



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
June 8, 2026 ~ 5:00 PM

5/11/26 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, May 11, 2026.

Personnel Transactions:
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The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Ashley Waltersdorf, Social Worker, WIS, Eff 8/15/26
Claire Van Zelst, Teacher, West, Eff 8/15/26

Position Changes:

Brent VanEnk, Computer Science Teacher - WJH, Eff 8/15/26
Joshua Baumbach, Director of Secondary Schools & High School Principal
Maria Salas, Secretary-WIS, Eff 6/1/26
Todd Coe, Teacher - SLA, Eff 8/15/26
Tyler Toscano, Bus Driver, Eff 6/8/26

Leaves of Absence:

WHS Teacher, FMLA, Eff 09/2026-up to 12 weeks

Resignations:

Bethany Bylsma, Teacher, PKVW, Eff 5/29/26
Jennifer Vandenbrink, Secretary, OP 9/11/26
Jordyn Gregory, Teacher, West, Eff 5/29/26
Kristina Eldridge, Para, Glad, Eff 5/29/26
Kyle Yntema, Teacher, WJH, Eff 5/29/26
Mikayla Carrasco-Petree, Para, WIS Eff 5/29/26
Rachel Crawford, Teacher, West, Eff 5/29/26
Sarai Gamez, Social Worker, OP, Eff 5/29/26

Retirements:

Ervin Artlip, Bldg Maintenance, Eff 5/31/26

2025-2026 Superintendent Evaluation:

Following the May 11, 2026 Board of Education meeting, the Board convened in a work session to review and discuss Section C, Staff Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2025-2026 evaluation. The Board utilized the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Superintendent Evaluation Tool as the basis for its review. With all evaluation sections now completed, the Board finalized Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2025-2026 MASB Superintendent Evaluation. The Board determined Superintendent Hoekstra’s overall performance rating for the 2025-2026 school year to be Effective. Pursuant to the terms of the Superintendent’s

<p>WHS Gymnasium Court Naming: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>employment contract, the Effective rating results in a one-year extension of the contract term, maintaining a five-year contract length.</p> <p>The Board discussed and approved the naming of the basketball court at Wyoming High School in honor of retiring boys varsity basketball Head Coach Thom VanderKlay, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to the district and its student-athletes. Over a career spanning more than four decades in education and over 30 years as a varsity head coach, VanderKlay compiled more than 400 career victories, along with multiple conference, district, and regional championships. His teams were known for their toughness, discipline, and competitive spirit, reflecting his commitment to developing student-athletes both on and off the court. Beyond wins and accolades, VanderKlay has been widely regarded as a mentor and leader whose impact on students, colleagues, and the broader Wyoming community will be lasting. The Board acknowledged his legacy and expressed support for commemorating his contributions. The VanderKlay family will be involved in selecting the court naming design that will be unveiled prior to the first 2026-2027 home basketball games.</p>
<p>2026-2027 MHSAA Annual Membership Renewal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the request to renew membership in the Michigan High School Sports Athletic Association (MHSAA) for the 2026-27 school year for secondary athletics.</p>
<p>Summer Food Service Program:</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and acknowledged Wyoming Public Schools’ participation in the Michigan Department of Education’s Summer Food Service Program for 2026. The program will operate from June through mid-August and include five sites across the community, providing free breakfast and/or lunch to children 18 years of age and under. Wyoming High School will serve as a meal distribution site in June, with additional community locations supporting meal distribution throughout the summer months. All sites will operate Monday through Thursday, with no service on Fridays. The Board expressed appreciation for the district’s continued commitment to supporting student wellness and ensuring access to nutritious meals during the summer months.</p>
<p>Finance Reports – April 2026: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the April 2026 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>L-4029 Tax Rate Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The L-4029 tax rate request form and checklist were reviewed and approved. The operating millage rate is listed at 16.1846. The sinking fund is .4458. Our debt millage is 5.50 mills.</p>
<p>WEA Contract 2026-2027: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved suggested updates to Schedule A, basic employee salaries for services, in Appendix A of the 2026-2027 WEA contract.</p>

Wellness Policy 5707:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved updates to Board Policy 5707 – School Wellness Policy. Revisions include the addition of a requirement that each elementary school provide a minimum of 20 minutes of active daily recess for all students, and that recess shall not be withheld as a form of punishment for incomplete classwork or academic performance. The policy also now states that the District may provide a list of healthy food and beverage alternatives for classroom parties, rewards, incentives, and snacks, while discouraging the use of unhealthy food and beverages for such purposes. Additionally, the USDA Non-Discrimination Statement has been incorporated into the policy to ensure compliance with federal guidelines.

Triton Sensors License:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Triton quote in the amount of \$36,010.00 for the purchase of 28 sensors and 1-year license subscription. Triton Sensors is an advanced smart-sensor platform that monitors the environment of privacy-sensitive areas, such as school bathrooms to detect unwanted behaviors, emergencies, and air quality issues. The sensors work by constantly analyzing chemical, acoustic, and environmental data to send real-time alerts without using cameras or violating privacy. Their primary capabilities and features include vape and drug detection, aggression and keyword detection, gunshot detection, people counting and loitering using radar technology, and air quality monitoring.

West Elementary Plumbing Repair:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a quote from Dover Grease Traps and Environmental in the amount of \$39,122.10 for necessary infrastructure repairs and compliance updates. The proposed scope of work includes addressing a failing sanitary sewer discharge line on the southwest side of the West Elementary School, where multiple sections exhibit seepage ranging from 35% to 80%, along with non-favorable offsets and fractured cast-iron piping and fittings. Additionally, the exterior storm curb conductor near the southwest playground has been identified as an imminent failure due to washout conditions and requires replacement. The project also includes revisions and repairs to ensure compliance with current plumbing codes related to fats, oils, and grease (FOG) containment policies.

District Continuous Improvement – End Of Year Celebration:

On Monday, June 1 our building leaders and School Improvement Chairs provided an update related to their building plan aligned with WPS strategic plan goals. Each building provided information related to their building continuous improvement goals, as well as initial planning for the 2026-2027 school year.

WPS Curriculum Academy:

On June 3 and 4, WPS hosted its third Curriculum Academy in which 60 K-12 teachers participated in reviewing & refining our essential standards and working on alignment between our standards and curricular resources, as well as learning progressions from one grade to the next. This work is critical as it lays the

WHS Student Trip Request –
SANP:
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foundation for professional learning communities. Participants commented on how important it is to come together as vertical and horizontal teams to build coherence and equity learning experiences for students.

The Board reviewed and approved a request for the Wyoming High School Class of 2026 Senior All Night Party, which includes travel to and from High Caliber Karting and Entertainment in Okemos, Michigan. The group departed Wyoming High School on the evening of May 26 and returned on May 27, with transportation provided by charter bus. The overnight event was planned as a safe and supervised celebration for graduating seniors in recognition of their accomplishments.

WHS Student Trip Request –
Summer League Basketball:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School student trip requests submitted by the boys varsity basketball team for participation in Summer League basketball games. The proposed travel includes trips to International Academy in Flint on June 5, Beecher High School in Mt. Morris on June 13 and June 27, and Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne on June 20. The trips will provide student-athletes with additional competitive opportunities and team development during the summer season, with transportation arrangements to and from each site coordinated by the district.

2026-2027 Student
Handbooks:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the updated scholar handbooks for the 2026–2027 school year, including versions for K-6, junior high, and high school levels. Revisions were made to reflect current district policies, code of conduct updates, and changes aimed at promoting a safe and supportive learning environment. The updated handbooks will be shared with families prior to the start of the school year.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, June 15, 2026 - 5 PM - Special Session

Monday, June 22, 2026 – 4:45 PM – Budget Hearing

Monday, June 22, 2026 – 5 PM

Monday, July 27, 2026 – 5 PM

Other:

WJH 7th Grade Smart Start – August 13, 2026 – 8 AM

WJH 8th Grade Schedule Pick Up – August 13, 2026 – 1 PM

Sophomore, Junior, & Senior Orientation – August 17, 2026 – 9 AM
or 12:45 PM

WHS Meet The Team Night – August 17, 2026 – 5 PM

Freshman Orientation – August 18, 2026 – 9 AM

Parkview Kinder Smart Start – August 18, 2026 – 9:30 AM

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Oriole Park Kinder Smart Start – August 19, 2026 – 10 AM or 2 PM
Gladiola Kinder Smart Start – August 19, 2026 – 4 PM
West Kinder Smart Start – August 20, 2026 – 3 PM
Freshman Parent Move Up Night – August 20, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Wyoming Intermediate Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5 PM
Gladiola Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Oriole Park Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Parkview Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
West Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
WECC Open House – August 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
First Day of 2026-2027 School Year - August 25, 2026
WJH Open House/Curriculum Night–September 1, 2026–5:30 PM
WHS Open House – September 3, 2026 – 6 PM