WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

Presentation of SEAB Recommendation – Second Public Hearing:	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 6:25PM.
Close of Public Hearing:	The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 6:27 PM.
October 26, 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 26, 2026.
Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**	***New Hires:*** Lloyd Gingerich, EL Teacher @ WJH, Eff 11/10/26 ***Position Changes:*** Tyler Toscano, FDSV, Eff 11/2/26 ***Leaves of Absence:*** Bus Driver, FMLA, Eff 12/1/26-TBD WHS Asst Principal, FMLA, Eff 11/2/26-12/4/26 ***Resignations:*** Alora Gleason, Para @ OP, Eff 11/6/26 Eli Hammersmith, Wrestling Asst Coach, Eff 10/22/26 Jodi Johnson, Teacher @ West, Eff 11/9/26 Tosha Cross, Senior Student Advocate @ WHS, Eff 12/31/26
Secondary Learning Academy Building Spotlight Presentation – The PIT:	The Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education held its regular committee meeting at the Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy (SLA) on Thursday, November 5, 2026, as part of the district's

	Building Spotlight series. Board members learned about the programs, activities, and initiatives taking place at SLA, with staff highlighting the work being done in the PIT (Production, Innovation, and Technology) Lab. Board members toured the PIT Lab and had the opportunity to learn more about the program and its impact on students. The presentation highlighted how the PIT Lab provides students with hands-on, project-based learning experiences tailored to their interests and career pathways. The Board was also provided an overview of student projects, success stories, and the broader impact of this program on career readiness and lifelong learning.
November 3rd Election Results:	In the recent November 3rd election, three open seats on the Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education have been filled. Unofficial results indicate that the community selected Craig Popma, Danielle Burzynski and Lisa Manley to serve six-year terms beginning in January of 2027. All elected have served on the WPS Board of Education in the past and bring to the table valuable experience. The Board welcomes the three members and looks forward to their combined efforts in growing community, empowering scholars, and impacting futures.
Disposal of Vehicles and Equipment:	Jamie Carnes, Associate Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on the disposal of vehicles and equipment.
Adoption of Willing To Wait (W2W) Sex Education Curriculum: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the SEAB recommendation of 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 Board also approved 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.
K-12 Fall Scholar Perception Survey:	Wyoming Public Schools will once again participate in the MI Student Voice Perception Survey. The K-12 fall testing window is scheduled for November 9–20. Commissioned by a group of Michigan superintendents, the survey was developed to provide a common measure of the student experience and elevate student voice to help inform school and district improvement planning. Students will be asked to share their experiences and perceptions in three areas: student engagement, social-emotional learning, and belonging. The anonymous online survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and does not request sensitive personal information. Participation is voluntary, and students may skip questions or stop at any time without penalty. Parents and guardians will also have the opportunity to opt their child out of participation through a form included with the parent notification letter. Survey results will help administrators identify district and school strengths and opportunities for growth.

MELED International Conference:	Lisa DeMaagd, Director of Multilingual Programs, plans to attend the MinneTESOL Conference (MELED) from November 19-21, 2026, in St. Paul, Minnesota. The MinneTESOL Conference is Minnesota's Annual TESOL conference focusing on K-12 ESL education. Minnesota has been a hub for Teacher Leadership for School Wide English Learning. They developed the SWEL framework out of action research as they have served specialized populations. While at the conference, DeMaagd will also be co-presenting with SWEL Author Michelle Benegas on Ten Years of Teacher Leadership as part of the conference line-up.
National Leadership Symposium:	Dr. Jennifer Slanger, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, plans to attend the National Leadership Symposium in Palm Springs, California from December 6-8, 2026. This exclusive, invite-only symposium gathers roughly 45-50 senior-level K-12 district leaders from both general academic and technology departments to come together to delve into the dynamic realm of K-12 EdTech. This conference is designed to tackle the hottest topics and significant challenges in K-12 EdTech. From addressing staff shortages and chronic absenteeism to ensuring the online safety of our students, this forum aims to provide insights and solutions. The sessions will be interactive and engaging, fostering an environment where you are encouraged to share your knowledge and challenges, creating a space for collaborative problem-solving and knowledge exchange.
WPS Staff Trip Request – TESOL International Conference: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the staff trip request for six (6) WPS staff members to attend the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference from March 14-17, 2027, in Houston, Texas. The team will be presenting on the impact of School Wide English Learning. The conferences will provide our WPS team access to cutting-edge research and global perspectives that benefit the growth of the EL program within our district and the individual growth of our teachers. TESOL features hundreds of specialized, peer-reviewed sessions spanning niche areas that are of great interest including sessions focusing on Newcomer students, students with interrupted education (SLIFE), Long Term ELS (LTELs). The group is interested in continuing to learn about one of TESOL's best-selling teacher leadership frameworks - School Wide English Learning. Investing in our own teachers to continue to lead learning within the district is an excellent way to take this learning back to our district.
WJH Student Trip Request – Michigan's Adventure: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School band scholars to travel to and from Michigan Adventure in Muskegon, Michigan on May 27, 2027, to participate in Performance At The Park. The trip is designed to provide scholars with the opportunity to perform at a public venue while fostering community and teamwork within the group. Scholars will participate in a fundraising campaign in February to support this event. This trip aligns with the performance standards

	outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum and offers an enriching experience for our scholars.
WHS Student Trip Request – Central Michigan: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan on November 10, 2026. WHS students will have the opportunity to tour the campus, enjoy lunch, and participate in an admissions presentation to learn more about the university, its academic programs, and opportunities available to prospective students.
WHS Student Trip Request – Little Caesars Arena: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved the scholar travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Business Professionals of America scholars to travel to and from Little Caesars Arena in Detroit on December 3, 2026, to attend the Sports and Entertainment Business Conference, a visit to Wayne State University, and experience an exciting night of Detroit basketball. Scholars will hear from Detroit Pistons professionals about the business of basketball including topics on marketing, management, and hospitality. While in the Detroit metroplex, the group also plans to take a college tour of Wayne State University.
Secondary Learning Academy Handbook: **Action Item – Approved**	The Board reviewed and approved suggested updates to the 2026-2027 Secondary Learning Academy Handbook.
Upcoming Events:	**Board Committee Work Session** Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ Parkview – 4:30 PM Thursday, January 7, 2027 @ WECC – 4:30 PM **Board Meetings:** Monday, December 14, 2026 – 6 PM Monday, January 11, 2026 – 6 PM **Other:** 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