



# WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

January 27, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

HWECC Building Spotlight  
Presentation:

Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams, Director of Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center, along with teachers Amanda Costlow, Katie Sleeper and Michelle Romijn were on hand to provide a video presentation and token appreciation to the members of the Board in honor of School Board Appreciation Month. They also thanked a HWECC parent for his assistance in securing enough bottle caps to complete the Buddy Bench project.

WHS Spotlight Presentation:

Josh Baumbach, Wyoming High School Principal, Jon Bushen, WHS Business Teacher, and Ashley and Bri, two WHS students, were in attendance on Monday evening to share about the Wolf Den. The group provided a timeline of activities that have taken place since the store launch in the fall of 2018. Students are gaining experience in finance, purchasing, inventory, marketing and store design. The group thanked the Board for their support of the program and look forward to continued profitability in the future!

2020 WPS BoE Appreciation:

January is School Board Appreciation Month and on Monday evening, the members of the WPS Board of Education were thanked for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in the District. Members of the Board received tokens of appreciation from each building in the District.

1/13/20 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, January 13, 2020.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Don Hudson, Maintenance Supervisor, Effective November 18, 2019  
Andrew Kallemeyn, Maintenance/Custodial, Effective January 13, 2020

**Leaves of Absence:**

Instructional Coach, Parkview, January 17, 2020 – March 16, 2020  
Teacher, Wyoming Junior High, January 16, 2020 – March 10, 2020  
Food Service, Parkview, January 10, 2020 – April 2020  
Paraprofessional, West, January 15, 2020 – February 10, 2020  
Teacher, Wyoming High School, January 29, 2020 – March 25, 2020

WPS Financial Reports  
Nov & Dec 2019:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the 2019 November and December check registers as well as the 2019 November and December budget to actual reports.

WEA / WPS Grievance and Arbitration Update:	Assistant Superintendent Sarah Earnest provided the Board with information related to the WEA grievance filed in September. The administration and union leadership engaged in the first three levels of the grievance process without reaching an agreement. Because of this, the grievance is now at a level 4 and a demand for arbitration was filed by the WEA on November 6, 2019. We have been assigned an arbitrator and are scheduled to begin this process on March 10, 2020.
Annual Board Organizational Resolutions: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	Approval was granted regarding the 2020 Annual Board Organizational Resolutions approving officers, committees, election coordination, financial institutions, legal representation, check, purchase order and employment contract signing, as well as 2020 WPS Board of Education meeting dates and times.
OK Conference Update:	Starting in 2020-21, WPS will be entering the OK Green Conference. New conference impact will be reviewed after two years. If there are no significant challenges within that time, WPS will remain in the OK Green for five years.
WHS Winter Sport Participation Update:	The Board was provided winter participation numbers by Athletic Director Hollern. The report shows our participation numbers are comparable to the other districts competing in the same sports in the OK Conference.
Maintenance & Custodial Services Luncheon – February 20, 2020:	The WPS Board of Education will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for members of the District maintenance and custodial services teams on Thursday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Central Office Board Room.
Scholastic Art Competition – Gold Key Award – Angela Martinez & Hunter Truax:	Recently, WHS students Angela Martinez and Hunter Truax were recognized as recipients of the Gold Key Award for excellence in art by the Scholastic Art Competition. Their work will be showcased at The Fed Galleries at Kendall College of Art and Design from February 11 <sup>th</sup> through the 29 <sup>th</sup> . Students, Jessi Talluto, Onna Burger and Kim Nguyen received honorable mention for their submissions. Hunter Truax received honorable mention for two additional works of art.
Community Reads Project: <b>Speak Action Item - Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved participation in the Community Reads Project. The overarching goal of the <i>Community Reads</i> program is to promote literacy throughout our community as we explore the power of books to teach, inspire, build empathy, and promote understanding of real-world issues. <i>Community Reads</i> also provides a great opportunity for students and adults to have meaningful conversations about books/reading and also the weighty topics discussed in the books. Additionally, the ability to bring authors to our schools to share their stories and connect with students has benefits for them as readers, writers, and human beings that are impossible to measure.
	<i>Speak</i> was selected by KDL to use for this year’s book. <i>Speak</i> is a timeless novel about consent and finding the courage to speak up for yourself in the aftermath of trauma, the twentieth anniversary edition of the classic novel that has spoken to so many young adults. As part of

<p>2020-21 Proposed Course Offerings: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>the <i>Community Reads</i> program, the author will visit WPS and parent-student activities are planned to support the reading of this book.</p> <p>The Board reviewed and approved the twelve (12) new proposed courses (Studio Manager Independent Study, Accounting III, Ethical Hacking/Countermeasure Security I, Ethical Hacking/Countermeasure Security II, Device Configuration &amp; Troubleshooting, Advanced Cybersecurity, Networking Configuration &amp; Design, CCNA Routing and Switching, Windows Server, Advanced Operating Systems, Exploring The Shared Latinx Experience, &amp; Peer To Peer Leadership II) for WHS students to select from during the 2020-21 school year. Several courses allow for certification and/or certificates of attainment at the end of the course which could lead to an apprenticeship.</p>
<p>2020-21 Secondary Curriculum Guide: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the 2020-21 secondary curriculum guide.</p>
<p>WHS Athletics Student Trip Request: <b>Action Item - Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the student trip request submitted by Wyoming High for travel to and from Kalamazoo, Michigan to compete in the MHSAA Bowling Regionals. Students would leave for competition on February 27, 2020 and return on February 29, 2020.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b> Thursday, February 6, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building <b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b> Monday, February 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building Monday, February 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building <b><u>Other:</u></b> Saturday, March 14, 2020 – WHS Festival of Art – 10 AM March 19-21, 2020 – <i>Young Frankenstein</i> – DHFAC – 7 PM Monday, April 27, 2020 – BoE K-9 Student Awards – 6 PM Thursday, May 14, 2020 – Alpha Wolf 11 Ceremony – 12:30 PM</p>