



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

**January 12, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**

**WHS Alpha Wolf Champions of Character Presentation:**

Josh Baumbach, Wyoming High School principal, and John Doyle, Wyoming High School teacher, introduced the guests to the Board and provided an overview of their three presentations.

WHS junior students Lily McKenney and Sofia Barajas-Gutierrez opened the presentations by reflecting on the Alpha Wolf 11 (AW11) Leadership Retreat held at Camp Manitou-Lin. They shared personal insights from their experience and highlighted the impact of the retreat on the 122 students who participated. Their reflections emphasized the development of leadership skills, character, and meaningful connections fostered through the retreat experience.

WHS students Sofia Barajas-Gutierrez and Tina Vo followed with an overview of the Wyoming High School Alpha Wolf 11 Champion of Character Program presentation being prepared for the upcoming Super Regional Connect Conference on Thursday, January 22nd. They noted the collaborative efforts of the AW11 Student Leadership Team, National Honor Society, and Student Council in developing the presentation and representing Wyoming High School.

Mr. Doyle then introduced the eight new first semester Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character award recipients (Asa Bartholomew, Nicole Jimenez, Nerissa Cruz, Xenya Zambrana, Chalom Ganza, Lyric McPhee, Ava DeGennaro, Cesar Silva). These scholars were selected by staff and peers at Wyoming High School as Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character who exemplify the core values of kindness, compassion, and gratitude in all that they do. The award recipients provided insight on the Alpha Wolf 11 program, highlighting its impact on fostering positive character development within the school community.

Several recent AW11 Champion of Character award recipients were in attendance along with members of their family. They shared brief remarks on the significance of the recognition and its impact on them individually, the school community, and the broader Wyoming community. This recognition portion highlighted the continued emphasis on character, leadership, and positive contributions within Wyoming High School.

The presentations concluded with appreciation expressed to the Board of Education for its continued support of the Alpha Wolf 11 program. Board members, in turn, thanked the WHS students and staff for their thoughtful, well-prepared presentations and

<p>Acceptance &amp; Oath of Office – Danielle Burzynski: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>commended them for their leadership, character, and positive representation of Wyoming High School, Wyoming Public Schools, and the Wyoming community.</p>
<p>12/08/25 Board Minutes: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>WPS Board of Education member Danielle Burzynski accepted the office to which she was appointed and was sworn in by taking the constitutional oath of office with notary, Christie McEwen, present.</p>
<p>Personnel Transactions: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2025.</p>
<p></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:</p> <p><b><u>New Hires:</u></b></p> <p>Alora Gleason, Para at Parkview, Eff 12/08/2025 Amy Lyon, FDSV Float, Eff 1/05/26 Krista Roustan, FDSV at WJH, Eff 12/08/25 Michael Vargas, Bus Driver, Eff 1/06/26</p>
<p></p>	<p><b><u>Leave of Absence:</u></b></p> <p>Bus Driver, LOA, Eff 1/05/26-TBD Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor, FMLA, Eff 2/04/26 - TBD</p>
<p>Wyoming Intermediate Building Spotlight Presentation:</p>	<p><b><u>Resignations:</u></b></p> <p>Sandra Cruz Hernandez, WHS FDSV, Eff 12/19/25</p>
<p>Wyoming Early Childhood Center Building Spotlight Presentation:</p>	<p>At the recent committee meeting, Wyoming Intermediate principal Steven Reynolds, along with teachers and students, provided a presentation featuring the WIS Choir. Approximately 20 choir members were in attendance. Ms. Laven and Ms. Oosterhouse led the choir in the performance of the national anthem, similar to the choir's recent performance at the Grand Rapids Gold basketball game. In addition, information regarding several upcoming public performances by the WIS Choir was shared with the group.</p>
<p></p>	<p>On Thursday evening, the Wyoming Early Childhood Center staff delivered a presentation highlighting their recent "Under the Sea" themed community event. The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including coral reef-inspired learning stations, a bubble dance party, and a shared dinner for families. The presentation emphasized the strong community turnout and the positive, family-friendly atmosphere, noting that the event provided an enjoyable and interactive opportunity for young learners and their families to connect with staff in a fun and welcoming setting.</p>
<p>2026 Board Organizational Resolutions: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WPS 2026 Board Organizational Resolutions, which require annual approval, were reviewed. The annual organizational resolutions include Board member responsibilities, designation of an election coordinator, approval of financial institutions, legal representation, check,</p>

	<p>purchase order and employment contract signing, along with WPS Board of Education meeting dates and times.</p> <p>2026 Board Committee Assignments:</p> <p>Board members engaged in a discussion regarding committee structure and member interest. The conversation focused on aligning committee responsibilities with strategic goals, ensuring balanced representation, and identifying areas where members could contribute based on their expertise and interests. The Board committee members for 2026 are as follows:</p> <p><b>Executive Committee:</b>          Craig Popma, Chair          Jeff Norton          Jennifer Lewis          Craig Hoekstra</p> <p><b>Instructional Committee:</b>          Jennifer Lewis, Chair          Craig Popma          Danielle Burzynski          Jennifer Slanger</p> <p><b>Finance Committee:</b>          Shannon Frick, Chair          Lisa DeKryger          Audrey Zapata          Jamie Carnes</p> <p>School Board Appreciation – January 26, 2026:          January is School Board Appreciation month. On Monday, January 26th, 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.</p> <p>Finance Reports – November 2025:  <b>Action Item – Approved</b>          The Board reviewed and approved the November 2025 check register and budget to actual report.</p> <p>Amplify CKLA PreK-5 Curriculum License Renewal:  <b>Action Item – Approved</b>          The Board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$290,422.32 for the Amplify CKLA Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum license renewal. This will allow us to move from CKLA 2nd Edition to CKLA 3rd Edition. This purchase is grant funded.</p> <p>Construction Update:          The Board was provided a status update on District construction projects.</p> <p>Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2526.02:  <b>Action Item – Expelled</b>          The Board reviewed the discipline profile of scholar 2526.02 and a suspension / expulsion hearing was held with the student and his/her family. Following the hearing, a recommendation was made by the Board for expulsion of the scholar known as 2526.02 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. At the end of the expulsion period, the student may apply for reinstatement.</p>
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**Upcoming Events:****Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 4:30 PM  
Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6 PM – School Board Appreciation  
Monday, February 9, 2026 – 6 PM

**Other:**

Oriole Park 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concert – January 22, 2026 – 6 PM  
Staff PD / No School For Scholars – January 30, 2026  
WJH Band Concert – February 10, 2026 – 6:30 PM – DHFAC  
WHS Band Concert – February 10, 2026 – 7:30 PM - DHFAC  
Spring Count Day – February 11, 2026  
Mid-Winter Break – February 13 & 16, 2026  
Scholar 1/2 Day (AM Only) – March 5 & 6, 2026  
West Elementary Literacy Night - March 10, 2026 – 5:30 PM  
Staff PD / No School For Scholars – March 13, 2026  
Spring Break – April 3-10, 2026  
Staff PD / No School For Scholars – April 24, 2026  
WYO Festival of the Arts - April 25, 2026 - 10 AM - 2 PM - WHS  
Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony - May 26, 2026 - 6:30 PM -  
Calvin University