3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

#### WPS BOARD BRIEFS

## Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Gladiola Building Tour & Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of Gladiola Elementary led by Principal Cheryl Corpus and assisted with food distribution at the Feeding America food truck. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently being implemented in the building.

Ms. Corpus along with Anna Rivera, KSSN Coordinator, were in attendance at the Board meeting to share the Gladiola Elementary building spotlight presentation. Their presentation centered around Gladiola's journey to a community school. They shared their visions of being "a hub of its neighborhood uniting families, educators, and community partners to provide top-quality academics, enrichment and health and social services so that all students can succeed in school and in life." To achieve their vision, Ms. Anna Rivera, assists in building community partnerships such as those with Kids Food Basket and Hand2Hand. Other ways they are growing as a community school include having members of the community volunteer their time to serve as mentors to students, providing support for students and their families through Coats for Kids, Food Baskets and Toys for Tots. Staff also connect families to services including health, mental health and financial. The staff also emphasize the importance of student attendance through biweekly attendance meetings to help identifying barriers and solutions surrounding absenteeism.

10/28/19 Board Minutes: **Action Item – Approved**  The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6 PM on Monday, October 28, 2019.

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**  The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher Oriole Park, Intermittent November 2019-2020
- Secretary WHS, November 14, 2019 February 24, 2020
- Paraprofessional WHS, November 19, 2019 December 3, 2019

#### Retirements / Resignations:

- Terry Chivis, Paraprofessional Oriole Park, Effective December 1, 2019
- Tracy Martin, Secretary Parkview, Effective January 1, 2020

Resolution Calling For Special Election On March 10, 2020: **Action Item - Approved**  The Board approved the resolution calling for a special election on March 10, 2020 including proposed ballot language and certification of the ballot proposition.

#### WHS Softball Field Update:

The Board was provided an update on the WHS softball field. Because of ongoing construction, the field will not be available for use this season. The current plan is to play scheduled home games at Wyoming Junior High.

New Teacher Learning Academy – Nov. 6:

An update was provided to the Board about how the District supports new teachers in Wyoming, including opportunities for them to engage with instructional coaches in coaching cycles and professional learning evenings three times per year as part of our Learning Academy. Additional opportunities for professional learning are also present throughout the year as staff engage in many growth opportunities on campus, with colleagues, and through Kent ISD.

BoE Professional Development – Nov. 7:

Director of Student Services, Jason Maas, led the WPS Board of Education in a professional development session on November 7, 2019 as an extension of the work session that evening. The focus was on special education services.

# Oriole Park Movie Request: **Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the viewing of Disney's The Nutcracker by Oriole Park Elementary second grade students. Oriole Park second grade students will be attending a 30-minute Broadway performance of The Nutcracker at Devos Hall. Because they will not see the full performance, teachers requested students be able to view the show in its entirety via movie so that the storyline is clear. Teachers will be incorporating the viewing of this performance into reading, writing and social studies units. Students are required to provide parental permission slips prior to the viewing of the movie.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Board Committee Work Sessions:**

Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

### **Board Meetings:**

Monday, December 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, January 13, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building **Other:** 

November 14-15, 2019 - WHS Fall Play - Trunks Tres - DHFAC - 7 PM November 18, 2019 - WJH Band Concert - DHFAC - 7 PM December 3, 2019 - Parkview 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Concert - DHFAC - 7 PM December 4, 2019-Gladiola 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Concert-DHFAC - 7 PM

December 5, 2019–WHS &WJH Winter Choral Concert–DHFAC–7 PM

December 6, 2019 - Alpha Wolf 11 Ceremony - 12:30 PM

December 9, 2019 –Oriole Park 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Concert–DHFAC–7 PM December 10, 2019–West 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Concert–DHFAC–7 PM

December 11, 2019 – WJH Holiday Band Concert – DHFAC – 6:30 PM

December 12, 2019 – WHS & WJH Winter Jazz Concert–DHFAC–7 PM

December 14, 2019 – Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade – 10 AM

December 16, 2019 – WHS Winter Band Concert – DHFAC – 7 PM