WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2026 ~ 5:00 PM

August 10, 2026 Board Minutes: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 10, 2026.
Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**	***New Hires:*** Marissa Morales, Glad Custodian, Eff 8/20/26 Caitlin Casnave, West Custodian, Eff 8/20/26 ***Resignations:*** Brittany Harrison, Para @ West, Eff 8/12/26 Isabella Welter, FDVS, Eff 3/30/26 Krista Roustan, FDSV @ WJH, Eff 8/17/26
2026-2027 Scholar Spotlight Dates:	Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed the 2026-2027 building Scholar Spotlight presentation schedule with the Board. This year, the Board will travel to buildings throughout the District for the Scholar Spotlight presentations, providing an opportunity to highlight students and the learning taking place across Wyoming Public Schools. The schedule will begin at Wyoming Junior High on October 8, followed by Gladiola Elementary on October 22, Secondary Learning Academy on November 5, Parkview Elementary on December 10, Wyoming Early Childhood Center on January 7, West Elementary on February 4, Wyoming Intermediate School on March 4, Oriole Park Elementary on April 22, and Wyoming High School on May 6.
2026-2027 Superintendent Evaluation Schedule:	Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed the proposed schedule for his 2026–2027 evaluation. The evaluation will be conducted using the evaluation tool provided by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), with the Board completing the evaluation process over four scheduled sessions on January 21, February 18, March 18, and June 10, 2027.
Policy 5209 Update – Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the request to add the following language to Policy 5209, Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices. “Students may use personal electronic devices, including cell phones, during their assigned lunch period while in the cafeteria. At the conclusion of the lunch period, all personal electronic devices must be powered off and put away before students leave the cafeteria and return to class. Personal electronic devices, including cell phones, must be powered off and put away during class time and during hallway transitions between class periods.”

WHS Crash Demonstration:	A Distracted Driving Crash Demonstration is scheduled to take place at Wyoming High School on Tuesday, September 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The event is being provided through a grant obtained by the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) and is a collaborative effort involving the Wyoming Police Department, Wyoming Fire Department, Corewell Health AeroMed, Life EMS Ambulance, AMR, the Kent County Prosecutor's Office, Merl's Towing, and Wyoming Public Schools. The demonstration will provide junior and senior students with a firsthand look at the serious consequences of distracted driving while bringing together community partners to reinforce the importance of safe driving. A mailer will be shared with homeowners in the surrounding area in advance of the event.
Wyoming Employee Community Outreach (WECO):	The Board was made aware of an initiative of Wyoming Employee Community Outreach (WECO), an employee-led group dedicated to supporting students and families in the community. WECO is currently raising funds to provide support to secondary students in Wyoming Public Schools, Godfrey-Lee Public Schools, Godwin Public Schools, and Kelloggsville Public Schools. As part of this initiative, selected students will be recognized at an event at Wyoming High School and will receive care packages from WECO.
Fall Athletic Participation Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed Wyoming High School athletic participation numbers for Fall 2026 with members of the Board.
Finance Report – July 2026 Check Register: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the July 2026 check register.
SyncWave Camera Purchase (WHS): **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved a proposed security camera project at Wyoming High School. Per the scope of work, SyncWave will install ten new camera units at Wyoming High School. As part of the project, five existing cameras will be relocated to new locations, and additional existing cameras will be removed to accommodate the installation of the new units. SyncWave provides information technology services, including commercial-grade Wi-Fi, computer network design, surveillance cameras, unified communications systems, and cybersecurity. The total cost of the project is $22,113.00.
Annual Certification Statement for Claiming Qualifying PD as Instruction: **Action Item – Approved**	Dr. Jennifer Slanger, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning, presented the Annual Certification Statement for Claiming Qualifying Professional Development (PD) as instructional time for approval. In accordance with state regulations under Section 101(10), school districts must maintain a Board-appointed Professional Development Advisory Committee when claiming qualifying professional development hours or days as student instructional time. For the 2026–2027 school year, the WPS Board of Education designate both the Academic Advisory Group and the District Continuous Improvement Team to serve as

	the Wyoming Public Schools Professional Development Advisory Committee.
2026-2027 WJH & WHS Handbook Updates: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved a section of the 2026-2027 WJH and WHS handbooks which will need to be updated to reflect revised language in Board Policy 5209, Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices, if the policy update is approved on August 24, 2026 by the WPS Board of Education.
Wolf PAC 2026:	Wyoming Public Schools will host Wolf PAC 2026 on Friday, August 28, an Ed Camp–style professional learning experience for all WPS staff. The day will begin with a welcome breakfast and keynote speaker, followed by five 45-minute professional learning session blocks throughout the day, along with a lunch break. The professional learning experience is designed by educators, for educators, and will feature a wide variety of session options during each block, including sessions led by WPS staff. The goal is to provide meaningful, relevant professional learning opportunities that meet the diverse needs and interests of all WPS staff.
Upcoming Events:	**Board Committee Work Session** Thursday, September 10, 2026 – 4:30 PM Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 4:30 PM **Board Meetings:** Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6 PM Monday, September 28, 2026 – 6 PM **Other:** 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 Wolf PAC / No School for Students – August 28, 2026 WJH Open House/Curriculum Night–September 1, 2026–5:30 PM Labor Day Break – September 4-7, 2026 WHS Open House – September 9, 2026 – 6 PM Staff PD / No School for Students – September 25, 2026 WHS Homecoming Carnival – September 25, 2026 – 4 PM WHS Homecoming Game – September 25, 2026 – 7 PM Fall Count Day – October 7, 2026