



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

October 14, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM

West Elementary Building Spotlight
Presentation – DK Pilot Program:

Brian Hartigan, West Elementary Principal, along with teachers Julie Merrill, Karen Dunn and Dawn Brunink were on hand to provide an overview of the new Developmental Kindergarten (DK) Pilot Program in their building. There are many benefits of developmental kindergarten including the gift of time, smaller class size and opportunities for success in school. Potential students enrolled in the program were screened for academic skills, social/emotional skills, level of independence, motor skills, age and participation in prior schooling. Parental input was also considered. This program is key in preparing students for success in a traditional kindergarten classroom next year.

HWECC Building Spotlight
Presentation – Language For
Learners:

Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams, Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center Director, and teachers Amanda Costlow, Katie Sleeper and Michelle Romijn were in attendance on Monday evening to share the HWECC building spotlight presentation on Language for Learners which is an early literacy curriculum being implemented in their building this school year.

9/23/19 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 23, 2019.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Rebecca Lindemulder, Paraprofessional – OP, Effective 10/14/19
- Thomas Bont, Custodian – West & WJH, Effective 10/14/19

Leaves of Absence:

- Paraprofessional – West, Continuous – 9/17/19 – 10/31/19
- Director – WJH, Intermittent – September 2019 – September 2020

Retirements / Resignations:

- Jennifer Washburn, Food Service, Effective 9/30/19
- Cindy Anderson, Food Service, Effective 9/30/19
- Denise Borrello, Paraprofessional – Gladiola, Effective 10/16/19
- Kathy Meredith, Paraprofessional – WIS, Effective 12/31/19

KIASB Fall Dinner – October 24,
2019:

The KIASB Fall Dinner meeting is scheduled for 6 PM on October 24th at Rockford High School. Guests will enjoy dinner and learn about project-based learning and opportunities at Rockford Public School's Creative Teaching & Learning Center.

Food Service Appreciation Lunch – October 17, 2019 at 1 PM:	The WPS Board of Education will be hosting an appreciation lunch for members of the District food service team on October 17 th at 1 PM in the Central Office Board Room.
OK Conference 2020-2024:	A third attempt to pass a new 8 team conference groupings to start in the fall of 2020 took place on October 2nd. The proposal passed 35-14. With the proposal passing, this will require those in the OK Green Conference to incur a significant amount of travel. Athletic Director Hollern, Principal Baumbach and Superintendent Hoekstra will use the balance of the school year to determine if it is in our best interest to remain in the OK Conference or to withdraw from the organization.
Fall Student Count:	The 2019 fall student count is still in process. There are two (2) 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 is Wednesday, October 16 th) to attend school and count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. The second window is for “Excused” students who have thirty (30) calendar days (November 1) to report back to school. Fall count day accounts for 90% of the state funding per student. Spring count day, which takes place on February 12 th , represents 10% of the state funding per student.
Homecoming 2019:	WHS Football Homecoming was last Friday, October 11 th when we hosted Wayland Union High School. This was the first game to be played on our new turf in our newly renovated stadium. The evening was filled with celebrations including a halftime thank you to the WPS Board of Education and several community members who worked tirelessly in the passing of the November 2017 bond and the first team victory on the field.
Plow Truck Purchase: Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of a F350 truck in the amount of \$30,850 through the MiDeal statewide bid system. This truck will be large enough to handle the snowplow in the winter.
2020 Summer Tax Resolution: Action Item - Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the 2020 summer tax resolution as presented. The resolution allows us to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.
GRCC & WPS Middle College Site MOU:	The 2019-20 Memo of Understanding between Grand Rapids Community College and Wyoming Public Schools Middle College program has been executed.
WPS Online Store:	In partnership with members of our Central Office staff, GR Graphix and our WHS business students, the District will soon be launching an online store for official Wyoming Wolf wear! Students in Jon Bushen’s business class will also be responsible for the management of the Wolf Den store on the WHS campus.

<p>Administrative Guidelines Update – WHS Proposed Course Offerings Process:</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the WPS Administrative Guidelines that WHS teachers will follow when they would like to submit a proposal to offer a new course for the following school year. The guidelines specify a comprehensive review and approval process.</p>
<p>Administrative Guidelines – WHS Students New To Country: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the administrative guidelines pertaining to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students entering WHS from another country and not having academic records. These guidelines provide clarity around participation in commencement and earning a diploma by meeting the MMC requirements.</p>
<p>WHS Student Trip Request – Baseball: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School baseball student trip request for travel to Destin, Florida on spring break from April 3 – 11, 2020. The cost associated with the trip will be covered via fundraising efforts and family donations.</p>
<p>WHS Student Trip Request – Softball: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School softball student trip request for travel to Destin, Florida on spring break from April 3 – 11, 2020. The cost associated with the trip will be covered via fundraising efforts and family donations.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Student 1920.01: Action Item – Expelled</p>	<p>The Board expelled the student known as 1920.01 for 180 school days. Re-enrollment of the student in October of 2020 will be dependent upon the student meeting specific criteria.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Student 1920.02: Action Item - Expelled</p>	<p>The Board expelled the student known as 1920.0 for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Re-enrollment of the student in August of 2020 will be dependent upon the student meeting specific criteria.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, November 7, 2019 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building <u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, October 28, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, November 11, 2019 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building <u>Other:</u> Saturday, October 19, 2019 – WPS Trick or Treat - 12-3 PM – WHS November 14-15, 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</p>