



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

September 28, 2026 Board
Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

WJH Building Spotlight
Presentation:

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 28, 2026.

New Hires:

Alejandra Cisneros, FDSV @ WJH, Eff 10/12/26
Brianna Wildey, KD Teacher @ West, Eff 10/12/26
Joshua Thomas, Academic Interventionist @ West, Eff 10/08/26
Kaylee Holmes, Para @ Glad, Eff 10/12/26
Marta Plesco, Para @ West, Eff 10/12/26

Position Changes:

Chloe Decker, Student Advocate @ OP, Eff 10/15/26
Cintia Quintino, District Interpretation Support, Eff 10/6/26
Maria Bautista Mendoza, FDSV@ West, Eff 9/28/26

Leaves of Absence:

Glad Teacher FMLA extension 8/25/26-11/2/26
West Teacher FMLA, Eff 10/5/26-10/18/26

Resignations:

Amy Arnold, Student Advocate @ West, Eff 11/27/26
Idris Davis, EI Para @WIS, Eff 10/12/26
Ronald Ward, Asst. Mechanic, Eff 10/07/26

Retirement:

Tammy Garber, Head Custodian @ WECC, Eff 11/30/26

The WPS Board of Education traveled to Wyoming Junior High School for its regular committee meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2026, as part of the district's Building Spotlight series. The meeting provided Board members with an opportunity to learn more about the programs, activities, and initiatives taking place at Wyoming Junior High School. WJH staff and students highlighted the work being done to support student learning, engagement, and success, while showcasing the many ways the school community is helping students thrive. One element of the presentation focused on the building's new Saturday School intervention / tutoring program, which provides targeted support for credit recovery and early academic intervention. The program has been successful thus far, providing students with additional opportunities for academic support and helping address challenges early to promote student success.

October 7 th Count Day Update:	2026 Fall Count Day was Wednesday, October 7th. There are two windows connected to Count Day for all schools in Michigan. The first is all students that were “Unexcused” on Count Day. They have ten (10) school days (which is Wednesday, October 21st) to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. The second window is for “Excused” students who have 30 calendar days (November 7th) to report back to school. Fall count day accounts for 90% of the state funding per student. Spring count day, which will take place on February 10th, represents 10% of the state funding per student.
KIASB Advocacy In Action: Legislative Update & Awards:	The Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards has invited WPS Board members to attend the KIASB fall dinner presentation on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at Thousand Oaks Golf Course in Grand Rapids. The program will include a brief legislative update followed by recognition of Mr. John Helmholtz, who will be honored with the Education Advocacy Award for his outstanding leadership and career-long commitment to education. The evening begins with appetizers and conversation at 6:00 p.m., the presentation from 6:30–7:15 p.m., and the award presentation at 7:15 p.m. Interested Board members should RSVP to Christie McEwen by no later than Tuesday, October 13, 2026.
WPS Student and Family Nutrition Support:	Superintendent Hoekstra provided the Board with an update on Wyoming Public Schools’ comprehensive network of student and family nutrition supports. He shared that the district’s efforts extend beyond daily breakfast and lunch through partnerships with Kids’ Food Basket and Hand2Hand, summer meal programming through the Michigan Department of Education Summer Food Service Program, and connections to community food pantry and mobile food resources through Feeding America. He also highlighted the important role of principals, counselors, social workers, and building staff in identifying needs, providing emergency assistance, and connecting families with available resources. Superintendent Hoekstra noted that the district uses multiple avenues to communicate these resources, including district and building communications, the district website, flyers, direct outreach, and staff referrals. He emphasized that WPS is committed to ensuring students and families have multiple pathways to nutrition support throughout the school year, during the summer, and whenever additional or immediate assistance is needed.
2027 Summer Tax Resolution: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the 2027 Summer Tax Resolution as presented.
Gladiola Student Trip Request – Lansing: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Gladiola Elementary School request for fourth-grade students to travel to and from Lansing, Michigan on October 26th 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.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ Gladiola – 4:30 PM

Thursday, November 5, 2026 @ SLA – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, October 26, 2026 – 6 PM

Monday, November 9, 2026 – 6 PM

Other:

½ Day for Students – October 15 & 16, 2026

Alpha Pup Football Night – October 16, 2026 – 6:40 PM

WHS Fall Band Concert – October 19, 2026 – 7 PM

Staff PD / No School for Students – October 30, 2026

WPS Trick or Treat – October 31, 2026 – 10 AM – 12 PM

Election Day – November 3, 2026

West Elementary Multicultural Night – Nov. 12, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Thanksgiving Break – November 25-27, 2026

WHS Holiday Craft Show – November 28, 2026 – 9 AM – 3 PM

WHS Holiday Band Concert – December 3, 2026 – 7 PM

WJH Holiday Band Concert – December 8, 2026 – 7 PM

WHS & WJH Winter Choral Concert – December 10, 2026 – 7 PM

AW11 Champions of Character – December 11, 2026 12:30 PM

South Kent Chamber Santa Parade – December 12, 2026 – 9 AM

½ Day for Students – December 17 & 18, 2026

Winter Break – December 21, 2026 – January 1, 2027