



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting January 22, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions: Consent Items – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Andrew Fitzpatrick, Media Para – WHS, Effective 1/08/18
- Lynne Bart, Media Para – WJH, Effective 1/23/18

Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher – Gladiola, Intermittent – 11/26/17 – 12/27/18

WPS School Board Appreciation:

January is School Board Appreciation month. The WPS Board of Education were thanked for their time and effort in supporting/providing a quality educational experience for every child. The Central Office along with District buildings provided tokens of appreciation to each Board member.

Oriole Park Building Spotlight:

Oriole Park Elementary Principal, Jenn Slanger, along with teachers Sarah Buys-McKenney, Stephanie Smith, Danielle Terpstra, and Heidi Workman provided a presentation on their PAWS program. PAWS is an acronym for Practice respect, Always be safe, Wise choice and Solve problems. Prior to the Board meeting, members of the Board toured Oriole Park Elementary and were greeted by students and staff who shared how they felt when they received their PAWS award.

Superintendent Evaluation:

The Superintendent evaluation process is beginning with a change in the staff survey and the superintendent collecting evidence to accompany the five evaluation areas. The gathering of surveys, resources and Board input are compiled through March, reviewed in April and finalized in June.

Attendance:

An update was provided about actions related to improving current challenges and a system of support for students and staff in regard to daily attendance. Administration will check in with students and staff who have five (5) absences since the winter break. The teachers in our District are excellent and the best thing for our students is for them to have their teachers in the classroom each day.

36th & Burlingame Property:

A new design, consisting of sixteen (16) single family homes and three (3) four-plex rental units that best utilize the property with respect to the neighbors' request was provided by the developer. The developer is taking his plan to the City of Wyoming Planning Commission meeting in February to seek rezoning approval. Neighbors in the area will then receive a letter to update them on the zoning request.

Bond Update:	In addition to another round of school site visits (Kelloggsville, Northview and Davenport), and high school design work, the focus has been to determine when bonds will be sold to maximize the funds initially available.
3% Refund Update:	With the most recent ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court, all public school employees who paid the 3% healthcare deduction between July of 2010 and September of 2012 will be refunded those contributions, plus nominal interest earnings. Wyoming has over 700 current and former employees in this group. The business office is working to return these funds as soon as possible, working through specific taxation issues and trying to locate former employees. The District received the funds from ORS on January 22 nd . The intent is to include the payout as a separate payroll run on February 2 nd .
Childcare Survey:	A survey was provided to all parents with students in grades K-6 to assess their needs for childcare and how the District may be able to assist.
Student Enrollment Numbers:	The winter/spring count of student enrollment is fast approaching and this counts for 10% of the student count while blended with fall numbers. Currently, the numbers are favorable.
State Dashboard Results:	The State did a public release of the new Parent Dashboard to provide a single location for parents to see a variety of outcomes and the performance of their local schools or other schools in the state.
HS Student Diploma Request Action Item – Approved	The Board voted and approved a request for a high school Junior, who has met all the Michigan Merit Curriculum credit requirements to graduate and receive his /her diploma a year early.
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>WinterFest:</u> Saturday, January 27, 2018 ~ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM West Elementary & Wyoming Junior High</p> <p><u>Regular Meeting:</u> Monday, February 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM Wyoming Public Schools Central Office Board Room</p> <p><u>Wyoming Art Festival:</u> Saturday, March 3, 2018 ~ 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Wyoming High School</p> <p><u>WHS Senior Auction:</u> Saturday, March 3, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM Wyoming High School</p> <p><u>Employee Appreciation / Foundation Dinner & Auction:</u> Saturday, March 10, 2018 ~ 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM KC Banquet Hall, Wyoming, MI</p>