WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3575 Gladiola SW | Wyoming, MI 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
October 26, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

Maner Costerisan Audit Presentation:	Nicholas Kossaras of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Nick has been involved with the WPS audit for the past twelve (12) years. A great deal of time and effort goes into the audit process and Maner Costerisan was extremely complimentary of our business office staff for their hard work and attention to detail. The audit came back with a clean opinion and with no control deficiencies or weaknesses noted. The financials as presented accurately reflect the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS. Maner Costerisan also audited WPS programs receiving federal funding. They found spending to be in line with the budgets for those programs and their associated federal mandates. Nick thanked the Board for allowing their team to serve the District for the annual financial audit. He also thanked Associate Superintendent of Finance, Jamie Carnes, Director of Finance, Jennifer Callahan, and the WPS business office staff for the outstanding job that they do.
Presentation of SEAB Recommendation:	Wyoming High School Principal Josh Baumbach provided the Board and those in attendance with a presentation and overview of the proposed high school and middle school sex education curriculum changes. The SEAB recommends adopting the Willing to Wait (W2W) high school curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year delivered by W2W instructors over eight lessons, while retaining the existing Board-approved sexual orientation and gender identity lesson, to be taught by Mike Rewa. The committee also recommended adopting the W2W middle school curriculum for the 2027-2028 school year, delivered by W2W instructors over seven lessons. Parent and student handbooks are available in English and Spanish, and curriculum materials can be accessed online.
Public Comment On Proposed Curriculum and Instructional Changes:	The Board opened the floor for public comment on the proposed sex education curriculum and instructional changes at 6:28 PM
Close of Public Hearing:	The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 6:36 PM
October 12, 2026 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, October 12, 2026.

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**	***New Hires:*** Judy Benham, Para @ OP, Eff 11/2/26 ***Position Changes:*** Carmen Esquivel, FDSV @ Glad, Eff 10/26/26 Elizabeth Alberto, Head Custodian @ WECC, Eff 10/17/26 ***Leaves of Absence:*** HR Associate, FMLA, Eff 12/4/26-1/1/27 WJH Secretary, FMLA, Eff 10/13/26-TBD WIS Teacher, FMLA, Eff 1/12/27-TBD ***Resignations:*** Amanda Jansen, Para @ West, Eff 10/23/26 Audrey Reed, Bus Driver, Eff 9/21/26 Britney Smith, Food Service @ WHS, Eff 10/19/26 Dekwante Grady, Bus Driver, Eff 10/20/26 Romer Carrasco, Girls Soccer Coach, Eff 10/1/26
Gladiola Building Spotlight Presentation:	The Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education held its regular committee meeting at Gladiola Elementary School on Thursday, October 22, 2026, as part of the district's Building Spotlight series. Board members learned about the programs, activities, and initiatives taking place at Gladiola, with staff, students, and families highlighting the work being done in the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) classroom. Board members toured the ASD classroom and had the opportunity to speak with families to learn more about the program and its impact on students.
Finance Reports – September 2026: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the September 2026 check register and budget to actual report.
Maner Costerisan Audit: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2026 audit performed by Maner Costerisan.
2026-2027 Club Approvals: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the list of 2026-2027 extracurricular clubs.
WJH Movie Request – *Big Hero 6*: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School request that ***Big Hero 6*** be added to the Wyoming Public Schools list of permanently approved films, as the intent is to show the movie annually as part of the Computers 1 curriculum. The film follows a young teenager who uses technology, engineering, robotics, and problem-solving skills to overcome challenges in a futuristic setting. Staff noted that the film aligns with the course curriculum and provides an engaging transition into future technology studies. Additionally, the movie offers an opportunity to introduce students to STEM-related careers and inspire them to explore interests in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

WJH Movie Request – *Hidden Figures*: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School request that ***Hidden Figures*** be added to the Wyoming Public Schools list of permanently approved films, as the intent is to show the movie annually as part of the Computers 2 curriculum. Based on true events, the film highlights the historical development and adoption of modern computing, the benefits and potential challenges of machine automation, and the contributions of a group of African American women mathematicians at NASA during the 1960s. The film also provides an opportunity for students to explore the accomplishments of these women, the barriers they faced, and the contrast between scientific advancement and the social and cultural challenges of the era.
SEAB Recommendation:	The Wyoming Public Schools Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) met on October 19, 2026, to review curriculum options following Planned Parenthood's announcement that its education department would close due to federal funding cuts. The committee previously completed its required biennial review on March 30, 2026, and did not recommend curriculum changes. Following the closure announcement, Mike Rewa, Wyoming High School Health instructor, and Josh Baumbach, Director of Secondary Learning, met with Willing to Wait (W2W), an organization that partners with schools to provide sex education curriculum and instruction. Nicole Horstman, W2W Education Director, presented the organization's high school and middle school curricula, which address topics including reproductive anatomy, sexually transmitted diseases, healthy relationships, consent, setting boundaries, refusal skills, goal setting, and contraception. Following its review, SEAB recommended adopting the W2W high school curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year, delivered by W2W instructors over eight lessons, while retaining the existing Board-approved sexual orientation and gender identity lesson, to be taught by Mike Rewa. The committee also recommended adopting the W2W middle school curriculum for the 2027-2028 school year, delivered by W2W instructors over seven lessons. Parent and student handbooks are available in English and Spanish, and curriculum materials can be accessed online.
Upcoming Events:	**Board Committee Work Session** Thursday, November 5, 2026 @ SLA – 4:30 PM Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ Parkview – 4:30 PM **Board Meetings:** Monday, November 9, 2026 – 6 PM Monday, December 14, 2026 – 6 PM **Other:** 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
Parkview 3rd/4th Grade Music Program – Dec. 9, 2026 – 6:30 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