



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting November 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM

American Cancer Society Check Presentation:

This year, Superintendent Hoekstra served as the WPS Real Men Wear Pink representative. As a result of overwhelming support District-wide, the \$2,500 goal was easily exceeded. Throughout the month of October there was a dedicated football game, Dig Pink volleyball game and a Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Penny War. The Penny War brought in over \$2,500 alone! Superintendent Hoekstra would like to thank everyone for their great support, including Susan Brogger from the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Brogger was on hand at the meeting to accept the check on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Mosaic Film Festival – WHS Students – Quiana Wade & Yailine Palomo:

WHS Teacher Jon Bushen supported ten (10) students who recently participated in the Mosaic Film Festival. Quiana Wade and Yaline Palomo both were finalists. Quiana was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the mobile film competition she submitted this fall. She was presented with the winning prize of \$1,000 in front of 300 students at the Wealthy Theater last week. It was a proud moment for her, the school and our staff. Her winning video is included in the link below:

[https://youtu.be/q\\_ImunMptxU](https://youtu.be/q_ImunMptxU)

West Elementary Building Tour & Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of West Elementary led by Principal Josh Baumbach. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

At the meeting, Mr. Baumbach shared with the Board the recent World Cultural Night held at West Elementary. The goal of the event was to engage parents and showcase the many cultures and countries represented in our schools. Staff members selected different countries and then planned activities around the cultures in those countries. Families could go from classroom to classroom to play games, taste authentic foods, listen and play music and learn more about a particular country. It was powerful to see how many families came to join and celebrate the diversity in our District.

Pre-Approval Process – Books & Movies:

**Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved a list of movies including: *Because of Winn Dixie* (2005), *James And The Giant Peach* (1996), *The Watson's Go To Birmingham* (1963), *Wonder* (2017) and *Holes* (2003). The viewing of these movies must be the culminating experience to the reading of the book associated with each movie. Parent permission must still be obtained for the viewing of any movie over a "G" rating. Staff no longer have to submit annual movie approval requests for the above listed movies.

Wyoming Theatre Company – <i>James And The Giant Peach:</i>	The Wyoming Theatre Company presented their fall musical, <i>James And The Giant Peach</i> , last week. The show was filled with songs, dances, incredible sets, and cast, crew and orchestra of over 70 highly talented secondary students. A total of six performances took place and over 1,300 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students experienced the first act of the musical. It was a great experience for our students and many took in their first live theater performance. Mr. Schnotala, cast, crew and orchestra, thank you for ALL that you do in making Wyoming proud.
Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade:	The Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade will take place on Saturday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until noon. Board members plan to walk the parade route behind the WHS marching band and hand out candy to children.
WPS Upcoming Events:	There are many opportunities available to experience the great talent we have in all parts of our school District. Please take a look at what we have coming up and consider attending some of the great things we have scheduled in the near future.
Board Holiday Gathering	The Board plans for their annual holiday gathering to take place following the December 6 <sup>th</sup> work session meeting. As plans are finalized, they will be shared with the group.
Board of Education November Election – Two Open Seats:	On Tuesday, November 6, the community went to the polls and cast ballots to fill two (2) Board seats vacated by Board Members Mott and Sheets Odo. Given that two of the three candidates were write-ins, the City Clerk’s office reports that it could take up to two weeks before the election results are certified. Once the two new members are announced, they will meet with President Popma and Superintendent Hoekstra prior to our January Board meeting.
Board of Education Vacancy By Appointment – One Open Seat:	The WPS Board of Education is seeking qualified and interested candidates from the community to fill one Board seat by appointment due to a recent resignation. Applicants were asked through the District website to submit a letter of interest to Board President Popma by 3:00 PM on Monday, November 12, 2018. The Board will next review all submitted materials and set-up interviews to fill this vacancy by appointment.
WHS MMC Diploma Request <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the request for a WHS student who has met all MMC credit requirements to receive his/her MMC diploma.
Upcoming Events:	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b>  Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building  Thursday, January 10, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b>  Monday, December 10, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building  Monday, January 14, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building</p>

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**Other Events:**

- Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 7:00 PM – La Sinfonia Navidena – GR Symphony - DHFAC
- Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 12:45 PM – Alpha Wolf Champion of Character – WHS Gym
- Saturday, December 8, 2018 – 10 AM – Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade
- Monday, December 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM – WJH Band Concert – DHFAC
- Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM – OP 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert – DHFAC
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM – West 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert -DHFAC
- Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM – WHS & WJH Winter Coral Concert – DHFAC
- Monday, December 17, 2018 – 7:00 PM – WHS Band Holiday Concert - DHFAC