



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting March 25, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**Leaves of Absence:**

- District Office, 3/07/19 – 4/16/19

HWECC Building Tour & Spotlight Presentation:

Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS Board of Education participated in a guided tour of Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center led by Director, Lillian Cummings-Pulliams. The focus of the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

Mrs. Cummings-Pulliams, Amanda Costlow, Michelle Romijn and Nick Caudle joined the WPS Board of Education meeting to highlight the Special Olympics Young Athletes Program offered in their building.

The Young Athletes program is geared towards children between the ages of 2-7 and the program goals include improvement of agility, motor control, hand/eye coordination and listening. Those participating in the program have found that the students learn better together. Grand Valley State University interns and WHS students regularly attend the sessions to provide leadership and support.

WIS Mock Newbery Book Club Spotlight Presentation:

Wyoming Intermediate teachers, Jacob Downing and Jayne Bartrand, along with 6<sup>th</sup> grade book club members, Oscar Rubio and Jackson Lamrouex, were in attendance to share about their book club experience and involvement in the Newbery Award project.

Members of the WIS Mock Newbery Club read at least 7 of the year's very best books who were possible contenders for the award. The club members then met and shared thinking surrounding the books. They then used the same judging criteria as the actual Newbery committee. The group gathered in January to discuss the books, place their votes and share lunch. Members of the Board were provided a copy of the winning book selected by the WIS Mock Newbery Club, *Just Like Jackie*.

Scholar Athlete Recipient – Avery Robinson III:

WHS Athletic Director, Ted Hollern, was on hand to introduce the Farm Bureau Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award recipient, Avery Robinson, III. This award is the most prestigious award given on an annual basis by MHSAA. Avery was one of only 32 student athletes from across the state of Michigan to be recognized for his academic and athletic accomplishments at the MHSAA State Championship basketball game on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Avery is currently in the process of taking his official college visits to universities including Notre Dame and Duke.

Hiring 2019-20 Update:	An update was provided to the Board regarding the District 2019-20 school year hiring plan given our anticipated retirements and resignations. It is anticipated most hiring decisions will be made by the end of May.
Professional Learning Update & Planning 2019-20:	WPS has a professional learning plan for the 2018-19 school year and will be reviewing and revising the professional learning plan for the 2019-20 school year and making adjustments to the needs of staff based upon observation, evaluation, school improvement teams and student data. A depth of knowledge and new learning needs for our staff will be focused on those goals identified by the District in our School Improvement Plans and supported in our building with our Instructional Leaders and Coaches.
Instructional Leadership & Coaching:	An update was provided to the Board regarding our continued focus on Instructional Leadership K-12 and our support of and leadership in instruction with coaches. We staff coaches in each building to support teachers in personalized, one-on-one, professional learning. The impact is to increase student achievement by focusing on teacher continuous improvement.
Designation of School Safety Liaison: <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the resolution for designation of a school safety liaison. Superintendent Hoekstra will designate, Matt Lewis, a District employee, who will regularly and continuously work under contract for the District to act as a liaison to the Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission. Superintendent Hoekstra will notify the Department of State Police of the designated liaison by no later than March 31, 2019.
WHS Medium Voltage Transformer & Switch: <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and ratified the purchase of a transformer and switch from Kendall Electric in the amount of \$47,252 for the WHS addition.
Bid Award WHS Addition & Renovation: <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved all work categories included in bid pack #2 for the WHS addition and renovations. There are eighteen (18) work categories included in the bid pack #2 totaling \$23,026,051.
Vehicle Purchases:	The Board tabled the purchase of several vehicles through the MiDeal statewide bid system until the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> . It is anticipated that bids for the vehicles will be received in advance of that meeting.
TEAM 21 Large Group Meeting:	TEAM21 held a large group meeting on Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> at Wyoming Public Library. WPS was well represented at the meeting with over fifteen attendees. In preparation for the upcoming grant submission, time was spent reviewing the program, what elements were most important, what challenges were faced and what changes stakeholders would like to see implemented. The drafted grant submission is currently being reviewed and final submission is due on April 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Kindergarten Round Up:	Kindergarten Round Up was held on Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM until 6:00 PM at HWECC. We will continue to encourage early registration through our Insight publication and District social media posts.

State Assessments:	State assessment testing will begin the week of April 8, 2019. April 9 <sup>th</sup> will be the first day of testing. MDE has extended the testing window for one additional week due to the number of snow days districts across the state have experienced during this winter season. This extension does not change our scheduled testing window.
Kindergarten Smart Start:	Kindergarten Smart Start is scheduled in August prior to the start of school. Kindergarten Smart Start provides a unique opportunity for students and their families to experience a portion of the day as a kindergartner.
Back To School Registration:	2019-20 Back to school registration will take place between August 6 <sup>th</sup> and August 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Business Professionals of America:	The WHS Chapter of Business Professionals of America students recently participated in the BPA State Leadership Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza. There were several award winners and top 25 students. One WHS students, Yailine Palomo, qualified for nationals in the category of Digital Media Production and will represent our District and state in Anaheim, California in early May.
Grand Valley State University TRIO:	Grand Valley State University was once again awarded the TRIO grant which will continue the program through the 2019-20 school year. This program supports students and their families beyond their WPS experience and is a tool used to educate parents to the opportunities available to their children.
Michigan Supreme Court “On The Road”:	Jacquelin Dolce and 25 AP government students will be attending the Court Community Connections program at the Performing Arts Center at East Grand Rapids High School on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. This authentic learning experience is provided in cooperation with the Michigan Supreme Court.
Writing Workshop Pre-Adoption:	Approximately thirty (30) staff members have signed up for the Lucy Calkins writing workshop pre-adoption course for the 2019-20 school year. Professional learning will take place in either June or August with those who have volunteered to be a part of this group.
KLASB Election:	Kent ISD is currently accepting nominations for the Kent Intermediate Association of School Board (KLASB) Executive Board of Directors. Those interested in serving must submit letters of interest to the ISD by April 11 <sup>th</sup> in order to be included on the April 18 <sup>th</sup> ballot. The three (3) open seats will be voted on at the April 18 <sup>th</sup> KLASB dinner. Each active school board shall have one (1) vote for the KLASB board election and will mark the ballot for not more than the number of Director positions open during the election.
<b>Upcoming Events:</b>	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b>  Thursday, April 18, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building  Thursday, May 9, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b>  Monday, April 22, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building  Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ 5:45 PM – Special Session – Kent ISD Election  Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building</p> <p><b><a href="http://www.WyomingPS.org">www.WyomingPS.org</a></b></p>

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**Other Events:**

March 29 – April 5, 2019 – Spring Break

April 17-19, 2019 – Wyoming Theatre Production – *What?* – 7:00 PM –  
DHFAC

May 14, 2019 – Senior Art Show – 6:00 PM – WHS

May 21, 2019 – Graduation – 7:00 PM – GR First