



# WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

September 23, 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 High School led by Principal Josh Baumbach. The focus on the tour was to provide those in attendance with an overview of some of the programs currently implemented in the building.

WHS students Callie Seymour, Jonelly Macias and Dyani Parada Cortez were on hand to provide an overview of Project LIT, a community reading initiative. The students shared the mission of Project LIT which is to increase access to culturally relevant books within the community and promote the love of reading across their school and community. Quarterly, Project LIT WPS hosts book club events for students, staff, families and members of the community. They are also working on Project LIT On Wheels which will get new or gently used culturally relevant books into the hands of community members.

Maner Costerisan Audit  
Presentation:

Nicholas Kossaras of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the year end June 30, 2019. 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 attending to detail. The audit came back clean with an unmodified opinion and no findings. The financials as presented accurately reflect the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS.

9/09/19 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, September 9, 2019.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

- Haydee Benitez, Secretary – West, Effective September 16, 2019

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Teacher – WJH, Intermittent
- Teacher – Oriole Park, Intermittent
- Teacher – Admin, September 11, 2019 – October 23, 2019
- Teacher – Parkview, August 19, 2019 – November 8, 2019
- Teacher – WHS, August 19, 2019 – October 18, 2019
- Teacher – WJH, August 19, 2019 – November 8, 2019

WPS Financial Reports – Aug 2019:  
**Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the August 2019 check register and August 2019 budget to actual report.

City of Wyoming Job Fair:	The City of Wyoming will be hosting a job fair this winter where WHS students will be encouraged to attend and consider filling some of the City's anticipated seasonal positions.
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.
Studio 28 Property Development Update:	Continued communications between the District and the new property owner are ongoing so that the project logistics are known for planning purposes.
Jackson Park Renovation Update:	The City of Wyoming reports that they will be pursuing a recreational bond in May of 2020 that would allow for significant updating to Jackson Park.
City of Wyoming Facilities Scheduling:	The City of Wyoming encouraged the school districts in the City to secure facilities needed for athletic competitions when the scheduling window opens on December 1, 2019.
Athletic Conference Realignment Update:	The OK Conference Realignment Committee has shared their third and final attempt to update schools that if passed, will take effect during the 2020-21 school year. If the proposal is defeated, all OK Conference participants will remain in their current conference configurations for five years.
Maner Costerisan Audit: <b>Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2019 audit performed by Maner Costerisan as presented.
MDE Annual Required Certifications Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra informed the Board that he had submitted the two (2) required MDE annual certifications. These annual certifications include expectations regarding constitutionally protected prayer and the observance of Michigan Constitution Day on September 17 <sup>th</sup> .
Learning Labs and Instructional Rounds At WPS:	As part of our continuous growth model, PreK – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers will have the opportunity to participate in classroom learning labs to view evidence of student learning through instructional practice and reflection with the goal to grow in our instructional practices. Instructional rounds will take place 3 times this school year in each of our buildings to support District focus areas, building focus areas, and/or SIP strategies. Data gathered will be used to impact core instructional strategies, SIP strategies and activities and building and District focus areas.
Public Act 306: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Law – Impact on WPS:	Based on the 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade MSTEP results and using the State determined cut score (1252), 20 (6%) 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders could have been considered for retention under the Read By Grade Three Law. There are many factors to consider when contemplating retention. WPS will continue to make retention decisions on what is in the best interest of the child both academically and social-emotionally.

CIASB Dinner At KCTC  
January 16, 2020:

CIASB will be hosting a dinner at 7 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Kent Career Tech Center. Dr. David Rease Jr., National Leadership Facilitator on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from the New York City Leadership Academy, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

WJH Chess Club  
**Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the WJH Chess Club proposal as presented.

TEAM21

Site coordinators have indicated programming is off to a strong start this fall. TEAM21 continues to work to fill open group leader positions. Thank you to our WPS building administrators, food service staff and teachers who welcome TEAM21 into our buildings to support our students.

Upcoming Events:

**Board Committee Work Sessions:**

Thursday, October 10, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building  
Thursday, October 12, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, October 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building  
Monday, October 28, 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  
Friday, December 6, 2019 – Alpha Wolf 11 Ceremony – 12:30 PM  
Saturday, December 14, 2019 – Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade – 10 AM