



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

December 8, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

WHS Key Club Presentation:

Members of the Wyoming High School Key Club led a presentation to the Board and shared information about their organization, their current service projects, and their interest in attending an upcoming conference in Ypsilanti, MI.

11/10/25 Board Minutes:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Audrey Reed, Bus Driver, Eff 12/1/25

Brittney Limas, District Food Float, Eff 12/1/25

Jessica Ortiz, District Custodial Float, Eff 11/17/25

Kaylah Rivera, District Food Float, Eff 12/1/25

Lea Jackson, Bus Driver, Eff 12/1/25

Position Changes:

Dorian Wood, Lead Cook at PKVW, Eff 12/3/25

Jacob Evans, Technical Support Service, Eff 11/17/25

Isela Zuno, Lead Cook at WJH, Eff 12/1/25

Rena Smith, Food Service Lead at Glad, Eff 12/1/25

Leave of Absence:

District Custodial Float, LOA Intermittent Eff 11/1/25-TBD

Food Service Lead at OP, FMLA, Eff 12/12/25-1/23/26

Food Service at WJH, LOA, Eff 10/2/25-10/1/26

Paraeducator at Glad, FMLA, Eff 11/17/25-TBD

Reading Interventionist at Parkview, FMLA, Eff 10/24/25-11/19/25

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Resignations:

Henry Benitez, WHS Custodian, Eff 12/1/25

Gladiola Elementary Building
Spotlight Presentation:

At the recent Board committee meeting, Gladiola Elementary principal Dana Stein, along with teachers and students, presented the Gladiola Student Council program and their initiative this school year, the Importance of Community. The group highlighted their efforts to celebrate and foster a positive school environment, emphasizing activities and programs designed to strengthen connections among students, staff, and the broader school community.

Wyoming Junior High School
Building Spotlight
Presentation:

Members of the Wyoming Junior High School Gaming Club and eSports Teams presented their afterschool programs to the Board on Thursday evening. Their presentation highlighted the clubs' activities, including tabletop gaming, competitive eSports play, and opportunities for student collaboration and skill development. The groups shared how participation fosters teamwork, strategic thinking, and a positive school community, as well as plans for upcoming events and student engagement initiatives.

Lisa Manley, WPS Board of
Education Member,
Resignation:

Action Item – Approved

Board of Education Interview
Process Update:

The Board reviewed and approved the notice provided by Lisa Manley to vacate her position as Board of Education member effective December 31, 2025.

Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration
Reminder:

The District completed interviews for the open Board of Education position, which was publicly posted on the District website seeking interested applicants. After reviewing all submitted materials and conducting candidate interviews on December 2nd, the district has extended an offer to a candidate to fill the vacancy for the term beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The Board was reminded of the upcoming Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Celebration which is scheduled for Friday, December 12th at 12:30 PM in the gymnasium at Wyoming High School. Eight scholars will be surprised and celebrated as having demonstrated the distinguished character traits of an Alpha Wolf (kindness, compassion, and grace) and making a positive impact on their school community. Board members are encouraged to arrive by 12:15 PM to be seated prior to the ceremony.

South Kent Chamber of
Commerce Santa Parade:

WPS Board Members and building administrators are invited to participate in the 2025 South Kent Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade on Saturday, December 13th. Wyoming Public Schools will be represented by the Wyoming High School Band, District transportation, and administrators who will have the opportunity to pass out candy and engage with WPS students, families, and the broader community.

Staff interested in joining are encouraged to meet at Supermercado Mexico, 3375 Division Avenue, at 9:45 AM prior to the parade. If you prefer to travel to the parade location by bus, please meet at the WPS Administration Building at 9:30 AM. We hope to see everyone there as this event offers a chance to celebrate and connect with our local community.

Board of Education
Professional Development:

Superintendent Hoekstra and the Board of Education engaged in a discussion regarding the selection and scheduling of professional development topics for the 2025–2026 school year.

<p>Finance Reports – October 2025: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the October 2025 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>Bond Authorizing Resolution: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a resolution authorizing the sale of \$29,750,000.00 in bonds for construction related to the passing of the November of 2025 WPS bond proposals.</p>
<p>Section 31aa Funding Resolution D – Opt In Subject To Rescission: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and opted into a resolution (Resolution D) regarding Section 31aa funding for fiscal year 2025–2026. This resolution is designed to address the evolving circumstances created by ongoing litigation challenging the privilege-waiver requirement. Resolution D allows the District to provisionally opt in to 31aa funding by the December 4th deadline, preserving eligibility while the legal challenge proceeds. Should the litigation be unsuccessful and the privilege-waiver requirement remain in effect, the opt-in will be automatically rescinded, requiring the Superintendent to notify MDE of the rescission by December 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM, in the form and manner prescribed by MDE. This resolution ensures the District can maintain access to 31aa funding opportunities without waiving any privileges until the legal process is resolved.</p>
<p>2025-2026 Budget Amendment #1: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the 2025-2026 budget amendment #1.</p>
<p>WJH Gaming Club Movie Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request from the Wyoming Junior High Gaming Club to host a movie event featuring <i>Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves</i> (PG-13) as part of a celebration and community-building activity for both the WJH Gaming Club and eSports Team. The proposed showing would take place after school, with parent permission slips required for all participating students. The movie selection directly aligns with the Dungeons & Dragons tabletop game the students have been actively engaged in during club meetings, providing a relevant and enriching extension of their shared interests.</p>
<p>WJH Scholar Trip Request – Michigan’s Adventure: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School band scholars to travel to and from Michigan Adventure in Muskegon, Michigan on May 29, 2026 to participate in Performance At The Park. The trip is designed to provide scholars with the opportunity to perform at a public venue while fostering community and teamwork within the group. Scholars will participate in a fundraising campaign in February to support this event. This trip aligns with the performance standards outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum and offers an enriching experience for our scholars.</p>

2026-2027 WJH New Course Proposals:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the proposed 2026-2027 course additions and revisions for Wyoming Junior High School. Recommended updates include the removal of MySchool@Kent, the addition of EL English 3, and renaming Intro To Band as Beginning Band. A proposal to introduce a new Spanish Exploratory course was also presented for consideration.

2026-2027 WJH Curriculum Guide Updates:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the 2026-2027 WJH Curriculum Guide, which included updates to course offerings at Wyoming Junior High School.

2026-2027 WHS New Course Proposals:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the proposed 2026-2027 Wyoming High School course changes, which include several updates, additions, and removals. Recommended revisions include linking Testing Out and the Work-Based Learning Application processes, renaming Educators Rising to Rising Educators, and changing Digital Art to Digital Marketing & Design. The course description for Personal Finance will also be updated. New courses proposed for addition are AW11 Scholar Leadership Academy, AP Business with Personal Finance, Business English, Sports Marketing, AP Cybersecurity, and AI Essentials. Courses proposed for removal include Art III, Studio Manager Independent Study, Introduction to Computer Science, Debate, Video Production 3, Accounting III, and Principles of Business.

2026-2027 WHS Curriculum Guide Updates:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the 2026-2027 WHS Curriculum Guide, which included updates to course offerings at Wyoming High School.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, January 8, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 12, 2026 – 6 PM

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6 PM – School Board Appreciation Night

Other:

WJH Choir at The Cortland Wyoming - December 11, 2025 at 1 PM

WJH Holiday Band Concert - December 11, 2025 - 7 PM - DHFAC

WHS Concert Choir at GRR Holiday Festival - Dec 12, 2025 -9 AM

Alpha Wolf 11 Assembly – December 12, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade – December 13, 2025 – 10 AM

Scholar ½ Day (AM Only) – December 18 & 19, 2025

Winter Break – December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026

WYO Festival of the Arts - April 25, 2026 - 10 AM - 2 PM - WHS