



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
November 13, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:
Consent Items – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Alyssa Felten, Paraprofessional – REI, Effective 11/01/17
- Mykiea Tyner, Food Service, Effective 10/27/17

Retirements / Resignations:

- Anna Burgos, Food Service, Effective 11/09/17
- Christy Holt, HS Secretary, Effective 12/01/17

Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher, High School, 11/16/17 – 12/02/17
- Teacher, High School, 01/22/18 – 02/02/18

November InspirED Award
Recipient Recognition –
Heidi Workmen

Jason Maas, WPS Director of Student Services, introduced to the Board and those in attendance Heidi Workman, Oriole Park social worker, who was recognized as the WPS November InspirED award winner. Heidi was nominated by her coworkers for her service and dedication to her students and their families.

Wyoming Junior High Presentation:

Prior to the meeting, Board members and District staff toured the Wyoming Junior High to gain perspective on current programs being executed in the building and to walk through proposed bond improvements at the site.

Members of the WJH robotics team along with their sponsors, Justin Van Etten and Diana Thompson (WJH teachers), were on hand to showcase their students and robots as well as provide an overview of their first competition. The teams felt they did fairly well and were excited to score points in each match. The students noted that over the course of the robotics season they have learned to overcome the challenges they were presented. They also made a lot of new friends and had fun along the way.

Recognition of WPS
Transportation Department:

The Michigan State Police awarded a Certificate of Excellence with special honor to WPS for the 2016-17 school year. This certificate was provided in recognition of the WPS transportation department achieving a pass rating of 95% or higher for school bus safety inspections.

Bond Results:

Thank you to the Wyoming community for their support of the recent WPS bond proposal! The proposal passed with a yes vote of nearly 70%. With the passage of the bond, work will now begin to put specific plans and processes together related to the high school renovations and more. The anticipated ground breaking date for the high school renovation is the spring of 2019.

Department Goals Draft #1 /
Continuous Improvement Plan:

District departments reviewed first drafts of the goals which have been aligned to support District goals. Copies will be provided to the Board with the intent of the final copy going to the public.

Staffing Update:

Challenges continue with filling bus driver and food service positions. New ideas for recruiting and filling positions are being reviewed for implementation.

District Promotion:

An agreement has been made to secure billboard space throughout the Wyoming area to promote District events and job openings, provide reminders to parents, and communicate more District information to the Wyoming community.

Investment Management Services:

The market for municipal investments has improved to the point that actively investing idle cash can once again generate meaningful interest income. The business office will be working with two firms to maximize returns on all district cash balances. Due to the district's 100% summer tax levy, the district experiences its cash high point in the fall, then uses those reserves throughout the year.

Grading Practices Discussion /
Opportunity:

The District has a team of teachers and administrators meeting to discuss all aspects of grading and assessment practices to determine areas needing change. The intent of the group is to have recommendations by February of 2018 with implementation in the fall of 2018.

Upcoming Events:

GR Santa Parade:

Saturday, November 18, 2017 – 9:00 AM

Wyoming Santa Parade:

Saturday, December 2, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Alpha Wolf Assembly:

Thursday, December 7, 2017 – 12:30 PM
Wyoming High School

Regular Meeting:

Monday, December 11, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM
Wyoming Public Schools Central Office Board Room