



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 14, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM**

August 24, 2026 Board  
Minutes:

**Action Item – Approved**

Personnel Transactions:

**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 24, 2026.

**New Hires:**

Adrien Robinson, Para @ West, Eff 9/1/26  
Brittney Limas, PT FDSV @ WJH/Glad, Eff 9/1/26  
China Sosa, WHS Custodian, Eff 9/1/26  
Kelly Sokoloski, Bus Driver Sub, Eff 9/1/26  
Mandee Douglas, Para @ West, Eff 9/1/26  
Samantha Lynch, Para @ Glad, Eff 9/1/26  
Sylvia deWolde, Para @ West, Eff 9/1/26  
Thomas Mott, Bus Driver, Eff 8/25/26

**Position Changes:**

Marina Lee, 3rd Grade Teacher at Gladiola, Eff 9/9/2026

**Leaves of Absence:**

District Maintenance, FMLA, Eff 8/27/26-TBD  
Gladiola Teacher, FMLA, Eff 8/25/26-TBD  
WJH Social Worker, FMLA, EFF 9/1/26-up to 12 weeks Intermittent  
WHS Teachers, FMLA, EFF 8/24/26-up to 12 weeks Intermittent

**Resignations:**

Audrey Reed, Bus Driver, Eff 8/26/26  
Jessica Ortiz, Custodian, Eff 8/20/26  
Joseph Dykehouse, Bus Driver, Eff 8/25/26  
Tyler VanDongen, Bus/Cust, Eff 8/21/26

District Partnerships &  
Services:

Wyoming Public Schools is grateful for the many community partnerships that have supported our students and families for many years. These valued relationships reflect the District's commitment to supporting the whole child and recognizing that student success extends beyond the classroom. In addition to the important work of our school social workers and counselors, community partners such as Kids' Food Basket, Hand2Hand, Cherry Health, the Family Outreach Center, Poppy's Closet, and Mel Trotter Ministries provide a variety of resources and services, including food assistance, medical, dental and vision care, clothing and basic necessities, and family support. The District deeply appreciates these community partners and the role they play in helping remove barriers, strengthen families, and ensure our students have the support they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

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| AW11 Leadership Summit:                                             | <p>This year, the AW11 Leadership Summit is scheduled for October 23, 2026, at Craig's Cruisers. This year's summit represents a change from previous overnight leadership summit experiences and will provide scholars with a focused, one-day leadership development opportunity. Scholars will spend time with their peers participating in team-building activities designed to strengthen problem-solving, critical-thinking, collaboration, and leadership skills. The group will also work together to develop plans for integrating AW11 Principles into the Wyoming High School school day through various activities and initiatives scheduled throughout the 2026–27 school year.</p>                                                        |
| Cell Phone Update:                                                  | <p>The Board was provided an update on the implementation of Policy 5209 – Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices. Since the start of the 2026-2027 school year, students have responded well to the updated cell phone use expectations. Superintendent Hoekstra will continue to check in with secondary principals regarding the implementation of the policy and monitor its effectiveness and success. The Policy 5209 was updated in response to new state legislation mandating changes to student use of wireless communication devices on school grounds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Transportation Building Update:                                     | <p>An update on construction at the Transportation Building was provided. GMB will cover costs associated with relocating the bus lift to an agreed-upon location where it can be operated as intended, including the related repairs to the concrete floor and associated conduit resulting from the relocation. Relocation of the bus lift is expected to begin within the next few days and is anticipated to take approximately four to six weeks to complete. Transportation and Food Service staff have relocated to offices at the Transportation Building, and Transportation vehicles have been moved from Wyoming High School to the new Transportation facility for overnight parking.</p>                                                   |
| WC 02 & WC 12 Bid Recommendations:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the bid recommendations submitted by The Christman Company for Work Category 02, Earthwork and Site Utilities, and Work Category 12, Structural Steel. It is recommended the District move forward with Katerberg Verhage with a contract in the amount of \$496,500 for Work Category 02, Earthwork and Site Utilities. It is also recommended the District move forward with FCC Construction with a contract in the amount of \$406,000 for Work Category 12, Structural Steel. These recommendations represent the lowest, qualified, responsive bids for these Work Categories, after reviewing all proposals, verifying qualifications and financial stability, as well as conducting post-bid interviews.</p> |
| WHS Scholar Trip Request - WMU:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>    | <p>The Board reviewed and approved a travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for accounting and BPA scholars to attend an accounting event at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on September 30, 2026. The experience will provide students with a</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                       | <p>broad view of the accounting profession, including opportunities to engage with CPAs and college accounting students, while also offering educators a valuable setting to inspire and inform students about potential career paths.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Michigan State:<br/><b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>   | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Business Professionals of America (BPA) students to travel to and from Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan on October 26, 2026, to attend the BPA Fall Leadership Conference. This year’s conference is sponsored by MSU’s Broad College of Business.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>WJH Scholar Trip Request – Adventure Point:<br/><b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>  | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School trip request for students to participate in the Summit Leadership for College and Career Pathways program on September 15th and 16th at Adventure Point in Grand Rapids. WJH students will attend on two separate day trips, with no overnight stay. The experience will provide scholars with opportunities to develop leadership skills, strengthen college and career readiness, and engage in hands-on learning aligned with the district’s College and Career Pathways goals.</p>                                                                            |
| <p>Parkview Scholar Trip Request - Lansing:<br/><b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>     | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Parkview Elementary School request for fourth-grade students to travel to and from Lansing, Michigan on September 23 to visit the Michigan State Capitol and the Michigan History Museum. The annual fourth-grade visit to the State Capitol is required by Wyoming Public Schools to support the district’s social studies curriculum and provide students with an authentic learning experience related to Michigan government, history, and civics. The trip will provide students with opportunities to connect classroom learning to Michigan’s history and governmental processes.</p> |
| <p>Early Graduation Request of Scholar 2627.01:<br/><b>Action Item – Approved</b></p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School request for the early graduation of scholar 2627.01.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Reinstatement of Scholar 2526.04:<br/><b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>            | <p>Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2526.04 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the committee decided to reinstate scholar 2526.04 pending Board approval.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b><u>Upcoming Events:</u></b></p>                                                 | <p><b><u>Board Committee Work Session</u></b><br/> Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 4:30 PM<br/> Thursday, October 8, 2026 @ WJH – 4:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b><br/> Monday, September 28, 2026 – 6 PM<br/> Monday, October 12, 2026 – 6 PM</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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**Other:**

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