



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

K-8 WPS Scholar Citizenship Awards:

Eighteen (18) K-8 WPS scholars were recognized for their outstanding contributions in the areas of service, effort, and kindness at the WPS Board of Education meeting on Monday, April 27th. All honorees and their parents received formal invitations to attend the event, which took place at the Dan Heintzelman Fine Arts Center at Wyoming Junior High School. Each student was individually recognized by their building principal and presented a citizenship certificate and medal.

2026 Board of Education Scholar Citizenship Award Recipients:

WJH – Amelia Potter, Bianca Salas Villagomez, Alexa Chavarria

WIS – Leo Irons, Bryce Perry, Faith Brown

Gladiola – Dario Almeida Diaz, Mistha Jackson, Kennedy Hill

Oriole Park – Ariel Walcott, Amyla Coates, Sariah Ezell

Parkview – Emily Cruz-Ochoa, Karmello Jones, Jonael Rodas-Diaz

West – Phoenix Greene, Kaiden Pulliam, Kay'Denn Miller

Following the award ceremony, a brief break took place for attendees to enjoy desserts courtesy of Chartwell's.

3/23/26 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, March 23, 2026.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

Position Changes:

Andrew Kallemeyn, Operations Manager, Eff 4/1/26

Elizabeth Duffield, Girls JV Tennis Coach, Eff 3/25/26

Diamonte Parks, Girls Track V Asst Coach, Eff 3/25/26

Jacob Underhill, Boys V Basketball Coach, Eff 3/26/26

Michelle Baker, Pupil Accounting & Enrollment Specialist, Eff 4/3/26

Silvia Zavala, WJH Food Service, Eff 4/20/26

Leaves of Absence:

Paraeducator, Parkview, FMLA, Eff 3/17/26-TBD

Paraeducator, Parkview, LOA, Eff 3/31/26-TBD

Teacher, WHS, FMLA, Eff 8/2026-10/2026

Teacher, WIS, FMLA, Eff 9/2026-TBD

Resignations:

Claire Lile, Teacher, Eff 3/30/26

Erika Badour, Teacher, Eff 8/14/2026

Elizabeth Weld-Wallis, Teacher, Eff 8/14/26

Richard Thompson, PT Custodian, Eff 4/16/26

Staff Layoff Notice Process Overview:

Jodi Goff, Director of Human Resources, provided the Board with an overview of the staff layoff notification process, which is conducted in accordance with contractual obligations and state requirements. Administration reviews staffing needs based on enrollment, program demands, and budget considerations, and identifies positions that may be impacted. Affected staff members are notified in a timely and respectful manner, with clear communication regarding timelines, available supports, and potential opportunities for reassignment or recall. The process is designed to ensure transparency, fairness, and compliance while prioritizing the needs of students and the district.

Superintendent Evaluation – Sections D & E:

Following the committee meeting on April 23rd, the Board met to work through Section D, Business & Finance, and Section E, Instructional Leadership, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2025-2026 evaluation. The group used the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.

KIASB Ballot & Special Election:
Action Item – Approved

The Board was presented with a resolution regarding the upcoming biennial election for the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards (KIASB) Board of Directors, including candidate profiles for review and consideration. Kent ISD has requested that electronic ballots be returned by April 30, 2026.

Four current KIASB Board of Directors have terms expiring on June 30, 2026, and there are two additional vacant seats. Districts have been asked to select four candidates to fill the open positions. Candidates include incumbents Erin LaBontz (Kenowa Hills) and Anne Hamming (Kent ISD), along with new candidates Bill Saxton (East Grand Rapids) and Kelly Kermode (Forest Hills). The District selected Erin LaBotz, Anne Hamming, Bill Saxton, and Kelly Kermode to serve on the KIASB Board of Directors. If elected, these individuals will take office on July 1, 2026, and will serve three-year terms ending on June of 30, 2029

2026 WHS Commencement is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will be held at Calvin University. Board members should plan to arrive by no later than 6:00 PM.

2026 Wyoming High School Graduation:

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Bus Garage Update & BoE Tour:

The Board was provided an update on construction of the new bus garage. The group discussed scheduling a tour of the new facility after the next committee work session on Thursday, May 7th.

Summer Food Service Update:	The Board was provided an update on summer food service.
Finance Reports – March 2026: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the March 2026 check register and budget to actual report.
Kindergarten Registration – Class of 2039:	On Monday, April 20th, we held our Class of 2039 Kindergarten Registration event at the Administration Building. We had an outstanding turnout! Families were welcomed to the District and had an opportunity to learn about WPS, enroll their incoming kindergarten scholar, enjoy refreshments, and participate in a make-and-take activity. We enrolled forty (40) future WPS kindergarten scholars both in person and online on the 20th. At the event, all families received a backpack filled with books, information about WPS, and activities to do over the summer.
WHS Student Trip Request – EL To Saugatuck Dunes: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School request for EL Biology students to travel to and from Saugatuck Dunes on May 14, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to provide students with a hands-on learning experience focused on the environmental impact of deforestation on dune ecosystems. The experience is intended to support classroom instruction through real-world observation and exploration.
WHS Student Trip Request – Newcomers To Michigan’s Adventure: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School EL staff and scholar request for travel to and from Michigan’s Adventure on May 22nd. This trip will provide students with a real-world learning experience as they take part in Van Andel Institute’s Creative Coasters Physics Workshop. While at the park, students will analyze data to support the claim that Newton’s Second Law describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on macroscopic objects, their mass, and their acceleration. This hands-on learning opportunity will reinforce classroom instruction by allowing students to apply scientific concepts in an engaging and interactive environment.
WHS Student Trip Request – Physics To Michigan’s Adventure: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming High School for student travel to and from Michigan Adventure on May 20, 2026, to participate in Michigan Adventure’s Physics Day. While on the trip, students will apply the many concepts of physics to the real world. Motion of objects, forces and motion, and energy transformation will be reviewed. Students will also take measurements and calculate data on different rides throughout the day.
Parkview Student Trip Request – Charlton Park: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Parkview Elementary scholar trip request for travel to and from Charlton Park in Hastings, Michigan on April 21, 2026. This educational experience will provide students with a hands-on opportunity to explore life in Michigan during the 19th century. Through interactive exhibits and

historical demonstrations, students will gain a deeper understanding of daily life, trades, and customs from this era.

This trip aligns with Michigan state social studies standards and directly supports our new CKLA Knowledge Units, including topics such as the War of 1812 and the Civil War. By engaging with historical reenactments and immersive activities, students will build connections between classroom learning and real-world historical contexts. This experience will enhance comprehension of early American history while fostering curiosity and engagement with the past.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, May 11, 2026 – 6 PM

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 5 PM

Other:

Parkview 1st / 2nd Grade Music Concert – April 29, 2026 - 7 PM

Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Assembly - May 1, 2026 - 12:30 PM

WPS Staff Appreciation Week – May 4 – May 8, 2026

Election Day - May 5, 2026

WHS Spring Band Concert – May 5, 2026 – 7 PM – DHFAC

WHS NHS Induction – May 6, 2026 – 6 PM

WHS Senior Awards Night – May 6, 2026 – 7 PM

WHS Spring Jazz Concert - May 7, 2026 - 7 PM - WHS

Spring Choral Concert - May 11, 2026 - 7 PM - DHFAC

West 1st & 2nd Grade Music Concert - May 12, 2026 - 6:30 PM

WJH Spring Band Concert – May 12, 2026 – 7 PM – DHFAC

No School - May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day

Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony - May 26, 2026 - 6:30 PM - Calvin University

Gladiola Family Picnic – May 28, 2026 – 5 PM

Last Day of 2025-2026 School Year - May 29, 2026

First Day of 2026-2027 School Year - August 25, 2026