



WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

August 26, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

EPIC 11 Kickoff Assembly:	Coopersville High School recently launched their EPIC 11 program. WHS Alpha Wolf 11 Champion of Character, Kymburly Burhans, along with WHS teacher, John Doyle, were in attendance to speak with the group about the impact Alpha Wolf 11 has had on them personally as well as the impact it has had on WHS.
Personnel Transactions: Consent Items – Approved	<p>The Board approved the following personnel transactions:</p> <p><u>New Hires:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jamohn Martin, Paraprofessional – Regional Center, Effective 8/15/19● Kyle Castano, Custodian – West, Effective 9/09/19 <p><u>Leaves of Absence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teacher, WHS, Intermittent FMLA <p><u>Retirements / Resignations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Barb Smith, Food Service – WJH, Effective 8/12/19● Terry George, Food Service – OP, Effective 8/16/19● Rebecca Worpel, Teacher – West, Effective 8/23/19● Rori Larson, Teacher – WIS, Effective 8/23/19
Fall Enrollment:	The Board was provided an update on District fall enrollment numbers. Preliminary data indicates enrollment numbers for the 2019-20 school year will be similar to the 2018-19 school year.
BoE Professional Development (Nov. 7 & Mar. 19):	Based upon feedback from the WPS BoE last spring, professional learning topics were identified. The Board shared that they would appreciate learning around special education and curriculum. WPS Director of Student Services, Jason Maas, will lead the learning on November 7 th and WPS Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Jennifer Slinger, will lead the session on March 19 th .
Fall Athletic Participation Numbers:	WHS Athletic Director, Ted Hollern, provided the Board an update on fall athletic participation numbers. 197 Student athletes are participating in sports this fall. Administration will continue to track participation numbers over time.
Construction Update:	The Board was provided an update on current construction taking place across the District. The community is encouraged to visit the construction webcam link to view the current progress. The football field is complete and a final walkthrough of the athletic facilities will be scheduled in the near future. Excitement is building for the anticipated opening of the facility on October 11 th .

Policy 5111:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the updating of language contained in item N of policy 5111 (School of Choice). The update was to replace “is employed by” with “works at.” Item N now reads: “A student who is the child of a person who works at the District, including an adopted child or legal ward.”

Parkview Elementary – Teachers College Staff Developer Support 2019-20:

Parkview will be supported by a staff developer from Teachers College as we continue to implement readers and writers workshop. This high level of professional learning will support continued alignment and implementation of the reading and writing units of study. This ten (10) days of support will include five (5) days in the fall and five (5) days in the spring.

2019 Wolf PAC (Professional & Authentic Collaboration):

2019 marked the 3rd year for Wolf PAC. Last Friday, August 23rd, 53 staff members presented on a wide variety of sessions. Those attending the sessions included teachers, paras, custodians, maintenance, bus drivers, teachers and administrators. Dr. Bill Pink, President of GRCC, got the day started by serving as our keynote speaker. We have received positive feedback from staff appreciating the format of learning and the session options. Multiple compliments were also received from outside presenters and guests who were in attendance that day.

Grand Rapids Community College Gear Up Grant:

WJH was the host site for 48 students from Wyoming, Godwin, Godfrey Lee, and Kelloggsville. 16 of our current 8th graders are a part of this grant program which supports preparing them for college and career readiness. As part of this cohort, the students engaged in summer academic learning and will continue to be supported by a math tutor for three days after school. The program director shared that “WPS has a great capacity for work, has a sharp attention to detail and a welcoming “can-do” attitude.”

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building
Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, September 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building
Monday, September 23, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building