



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions: Consent Items – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Eugene Nickels, Custodian – District, Effective 11/29/17
- Cheri Arend, Food Service – WJH, Effective 11/16/17
- Mindy Gonzales, Food Service – WHS, Effective 11/14/17
- Herbert Schewe, Bus Driver, Effective 10/09/17
- Jose Pozuelos, Bus Driver, Effective 10/24/17
- Aracelis Tejada, Bus Driver, Effective 11/01/17

Retirements / Resignations:

- Russell Brown, Effective 11/14/17
- Separation Agreement, Effective 6/30/18

Leaves of Absence:

- Teacher, High School, 12/07/17

National Board Certification Recognition – Shantel VanderGalien:

The Board was provided a copy of the letter notifying Shantel VanderGalien of the successful completion and passing of her National Board Certification. Congratulations, Shantel!

West Elementary Building Spotlight:

Prior to the meeting, Board members and District staff toured West Elementary to gain perspective on current programs being executed in the building and to walk the site.

West Elementary Principal, Josh Baumbach, and teachers, Bridgette Billo and Heather Leonard, provided a presentation on the use of the True Success program within their building. The group also showed a video containing clips of a West Elementary assembly and student interviews. Since the start of the True Success program and the monthly assemblies, staff at West have noticed fewer discipline referrals and better behavior during assemblies.

Board Policy Annual Updates:

The Board was provided for review overviews of spring 2017 and fall 2017 Board policy updates. Final copies will be distributed for review and approval within the next month.

2018 Board Roles:

The Board discussed officer positions for the upcoming calendar year. If there is an interest to change roles, an organizational meeting should be scheduled for after the first of the year.

District Goals:

The Board was provided a first draft of major department goals which are part of the District strategic plan process.

Bond Series I Authorizing Resolution:
Action Item - Approved

The Board approved authorization of Dr. Thomas Reeder and Matt Lewis to proceed with issuance of series I of the bonds approved in November.

Property Offer:
Action Item - Approved

The Board approved the sale of the properties located at the northeast corner of Burlingame and 36th Street and the two (2) lots on Perry Ave. for \$170,000. Closing is contingent upon the City of Wyoming's approval of the zoning changes and proposed development. Closing is anticipated no later than April 30, 2018.

District Landscaping Update:

Huntington Woods and the Regional Center / Adult Education properties have received landscaping work to go with the completed projects at Gladiola and the Administration building. Remaining sites will receive landscaping work in the spring of 2018.

School / Classroom Visits:

A high school team will be making visits to six (6) west Michigan high schools over the next few weeks to look at the latest in school / classroom possibilities. They will be interviewing staff at those sites to determine areas of success and changes as we prepare to renovate Wyoming High School.

NVCTN Chinese School Alliance:

Wyoming Public Schools has been approached to team with the school district in China with regard to several peer learning opportunities from "sister" schools, staff visits, and student experiences. This proposal comes from the education system in China.

Review of Curriculum Proposals:

Several proposed courses for junior and senior high students were reviewed as proposed additions to the current curriculum offerings of Wyoming Public Schools.

WHS Student Trip Request – Destin, FL
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the WHS varsity baseball student trip request to Destin, Florida over spring break to participate in a tournament. The students will not miss school and they will fundraise to cover expenses.

Student Trip Request – DeVos Performance Hall
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the student trip requests to attend upcoming performances by the Grand Rapids Symphony and Broadway Grand Rapids at DeVos Performance Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Regular Meeting:

Monday, January 8, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM
Wyoming Public Schools Central Office Board Room

WinterFest:

Saturday, January 27, 2018 ~ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
West Elementary & Wyoming Junior High