



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 13, 2018 ~ 5:00 PM**

Personnel Transactions:

**Consent Items – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

- Taelynn Crow, Special Education Teacher – WJH, Effective 1/08/18
- Michelle Romjin, ESCSE Teacher - HW, Effective 8/14/18
- Amanda Costlow, ECSE Teacher - HW, Effective 8/14/18
- Maggie Brown, 1st Grade Teacher - Gladiola, Effective 8/14/18
- Amanda Hall, 1st Grade Teacher - West, Effective 8/14/18
- Jo Bleauwkamp, 3rd Grade Teacher - West, Effective 8/14/18
- Melanie Partelow, 4th Grade Teacher - Gladiola, Effective 8/14/18
- Erika Badour, 5th Grade Teacher - WIS, Effective 8/14/18
- Bridget Lewis, REI Teacher, Effective 8/14/18
- Chelsea Bedinger, REI Teacher, Effective 8/14/18
- Ashley Bakker, ELA Teacher - WJHS, Effective 8/14/18
- Kelsey Smith, Resource Room Teacher - WHS, Effective 8/14/18
- Kaley Obney, ELA Teacher (0.8FTE) - WJHS, Effective 8/14/18
- Becky Sytsma, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Effective 8/20/18
- Matthew Atloft, Mechanic - Wyoming Operations, Effective 8/6/18

**Retirements / Resignations:**

- Rachel Higgins, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/31/18

2018-19 Staffing Update:

The hires approved as part of the consent agenda address the staffing needs of the District and will allow for students to be best served. Interviews will be conducted this week for the few remaining open positions within the District.

New Teacher / Staff Onboarding & Learning Academy:

Professional learning dates and times for the 2018-19 school year have been communicated to affected staff. These experiences will take into account what is essential information to enter the school year with success and provide continuous support as the year progresses.

Wolf PAC PD – August 21, 2018:

Finishing touches are being added to the second annual Wolf PAC schedule. The Wolf PAC (Professional Authentic Collaboration) is a collaboration of leaders who support learning and build staff capacity to better meet the needs of the students we serve. There will be more than 70 different session choices for our staff to choose from. The event will be held at Wyoming Junior High on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Our IT Department has developed an online registration tool which allows staff to register in advance for their sessions of choice. Our staff have been watching session capacities and making adjustments as necessary.

Registration / Enrollment Update:	The Board reviewed the 2018-19 registration and enrollment numbers. As the school year approaches, communication will continue to go to families so the enrollment process is completed and students are fully prepared for a strong start of the school year. Our current enrollment numbers are comparable to last year.
Center Based Learning Program:	The Grand Rapids Board of Education voted 7-1 to transfer operation of the center-based special education programs to Kent ISD on July 1, 2019. District leadership will continue to monitor and provide needed updates in order to plan accordingly.
Team 21 Elementary Cohort:	Superintendents within the City of Wyoming recently attended a 21 <sup>st</sup> Century grant planning meeting due to the fact that 10 elementary schools throughout the City will be up for grant renewal at the end of the fiscal year. Four of the ten elementary schools in the grant are WPS buildings. The meeting was held to bring advanced awareness in the event that MDE does not renew the grant that these schools have come to appreciate. Additional information and updates will be shared as they become available.
Reinstatement of Student 1718.01 <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the request to allow student 1718.01 to be reinstated to allow for enrollment in his/her home district which is outside of WPS.
Upcoming Events:	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b>  Thursday, August 23, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Administration Building  Thursday, September 6, 2018~4:30 PM–WPS Administration Building</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b>  Monday, August 27, 2018 ~ 5:00 PM – WPS Administration Building  Monday, September 10, 2018~6:00 PM–WPS Administration Building</p> <p><b><u>Other Events:</u></b>  Opening Day Ceremony – Monday, August 20, 2018 – 7:00 AM – GR First  Wolf PAC 2018 – Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 7:45 AM - WJH  First Day of 2018-19 School Year – Wednesday, August 22, 2018</p>