



WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

August 12, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM

Cherry Health Donation:

Julie Tatko, Cherry Health COO, and Tiffany Aldrich, Cherry Health Director of Communications, were in attendance to present the District with a \$500 donation. These funds will be used to provide school supplies and hygiene products for students in need. WPS greatly appreciates the dedication shown by Cherry Street Health to the wellness and education of our students.

Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character – Spring 2019:

Spring 2019 Alpha Wolf 11 Champion of Character Award Recipients, Rohim Mohammad, Cameron Simon, Thomas Bushman, Dale Cross III and Avery Robinson III were in attendance to be recognized by the Board along with WHS teacher, John Doyle. These students were selected by staff and their peers at WHS as Champions of Character for displaying kindness, compassion and gratitude in all that they do!

Personnel Transactions:

Consent Items – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Kailah Badwound-Moore, Student Advocate - WIS, Effective 8/13/19
- Nathan Behnke, Student Advocate - WJH, Effective 8/13/19
- Isabel Blanco, Teacher - Parkview & Gladiola, Effective 8/13/19
- Fritz Bowerman, Student Advocate - Gladiola, Effective 8/13/19
- Kellee Chambers, Student Advocate - Parkview, Effective 8/13/19
- Casandra Crennell, Teacher - WHS, Effective 8/13/19
- Veronica Cooper, Teacher - WJH, Effective 8/13/19
- Janine Dekker, Teacher - WJH, Effective 8/13/19
- Elizabeth Deur, Academic Intervention Specialist - Parkview, Effective 8/13/19
- Katey Dewaard, Teacher - WIS, Effective 8/13/19
- Sandra Dixon-Gallagher, Academic Intervention Specialist – Gladiola, Effective 8/13/19
- Janelle Kasper, Student Advocate - West, Effective 8/13/19
- Rebecca Klegon, Teacher - Parkview, Effective 8/13/19
- Laura Kroeze, Teacher - Parkview, Effective 8/13/19
- Paige Loiselle, Student Advocate - WIS, Effective 8/13/19
- Patrick MacKenzie, Teacher - WJH, Effective 8/13/19
- Amber Middlemiss, Teacher - West, Effective 8/13/19
- Alexandra Morales, Teacher - WJH - Effective 8/13/19
- Michelle Patterson, Academic Intervention Specialist – OP, Effective 8/13/19
- Sarah Robinson, Student Advocate - Oriole Park, Effective 8/13/19
- Thomas Rodgers, Academic Intervention Specialist - West, Effective 8/13/19

- Travis Stricklin, Teacher - WIS, Effective 8/13/19
- Jennifer VandenBrink, Secretary - Oriole Park, Effective 8/06/19
- Elisabeth VandeWaa, Teacher - Oriole Park, Effective 8/13/19
- Elizabeth Weld-Wallis, Teacher - Parkview, Effective 8/13/19
- Johanna White, Teacher - WIS, Effective 8/13/19
- Claire Wiesen, Academic Intervention Specialist - West, Effective 9/16/19
- Rebecca Worpel, Teacher - West, Effective 8/13/19
- Katrina Young, Student Advocate - WHS, Effective 8/13/19

Retirements / Resignations:

- Theresa Almonte, Teacher – Gladiola, Effective 8/14/19
- Mykal Hall, Custodian - West, Effective 8/06/19
- Rebecca Owen, Teacher - West, Effective 8/06/19
- Kaleigh Salata, Social Worker – REI, Effective 8/14/19
- Luke Scholten, School Psychologist, Effective 8/27/19

2019-20 WPS Calendar:

The Board reviewed the complete 2019-20 school year calendar.

WPS 2019-20 Opening Day:

The Board reviewed the timeline of events for the WPS Opening Day kickoff at GR First Life Center on Monday, August 19th. Thank you to Vice President Mott who will be in attendance to address the staff.

Fall 2019 Insight:

Members of the Board were provided a copy of the August 2019 Insight.

Back-To-School Registration / Orientation:

Throughout the District, there were 14 opportunities for families to come into their child’s school to confirm enrollment for the upcoming school year. Contact efforts will continue leading up to the start of the school year to families who have not yet completed the process.

WPS Custom Mobile App:

In an effort to coordinate all District related communications, a customized mobile app was created. The app will be promoted throughout the year and the community will be encouraged to use this tool for quick access to District related experiences.

Emergency Buckets (WHS, WJH, WIS):

School Resource Officer, Mike Moore, continues to spearhead efforts to install emergency classroom buckets contained with first aid supplies and basic care resources in the event of students and staff needing to be contained in their classroom for an extended period of time. Thank you to Metro Health and the Wyoming Police Department for the support of this resource!

Student Resource Officer Focus Areas:

Superintendent Hoekstra and Officer Moore recently met to goal set for the coming school year. Coordination and alignment of current resources per building were discussed. Officer Moore will be meeting with each building administrator to plan building specific proactive measures so that his efforts continue to further support the needs of each site.

WEA Contract Ratification:
Action Item - Ratified

The Board reviewed and ratified the three-year WEA (Wyoming Education Association) contract.

Administrative Guidelines (Student Trips):	Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed updated administrative guidelines for student trips. Updated guidelines will be provided to all staff.
WPS Administrative Handbook (Board Policy 3400) Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the 2019-2022 WPS Administrative Staff Handbook.
West Elementary Kitchen Remodel: Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed the bid tab sheet associated with the West Elementary kitchen remodel and approved TerHorst & Rinzema for the project. Their bid was lowest at \$66,500. Funds for this project will be from food service.
Fundraising Guidelines & Approval Process:	The Board reviewed updated fundraising guidelines and the process for approvals.
WPS PASE (Parent Advisor To Special Education) Representative: Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed and approved Marla Schmude to continue to serve as the District parent representative on the county-wide PASE committee. Ms. Schmude's duties will include gathering information from the ISD and disseminating it to the parents of children with special needs. She will also be a part of the decision-making process regarding the needs of students with special needs. This is a volunteer position within District.
2019-20 District School Improvement:	The 2019-20 District School Improvement will be supported through the District's focus and belief in continuous improvement to ensure the best educational experience for all students. Instructional rounds and learning labs will be the foundation that supports continuous improvement in all K-12 buildings.
5 th Grade Readers Workshop Training:	5 th Grade teachers will implement Readers Workshop this fall. 5 th Grade teachers will participate in two days of professional learning around Readers Workshop on August 12 th and 13 th at Wyoming Intermediate.
Academic Intervention Specialists:	We have hired five (5) intervention specialists to support early literacy intervention at our elementary buildings. They will work collaboratively with building instructional coaches, principals and teachers to close the achievement gap for our lowest 30% of students at the kindergarten through second grade levels. They will participate in two days of professional development on August 14 th and 15 th .
WIS Student Trip Request: Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the WIS student trip request for 6 th grade students to travel to Camp Tuhsmehta in Greenville, Michigan on September 9 th and return on September 13 th . This trip is an extension of the NGSS science standards; including focus on team building and social dynamic / interaction.
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, August 22, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, September 5, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, August 26, 2019 – 5:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, September 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p>www.WyomingPS.org</p>

Other:

Monday, August 19, 2019 – Opening Day Kickoff – GR First – 7:00 AM

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – First Day of School (1/2 Day – Students AM)

Friday, August 23, 2019 – Wolf PAC – WIS, 8 AM – 3 PM