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WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting October 22, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions: **Consent Items – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions: *New Hires:*

• Joy Javonovich, Teacher – WIS, Effective 10/18/18 (Temporary Contract)

Wyoming Intermediate Building Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of Oriole Park Elementary led by Principal Dr. Jenn Slanger. 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, Dr. Slanger along with OP Teacher Kristin Accorsi shared their experiences thus far with the implementation of reading workshop and building OP classroom libraries. The purpose of reading workshop is to develop real readers. This program puts a lot of books into the hands of students and allows them to select books in their favorite genre to read. One goal of the program is for students to love and enjoy reading.

Jessica Hanselman – WPS BoE Resignation:

Action Item - Approved

Admin Building Furnace & Condenser Replacements: **Action Item - Approved**

Property Acquisition: Action Item - Approved

Mixing Board & Microphones Purchase:

Action Item - Approved

GRCC / WPS Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Federal Grant: The Board reviewed and approved the letter of resignation submitted by WPS Board of Education Trustee Jessica Hanselman.

The Board reviewed bids associated with the cost of replacing the furnaces and condensers at the WPS Administration Building. DHE Plumbing & Mechanical was awarded the bid in the amount of \$26,615.

The Board reviewed and approved the purchase agreement and resolution associated with the purchase of the property located at 3660 Byron Center (parcel 41-17-22-101-048) in the amount of \$140,000.00.

The Board reviewed bids associated with the cost of replacing the mixing board and microphones at the Fine Arts Center. Parkway Electric was awarded the bid in the amount of \$48,450.79. This purchase was scheduled as part of the facility upgrades associated with the passing of the November 2017 bond.

Students in four (4) Wyoming area school districts are part of a \$2.1 million, six-year grant from the U.S. Education Department. The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant is a competitive federal program that provides resources to promote college awareness, improve the transition of students from middle school to high school, and from high school to college, particularly for at-risk, low-income, and first-generation students. This grant will follow the seventh-grade cohort through

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graduation. During their high school years, students will have the opportunity to participate in internships and job shadowing.

Fall Student Count:

The fall student count is still in process. 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 was Wednesday, October 17). The second window is for "excused" students who have 30 calendar days (November 2) to report back to school to receive 90% of the funding per the current formula. We budgeted for a loss of 50 students, at this time, we are 61 students down from the fall of 2017-18.

K-4 Reading Workshop Implementation:

At first quarter review of K-4 reading workshop implementation was provided along with an outline of the work that has been completed thus far and next needed steps to ensure continued success. This effort has been highly collaborative and has yielded success as a result of time, effort and commitment throughout the District.

Instructional Coaches:

K-6 instructional coaches continue to meet with Sarah Earnest every other Friday to align their District-wide efforts, with a significant focus on best practices that will support core instruction. This team will continue to respond to formative data collected to determine where to best allocate efforts. The switch from content specialists to instructional coaches has broadened the capacity of the instructional coaches to help teachers.

Student Supervision At Events:

Parent letters were sent home on Thursday, October 18th. The purpose of the communication was to share the expectation that all kindergarten through eighth grade students be accompanied by a parent or chaperone in order to attend after school events. This was put into place as a result of students being dropped off at our events without supervision which has caused issues that take away from the purpose of the event itself as well as an interruption to the students' school day thereafter.

KIASB Dinner:

Several members of the WPS Board of Education along with Superintendent Hoekstra attended the fall KIASB dinner at Thousand Oaks Golf Club last week. Amber Fox was the guest speaker who presented on trauma-informed schools.

Suspension / Expulsion of Student 1819.01

Action Item - Expelled

The Board expelled the student known as 1819.01 for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Re-enrollment of the student for the 2019-20 school year will be dependent upon the student meeting specific criteria.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, November 8, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, November 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, December 10, 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