



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Emily Williams, West – Teacher, Effective 2/04/19
- Terry George, OP – Food Service, Effective 1/23/19

Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher, Gladiola, 2/15/19 – 2/28/19
- Teacher, Parkview, 1/18/19 – 2/01/19
- Teacher, WIS, 1/01/19 – 12/31/19
- Teacher, Gladiola, 2/01/19 – 2/12/19

Retirements / Resignations:

- Lana Clore, Food Service, Effective 2/01/19
- Alecia Metayer, Bus Driver, Effective 1/21/19

Wyoming High Building Tour &
Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of Wyoming High School led by Principal Nate Robrahn. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

December 2018 Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Award Recipients, Ana Salvador, Sawyer VanDyke, Kymburly Burhans, Kim Nguyen, Mounahinde Almame and Taina Rodriguez were in attendance to be recognized by the Board along with WHS teacher, John Doyle. These students were recently selected by the staff and their peers at Wyoming High School as Champions of Character for displaying kindness, compassion and gratitude in all that they do. These six outstanding students are great representatives of Wyoming High School.

Shantel VanderGalien & Kim
Nguyen Presentation:

Shantel VanderGalien, WJH teacher, and Kim Nguyen, WHS student, were on hand to discuss their book, *Luci's Super Power Pen: One little girl's struggle with anxiety*, with the Board. Shantel is the author of the book and Kim is the illustrator.

Mary VandeWater – WPS BoE
Resignation:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the letter of resignation submitted by WPS Board of Education Vice President Mary VandeWater.

Tom Mott – WPS BoE
Appointment:
Action Item - Appointed

Following the resignation of WPS Board of Education member, Mary VandeWater, letters of interest to fill the open seat were reviewed and considered. The Board decided to appoint Tom Mott to fill the vacant seat. Mr. Mott accepted the position and was sworn in at the meeting.

School Board Appreciation:	January was School Board Appreciation month. WPS BoE members were thanked for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District.
2019 WPS BoE Committees:	The Board reviewed the 2019 WPS Board of Education committee structure.
Board of Education Professional Development – School Finance	As an extension of the most recent Board work session, Matt Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administrative Services, led professional learning on school finance.
Kent County Common Calendar Agreements – Draft:	The Board reviewed the Kent County Common Calendar draft agreement for the 2019-20 school year.
Snow Day Update:	As required by law, we are to have at least 180 days for the 2018-19 school year. The Michigan Department of Education allows districts across the state to close school six times per year for conditions that impact student safety (cold, heat, snow, ice, etc.). To this point, we have cancelled school ten times due to weather. A State waiver will be submitted that if approved, allows districts three additional weather related days. There is a possibility of even more relief time given our challenging weather this year. If we were to need to add days back in to our calendar to reach 180 required days, we would be adding days in June. Regardless of the number of days needed to cancel school due to weather, the decision to close schools will always be based on the safety of our staff and students.
Spring Road Construction:	Sections of Clyde Park Avenue will be under construction in April and May. Needed adjustments will be made so that bus routes will not be significantly impacted.
Jackson Park Renovation:	The Jackson Park development is still in the process as readiness for construction in 2019 takes place. The current masterplan shows that new restrooms, splash pad, playground, tennis courts, parking, soccer fields, and wetlands will be the main emphasis of the renovation.
28 th Street Housing Development:	The south end of the Studio 28 th property is scheduled to be used for a housing development as previously shared, but the timeline to start the project has been delayed due to some additional federal government requirements.
2019 GRCC Commencement:	Middle College Commencement will take place on Friday, April 26 th at 7:00 PM. A special reception for the 13 th year students, parents, school administration and Board of Education members will be held at 5:00 PM on the Grand Rapids Campus. Board members were asked to let Superintendent Hoekstra know if they can attend so that reservations can be made.
KLASB Dinner:	WPS BoE members were reminded to send Christie their RSVP for the upcoming KLASB dinner and presentation regarding how much it takes to educate a child.
Sitework Phasing Update:	The Board was provided an overview of Phase 1 and Phase 2 Sitework plans at Wyoming High School.

<p>Phase 1 Bond Sitework Bid Approval: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Christman Company received bids for Phase 1 Bond Sitework on Monday, January 14th. Bids were publicly opened and reviewed by the project team members. The Board reviewed and approved the Phase 1 Bond Sitework Bids.</p>
<p>Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Results:</p>	<p>The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) results have been released. WPS kindergarten students performed at or above their countywide peers. The purpose of this assessment instrument is to measure one's readiness to enter kindergarten to engage in core content as prescribed by the Common Core, as well as the justification of increased pre-kindergarten funding that has been dedicated to programming in recent years.</p>
<p>Secondary Autentico Pilot:</p>	<p>The Wyoming Jr. And Senior High Spanish program will be piloting a new curriculum resource during the 2019-20 school year. This resource will afford instructional staff to embed both a technology and student resources component to further support language development. If outcomes are positive, it will better align department goals as students transition between both buildings.</p>
<p>SOC Resolution – Section 105: Action Item – Opt Out</p>	<p>The Board opted out of section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 for the 2019-20 school year.</p>
<p>SOC Resolution – Section 105c: Action Item – Opt In</p>	<p>The Board opted in to Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000 for the 2019-20 school year.</p>
<p>Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board approved participation in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2019-20 school year.</p>
<p>WHS Student Trip Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WHS baseball trip to Destin, Florida scheduled from March 30th through April 6th.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, February 21, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, March 7, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, February 25, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, March 11, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><u>Other Events:</u> Friday, February 22, 2019 – Mid-Winter Break March 29 – April 5, 2019 – Spring Break</p>