



WPS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Board Meeting April 22, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

Personnel Transactions:

Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

Leaves of Absence:

- Food Service, Continuous FMLA, 5/20/19 – 8/20/19
- Teacher, WHS, Intermittent FMLA, Starting 4/04/19

WIS Building Tour & Spotlight Presentation:

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

Sarah Bolema, WIS Teacher, and several of her students joined the WPS Board of Education meeting to highlight the Peer To Peer Program in their building. Started in January of 2019, the Peer To Peer Program focuses on social growth by spending time getting to know peers outside of the classroom, becoming more supportive of others and growing leaders. There are currently 38 WIS students in the program who serve as both mentors and mentees. The group also focuses on teamwork while completing activities including making slime, rice krispy treats, and their signature tie-dye group t-shirt. The focus of the group is to spread positivity across their school and they are doing an amazing job!

WPS BoE Student Citizenship Award Presentations:

The Board recognized the following student citizenship award winners in front of an audience full of their peers, family members, teachers and administrators.

Oriole Park Elementary:

Antonio Orozco – Service
Keyli Medina-Omana – Effort
Lily McKenney – Kindness

Wyoming Junior High:

Lena Albanese – Service
Bernie Varnesdeel – Effort
Lizzie Ochoa – Kindness

Gladiola Elementary:

Raniah Pershay – Service
Elijah Gonzalez – Effort
Ximena Cano-Diaz – Kindness

Wyoming Intermediate:

Breanna Horton – Service
Janet Barrera Chavez – Effort
Sincer Becton – Kindness

Parkview Elementary:

Uriel Diaz – Service
Wuendy Pedro Francisco – Effort
Evelyn Kleibusch – Kindness

West Elementary:

Sarema Rapalo Romero – Service
Claire Wierenga – Service
Lyric McPhee – Effort
Linda Cifuentes Morales - Kindness

2019-20 Police Services Agreement:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved an agreement for police services between the City of Wyoming Department of Public Safety and Wyoming Public Schools. This agreement would be in effect from August 19, 2019 through May 31, 2020 and will provide a sworn police officer(s) to the District to perform the duties of a School Resource Officer.

Vehicle Purchases:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of three (3) vehicles through the Mi Deal statewide bid system. The District will purchase one van for food service catering and deliveries, one plow truck for maintenance and one van for the transportation department.

Property Update:

A property update was provided related to the sale of the lots adjacent to Rogers Lane. Future site planning options at Oriole Park, Parkview and the High School were also discussed.

High School Backboards:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a contract proposal from Bareman and Associates, Inc. for the purchase and installation of six (6) basketball backstops and lift mechanisms for the main gym at Wyoming High School. This will be a fiscal 2019-20 capital outlay item with installation occurring over the summer of 2019.

WPS Retiree Luncheon
May 10, 2019 at 11:30 AM

WPS Retirees have been invited to the annual WPS Retiree Luncheon which will be held on Friday, May 10th at 11:30 AM in the Media Center of the High School.

TEAM 21 Update:

The City of Wyoming 21st Century Grant was submitted prior to spring break. The Cohort L grant, if fully approved, will provide five (5) years of after school and summer school programming for elementary schools in Wyoming Public Schools, Godfrey Lee Public Schools and Godwin Heights Public Schools. Awards can be named as soon as June 2019.

GRCC GEAR UP Update:

In partnership with GRCC, final planning has taken place for year one of the GEAR UP “Jump Back In” Summer Learning Academy starting July 22nd through August 16th at Wyoming Junior High School. This grant will be offered to current 7th grade students and will follow this cohort of students through graduation. Mathematics will be the primary focus with enrichment experiences in Robotics and STEM.

OK Conference Realignment:

A final vote is scheduled for April 24th on the proposed 2020-2024 OK Conference Realignment. If the proposal passes, WPS will remain in the OK Gold Conference along with Kenowa Hills, Thornapple Kellogg, Grand Rapids Christian, Forest Hills Eastern, Wayland, Hamilton and South Christian. Factors in conference alignment include District enrollment numbers, the number of Freshman and JV teams, and geography/travel.

Annual Education Reports:

The Michigan Department of Education requires school districts to post to their website both the AER cover letter and supporting data for each School Improvement Plan submitting building. These updated letters can be found on our website at www.wyomingps.org.

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

It is requested that members of the WPS Board of Education arrive at GR First no later than 6:30 PM on May 21st for commencement for the WHS graduating class of 2019.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building
Thursday, June 6, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ 5:45 PM – Special Session – Kent ISD Election
Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building
Monday, June 10, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Other Events:

May 14, 2019 – Senior Art Show – 6:00 PM – WHS
May 21, 2019 – Graduation – 7:00 PM – GR First