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#### WPS BOARD BRIEFS

# Regular Board Meeting September 9, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

WJH Building Tour & Spotlight Presentation – GEAR Up Grant: Prior to the Board meeting, members of the WPS BoE participated in a guided tour of Wyoming Junior High School led by Principal Jon Blackburn. The focus on the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

Jon Blackburn along with Steve Beauclair, GEAR Up Grant Director, and Kalvin Long, WJH student and GEAR Up participant, were on hand to provide a synapses of the GEAR Up Grant.

8/26/19 Board Minutes: **Action Item – Approved**  The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6 PM on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved**  The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

## **New Hires:**

- Dan VanWyk, Teacher WIS, Effective 9/03/19
- Elizabeth Schipper, Teacher West, Effective 8/26/19

### **Retirements / Resignations:**

- Kyle Castano, Custodian West, Effective 8/28/19
- Jim Ruis, Custodian, Effective 8/31/19
- Ray Bentz, Custodian, Effective 8/31/19
- Rebecca Worpel, Teacher West, Effective 8/23/19
- Rori Larson, Teacher WIS, Effective 8/23/19

The Board reviewed the 2019-20 school year committee structure.

2019-20 Board of Education Committees:

Fall Enrollment:

The Board was provided an update on District fall enrollment numbers. Preliminary data indicates enrollment numbers for the 2019-20 school year will be similar to the 2018-19 school year. Count day is Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WHS Homecoming:

WHS Football Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> when we host Wayland Union High School. This will be the first game played on our new turf in the newly renovated stadium. It is anticipated that the small parking lot at the athletic facilities will be available on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This area will be used for activities during homecoming festivities.

31n Legislation:

The 31n Legislation developed through MDE and the Department of Health in collaboration with Kent ISD will provide clinical services two days per week at Wyoming High School during the 2019-20 school year. This added service further supports meeting the social and emotional needs of our students.

2019 M-STEP Results:

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year the M-STEP has been administered. Each year, there have been changes to the test which makes analyzing trends across years difficult to determine. Building level scores and highlights were shared with the Board.

M-STEP scores are one piece of date used at the building and District levels. Building and District school improvement teams will continue to examine M-STEP data, along with local District assessments, to continue to plan forward to support the growth of all students.

2019-20 Building School Improvement Plans (SIP):

All building School Improvement Plans (SIP) have been submitted to the State. Our District website has been updated to reflect the 2019-20 SIP's.

South Kent Rotary Club – Bilingual Literacy Efforts:

Lisa DeMaagd, District EL Coordinator, presented at the South Kent Rotary Club on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to share information regarding our EL programming. WPS will be the recipient of their annual fall fundraising proceeds. This money will be used to invest in at-home reading materials for our EL students.

Meltwater Media Dashboard:

Kent ISD's School News Network introduced Meltwater, a media dashboard, to county Districts. Meltwater tracks where and when Districts appear in traditional news sources and on social media. This tool will be helpful to gauge our current efforts as well as inform future decision making as District highlights and communications were shared.

BCM International After School Bible Club:

Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request from BCM International, Inc. to continue an after-school Bible Club on Wednesdays at Oriole Park Elementary. The classes meet from October through the end of March. Criminal backgrounds checks are conducted on all volunteers.

WHS Student Trip Request **Action Item - Approved** 

The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by the Wyoming High School band for travel to and from Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to tour Butler University and watch the Grand Nationals Bands of America Competition at Lucas Oil Stadium.

**Upcoming Events:** 

#### **Board Committee Work Sessions:**

Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, October 10, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

## **Board Meetings:**

Monday, September 23, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, October 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building **Other:** 

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – WPS Trick or Treat - 12-3 PM – WHS November 7-9, 2019 – WHS Fall Play – DHFAC – 7 PM

November 7-9, 2019 – WHS Fall Play – DHFAC – 7 PM Friday, December 6, 2019 – Alpha Wolf 11 Ceremony – 12:30 PM