

PROFILE INFORMATION

2015-16



WEST ELK USD#282



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2015-16 Budget General Information

USD #: 282

Introduction

The West Elk school district is located in Elk County, a “frontier” county with portions of our geographic boundaries located in Chautauqua and Greenwood Counties covering 541 square miles. West Elk is the largest employer in the county.

Board Members

Matthew C. Hilton, President
Angela Allen, Vice-President
Dr. Robert Black
Tyson Denton
Shelly Hare
Panatha “Penny” Swanson

Key Staff

Superintendent, Director of Special Education & Food Service: Bert Moore
Business Manager/Board Clerk: Paula McAlister
District & Food Service Secretary/Treasurer: Debra Stange
West Elk Schools Pre K – 12 Principal: Martin Burke
Special Education & Transportation Secretary: Cindy Alberts
Food Service Manager: Barbara McLean
Maintenance Supervisor: Mike McLean
Transportation Supervisor: Christy Tyler

The District’s Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

Curriculum: West Elk offers a wide variety of courses for students to choose from in grades 9-12. In addition to the standard core curriculum, we offer students the opportunity to take classes in Art, Music, Woods, Agriculture, Business, Technology, FCCLA and Spanish.

Graduation Rates: The graduation rate for West Elk students is 95%-100% based on a 5 year study.

Community Services: The school continues to be the “center” for community activities. Our students are active in community projects, and our Board of Education emphasizes community service.

Board Goals: Our Board of Education has adopted 6 goals. There are in priority order:

1. Create a long-term facilities plan including remodeling, upgrades and construction i.e. second gym, elementary facilities and mobile units.
2. Kids First Attitude and Philosophy
3. Curriculum/Instruction – what is taught and how
4. Teach to the individual student – critical thinking skills
5. Monitor student progress K – 12
6. Recruit/Retain qualify teacher when vacancies occur

Challenges:

Rising Cost of Health Care: We have experienced a steady increase in the cost of health care. The Board of Education pays 100% of the costs for a single BC/BS policy for licensed employees.

Budget: The district has used the maximum Local Option Budget available without a public vote. We have experienced a steady decline in our federal funds as well as state aid to support our programs.

Facilities: The Board of Education is currently reviewing long range options for facilities which include upgrades to the existing facility as well as plans for additions which would provide optimum security. A new roof and HVAC units were installed this summer.

Supplemental Information for the Following Tables

1. Summary of Total Expenditures by Function (All Funds)

West Elk USD #282 is the sponsoring district for the Chautauqua & Elk County Special Services Cooperative. ALL special education staff are hired by West Elk USD #282 and then assigned to either West Elk #282, Elk Valley #283 and/or Chautauqua County Community USD #286. They are reported as employees of West Elk USD #282. Elk Valley USD #283 and Chautauqua County Community USD 286 purchase special education services from West Elk USD #282 through a Cooperative Agreement. When the district expenditure per student is calculated, it does include ALL staff even though many special education staff do NOT work at the West Elk School. If you receive any information or see anything in the paper related to the cost per student with West Elk being near the top, this is the reason why.

2. Summary of General Fund Expenditures by Function

3. Summary of Supplemental General Fund Expenditures by Function

4. Summary of General and Supplemental General Fund Expenditures by Function

5. Summary of Special Education Fund by Function

6. Instruction Expenditures (1000)

7. Student Support Expenditures (2100)

8. Instructional Support Expenditures (2200)

9. General Administration Expenditures (2300)

10. School Administration Expenditures (2400)

11. Central Services Expenditures (2500)

12. Operations and Maintenance Expenditures (2600)

13. Transportation Expenditures (2700)

14. Other Support Services Expenditures (2900)

15. Food Service Expenditures (3100)

16. Community Services Operations (3300)

17. Capital Improvements (4000)

18. Debt Services (5100)

19. Miscellaneous Information – Transfers (5200)

20. Miscellaneous Information Unencumbered Cash Balance by Fund

21. Reserve Funds Unencumbered Cash Balance

22. Other Information – Enrollment Information

23. Miscellaneous Information Mill Rates by Fund

24. Other Information – Assessed Valuation and Bonded Indebtedness

Note: The FTE (full time equivalency) used in this report to calculate the “Amount Per Pupil” is defined as follows: Enrollment (FTE) includes the current year enrollment on September 20, February 20, 4 yr old at-risk, and virtual. It does not include non-funded preschool or full-day kindergarten not on an IEP.

KSDE Website Information Available

K-12 Statistics (Building, District or State Totals) website below:

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/k12/k12.aspx>

- Attendance / Enrollment Reports
- Staff Reports
- Graduates / Dropouts Reports
- Crime / Violence Reports

School Finance Reports and Publications website below:

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/ReportsandPublications.aspx>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
- Mill Levies
- Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified)
- Salary Reports

Kansas Building Report Card website below:

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/rcard/>

- Attendance Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Dropout Rate
- School Violence
- Assessments
 - Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- Graduates Passing Adv. Science Courses
- Graduates Passing Adv. Math Courses