3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting January 13, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

Dec 2019 Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Presentation:

December 2019 Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Award Recipients, Aiden Curtis, Victoria Pulaski, Iyan Weidman-Gomez, Nichole Stark and Kyle Ratliff were in attendance to be recognized by the Board along with 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 not only Wyoming High School but also of our District.

WJH Spotlight Presentation:

Jon Blackburn, Wyoming Junior High Principal, along with Michelle Potter (WJH School Social Worker) and Ashtyn Storms (Clinician Cherry Health) were in attendance on Monday evening to share the WJH building spotlight presentation on the Outpatient Mental Health Grant provided through partnership with Cherry Health.

12/09/19 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, December 9, 2019.

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions: **New Hires:**

Miranda Lane, Secretary – Parkview, Effective January 6, 2020 Rebekah Lehman, Speech Pathologist – OP, Effective December 2, 2019

Retirements / Resignations:

Rachel Schafer, Social Worker – Regional Center, Effective January 17, 2020

KIASB Dinner – January 16, 2020:

WPS BoE member were reminded to RSVP for the KIASB dinner and presentation examining issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools. The event is scheduled for 6 PM on Thursday, January 16th at KCTC.

Listening Tour:

Superintendent Hoekstra and Assistant Superintendent Sarah Earnest are scheduled to meet with building staff throughout the District starting at the end of this month and concluding in February to listen and learn areas of celebration, suggestions and areas to plan for continuous improvement.

Operating Millage Election – March 10, 2020:

On March 10, 2020, WPS will have on the ballot a request to allow the District to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mils on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Board Appreciation – January 27, 2020:

January is School Board Appreciation Month! On Monday, January 27th, as a District, we will thank the WPS Board of Education for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District.

MASA Superintendent Evaluation -Component B – February 6th Work Session: As part of the February 6th Board Work Session, the Board will work through the second of six components of the annual superintendent evaluation. In May, all six areas will be revisited to finalize the 2019-20 process.

35a(5) Grant Award:

WPS was awarded a \$67,103 grant. This money will be used to invest in hiring reading interventionists at our elementary sites for summer school. With remaining grant funds, elementary sites may use the money to run after/before school reading programs in the fall to support K-3 students reading below grade level. A small portion of the total grant allocation will be used for professional development.

Secondary Curriculum Guide Update:

We continue to work through revising the Educational Development Plan (EDP) portion of our Secondary Curriculum Guide. When that portion is complete, it will be brought to the Board for approval.

WHS Course Approval 2020-2021 Update:

WHS new course requests have been reviewed at the building and District levels. The Board reviewed the 12 proposed courses (Studio Manager Independent Study, Accounting III, Ethical Hacking/Countermeasure Security I, Ethical Hacking/Countermeasure Security II, Device Configuration & Troubleshooting, Advanced Cybersecurity, Networking Configuration & Design, CCNA Routing and Switching, Windows Server, Advanced Operating Systems, Exploring The Shared Latinx Experience, & Peer To Peer Leadership II).

2nd Round of Instructional Rounds:

During the second round of Instructional Rounds, building teams will lead the process. The work that has been done as a result of the first instructional round will be shared and celebrated, as well as continued reflection of what opportunities lay ahead for each building throughout the second semester.

WJH MICI Student Trip Request: **Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the WJH MICI student trip request for travel to Traverse City, Michigan to compete in the 2020 Special Olympics of Michigan Winter State Games departing on February 4, 2020 and returning on February 7, 2020.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, February 6 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 27, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, February 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building