



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:

Consent Items – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Kaley Obney, Teacher, Effective 8/14/18
- Virginia Gudino, Food Service, Effective 9/25/18
- Barb Smith, Food Service, Effective 9/27/18
- Nakaya Taylor, Media Paraprofessional, Effective 10/02/18

Retirements / Resignations:

- Judy Houk, Paraprofessional, Effective 10/31/18

Maner Costerisan Presentation:

A representative of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the year end June 30, 2018. 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 clean with an unmodified opinion and no findings.

Wyoming Intermediate Building Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of Wyoming Intermediate. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

At the meeting, WIS Teachers, Maureen Schneider and Jacob Downing, along with three WIS students (Aryanna, Phillip and Ava) shared with the Board an overview of 6th grade camp. During the camp, students participate in team building activities, nature walks, canoeing, fishing, archery and much more. For many students, these are their first experiences outside of the city. There is no out of pocket cost to our students for attending this camp. WHS students also serve as camp counselors for this event.

Wyoming Junior High Building Spotlight Presentation:

Wyoming Junior High Principal, Jon Blackburn, along with Assistant Principal Monte Cross and Ellen Stroo from Restorative Justice were on hand to provide a synapses of how restorative practices are implemented at the Junior High. This is the third year of the restorative practices program at WJH. The Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan has trained several of our teachers on how to facilitate the restoring of relationships. Since the implementing the restorative practices program, staff have seen a noticeable pattern of better behavior and a reduction in the number of students serving suspensions. As the program continues to grow and develop, more data will be collected and shared with the Board.

<p>Staffing & Recruitment Update:</p>	<p>The Board was provided an update on District staffing and recruitment efforts to fill open positions, including teacher vacancies, paraprofessionals, food service, bus drivers, as well as long-term and daily substitute positions. Recruitment efforts are being reviewed to fill all current open positions within the District and a new HR staff member started on Monday. One of her roles will be to assist in recruitment efforts.</p>
<p>Level One Bank As An Additional Depository: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved Level One Bank as an additional depository.</p>
<p>Summer Property Tax Resolution: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the 2019 summer property tax resolution. This resolution is due to our local taxing jurisdictions (Wyoming and Grandville) by January 1, 2019. This resolution allows us to collect 100% of our operating levy and sinking fund levy with the July tax bill instead of collecting a portion in July and a portion in December. This will help with cash flow and allow us to operate at our 8-12% fund balance.</p>
<p>Bus Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of a new 77 passenger bus. Bids submitted through the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program were reviewed and Holland Bus Company was the lowest bidder at \$84,329.00. Funds from the enhancement millage will be used for this purchase.</p>
<p>NWEA / MAP Assessment Pilot (Secondary Math & Reading):</p>	<p>Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming High School will be piloting the NWEA/MAP assessment during the second semester. There will be two teachers at each building assigned to best determine to what level this assessment supplants the SMI assessment. This effort is taking place to better equip teachers with actionable data to drive instruction.</p>
<p>BoE Professional Development Next Steps:</p>	<p>WPS BoE members shared areas of focus they would appreciate additional training. Some of those areas included finance, the role of a Board member, curriculum development, policy and procedure, and the superintendent evaluation process.</p>
<p>Student Supervision at District Events:</p>	<p>Starting on October 19th, Superintendent Hoekstra will enact an expectation that all K-8 students be accompanied by a parent or guardian to ensure that students are supervised at District events.</p>
<p>Elementary Trip To <i>James And The Giant Peach</i>:</p>	<p>This season, the Wyoming Theatre Company is excited to offer a literacy collaboration with our musical, <i>James And The Giant Peach</i>, for all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. As a culmination and celebration of the project in early November, students will be bussed to the auditorium during the day for an abridged performance of the show. As part of the project, each classroom will receive Roald Dahl's four book set, which includes the book <i>James And The Giant Peach</i>.</p>
<p>Student Count Day:</p>	<p>Count Day occurred on Wednesday, October 3rd. As enrollment currently stands, we will be within the projected student count for the 2018-19 school year.</p>

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, October 18, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building
Thursday, November 8, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, October 22, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building
Monday, November 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Other Events:

- Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 12-3 PM – WPS Trunk or Treat – WHS Gym
- November 8-10, 2018 – Wyoming Theatre Co. – James And The Giant Peach
- Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 12:45 PM – Alpha Wolf Champion of Character – WHS Gym
- Saturday, December 8, 2018 – 10 AM – Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade