
11th - WPHS	94.84%	91.67%	91.37%	91.62%	90.86%					
12th - WPHS	95.13%	91.48%	92.77%	92.13%	90.62%					
2023-2024 WPHS Attendance	93.48%	90.73%	90.59%	90.52%	90.30%					
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	17	15					
Kind - SF	33	33	34	34	34	36					
1st - SF	29	30	31	31	30	31					
2nd - SF	19	19	20	20	20	20					
3rd - SF	16	17	16	16	19	19					
4th - SF	27	27	27	27	27	26					
5th - SF	23	23	23	25	25	25					
6th - SF	17	17	17	18	19	19					
2023-2024 SFES Enrollment	180	182	183	187	191	191					
Free/Reduced Percentage		53.29%	56.83%	57.75%	57.06%	56.02%					
SPED Percentage		24.28%	15.30%	15.50%	15.18%	17.27%					
2023-2024 SFES Enrollment	180	182	183	187	191	191					
2022-2023 SFES Enrollment	163	159	159	159	164	161	166	165	161	161	161
2021-2022 SFES Enrollment	154	153	152	153	153	148	149	147	146	149	149
2020-2021 SFES Enrollment	154	146	150	153	151	152	153	153	153	152	151
WPES (EC Not Included)											
PK - WPES	71	66	70	73	72	69					
Kind - WPES	146	134	133	131	135	137					
1st - WPES	143	134	131	130	130	129					
2nd - WPES	141	140	140	139	140	141					
3rd - WPES	145	132	133	133	131	128					
4th - WPES	141	132	131	130	131	132					
2023-2024 WPES Enrollment	787	738	738	736	735	736					
Free/Reduced Percentage		57.45%	56.67%	67.66%	71.17%	72.69%					
SPED Percentage		21.95%	11.82%	11.72%	11.93%	14.40%					
2023-2024 WPES Enrollment	787	738	738	736	735	736					
2022-2023 WPES Enrollment	730	736	729	740	742	741	750	749	741	741	738
2021-2022 WPES Enrollment	711	704	701	721	713	706	710	719	727	722	725
2020-2021 WPES Enrollment	726	721	699	695	698	697	703	700	690	686	678
WPMS											
5th - WPMS	128	127	125	125	125	123					
6th - WPMS	145	145	142	145	142	143					
7th - WPMS	143	144	143	142	141	143					
8th - WPMS	150	153	153	152	153	154					
2023-2024 WPMS Enrollment	566	569	563	564	561	563					
Free/Reduced Percentage		48.12%	57.54%	58.86%	59.71%	60.53%					
SPED Percentage		18.80%	18.47%	18.08%	18.18%	17.93%					
2023-2024 WPMS Enrollment	566	569	563	564	561	563					
2022-2023 WPMS Enrollment	620	621	612	610	612	610	605	606	599	602	601
2021-2022 WPMS Enrollment	619	618	630	616	606	602	601	609	610	603	600
2020-2021 WPMS Enrollment	604	644	632	629	626	626	631	623	631	626	620
WPHS											
9th - WPHS	352	343	346	339	330	330					
10th - WPHS	324	324	314	313	312	308					
11th - WPHS	260	254	257	256	256	254					
12th - WPHS	240	238	235	235	237	236					
2023-2024 WPHS Enrollment	1176	1159	1152	1143	1135	1128					
Free/Reduced Percentage		36.58%	40.45%	41.19%	41.03%	42.10%					
SPED Percentage		24.23%	14.32%	14.43%	14.03%	14.03%					
Non-Resident Percentage		38.22%	38.88%	38.93%	39.20%	39.18%					
2023-2024 WPHS Enrollment	1176	1159	1152	1143	1135	1128					1088
2022-2023 WPHS Enrollment	1161	1170	1170	1157	1156	1153	1121	1120	1109	1103	1088
2021-2022 WPHS Enrollment	1196	1167	1155	1154	1143	1136	1105	1098	1100	1092	1090
2020-2021 WPHS Enrollment	1175	1144	1122	1108	1089	1087	1062	1058	1058	1053	1033
District Enrollment	2709	2648	2636	2630	2626	2618					
District Free/Reduced Percentage		44.33%	52.57%	53.53%	54.68%	55.69%					
District SPED Percentage		15.14%	15.13%	15.09%	15.00%	15.24%					
District Non-Resident Percentage		16.72%	16.99%	16.92%	16.94%	16.88%					
2023-2024 R-VII Enrollment	2709	2648	2636	2630	2626	2618					
2022-2023 R-VII Enrollment	2698	2686	2670	2666	2670	2667	2642	2640	2610	2609	2609
2021-2022 R-VII Enrollment	2680	2642	2640	2644	2615	2592	2561	2564	2583	2566	2567
2020-2021 R-VII Enrollment	2715	2654	2605	2583	2564	2562	2545	2546	2532	2513	2503
2019-2020 R-VII Enrollment	2702	2647	2617	2643	2648	2648	2623	2618	2618	2618	2618
2018-2019 R-VII Enrollment	2652	2600	2608	2608	2607	2610	2596	2583	2579	2577	2577
2017-2018 R-VII Enrollment	2533	2581	2567	2539	2534	2527	2518	2510	2520	2519	2518
2016-2017 R-VII Enrollment	2464	2513	2518	2523	2511	2509	2498	2484	2496	2472	2468

I. New Hires – Board Action Required

Certified Positions

- Hannah Collins - WPHS/WPMS English

- Bryan Lester - SMTI Practical Nursing Instructor
- Jaime Pendergrass - WPHS Art Teacher

Non-Certified Positions

- Derrick Hensley - Custodian
- Zachary Dailey - Custodian
- Mike Davis - Custodian
- Heidi Schneider - Head Girls Tennis Coach
- Tim Smith - WPMS Head Football Coach
- Jarrod Girdley - WPMS Asst. Football Coach

II. Transfers – Board Action Required

- Michelle Henderson - WPHS Teacher to SPED Process Coordinator
- Stacy Kerley - WPES Paraprofessional to WPMS School Nurse
- Jason Holladay - WPHS Special Education to WPE Special Education
- Abby Hensley - WPES Teacher to SFES 2nd Grade Teacher

III. Volunteers - Board Action Required

- None at this time

IV. Resignations – Board Action Required

- Jennifer Tidwell - WPMS School Nurse (12/20)
- Charlotte Johnson - School Social Worker/Homeless Liaison (1/12)
- Kara Brown - WPMS Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Cassandra Cressman - WPMS 6th Grade & Assistant Theater (EOY)
- Stephanie Huddleston - High School Girls Tennis Coach
- Hannah Joice - Middle School Cross Country Coach

V. Retirements - Board Action Required

- None at this time

VI. Terminations - Board Action Required

- None at this time

The board returned to an additional closed session. The only action taken was the approval of an extension to Dr. Davis' contract. This will extend his contract until June 30, 2027. (The board approved 7-0)

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - *The school board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains High School Library unless otherwise posted.*