



WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

February 24, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

West Elementary Building
Spotlight Presentation:

Brian Hartigan, West Elementary Principal, was in attendance on Monday evening to share the West Elementary building spotlight presentation. Mr. Hartigan provided an overview of all of the behavioral and auxiliary supports and resources available to West students and their families. All groups are working together in service to the whole child.

2/10/20 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, February 10, 2020.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Aaron Berlin, Teacher – WHS, Effective 11/18/19
Adam Ruhoff, Paraprofessional – WIS, Effective 1/06/20
Autumn Russel, Teacher – WJH, Effective 2/24/20

Leaves of Absence:

Counselor – WHS, Continuous Leave, 11/18/19 – 12/09/19
Teacher – WHS, Continuous Leave, 12/11/19 – 12/26/19
Teacher – Parkview, Continuous Leave, 11/15/19 – 12/31/19
Food Service – Parkview, Intermittent Leave
Teacher – WIS, Continuous Leave, 2/17/20 – 5/08/20
Teacher – WJH, Continuous Leave, 11/18/19 – 4/10/20
Secretary – WHS, continuous Leave, 11/14/19 – 2/24/20
Teacher – Parkview, Continuous Leave, 1/20/20 – 3/06/20
Paraprofessional – Parkview, Continuous Leave, 2/20/20 – 4/12/20
Custodian, Continuous Leave, 2/07/20 – 3/30/20

Retirements / Resignations:

Isabel Blanco, Teacher – West, Gladiola, Parkview, Effective 12/03/19
Kathy Meredith, Paraprofessional – WIS, Effective 12/31/19
Adam Ruhoff, Paraprofessional – WIS, Effective 2/28/20

WPS Financial Reports
January 2020:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the January 2020 check register and budget to actual report.

WHS Security System Bid:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Allied Universal bid in the amount of \$84,141.09 for the purchase of the security system at Wyoming High School. This project will be completed in two phases as construction completes at WHS.

<p>Bond Change Order for Robotics: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the bond change order for the robotics room in the amount of \$159,709. There is a cost savings by completing this project now while contractors are currently on site.</p>
<p>Spring Count Day Enrollment:</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 12, 2020 was the second Student Count Day for the 2019-20 school year. All students who were “unexcused” on Count Day have ten (10) school days to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. Students who were “excused” have thirty (30) calendar days to report back to school. Spring Count Day represents 10% of the state funding per student. As of the meeting, the District was down approximately 50 students from fall count. Staff are working diligently to reduce this number.</p>
<p>November 2020 Election:</p>	<p>WPS Board of Education members were provided filing timelines for the upcoming November 2020 election. Those interested in running for one of three expiring terms will need to file by 4 PM on July 21, 2020 to be included on the ballot. Candidate packets are available at the City Clerk’s Office but candidates will need to file with the Kent County Clerk’s Office.</p>
<p>Superintendent Evaluation – Staff Relations:</p>	<p>Superintendent Hoekstra and the Board of Education engaged in dialogue around the third section of the MASB Superintendent Evaluation tool, staff relations. This is the third of six sections that will be focused on throughout the school year to help progress monitor and assist in the end of year completion of the MASB Superintendent Evaluation.</p>
<p>Parkview Elementary Learning – Teachers College:</p>	<p>3rd and 4th grade teachers at Parkview experienced a high level of engagement and learning with the support of Katie Clements from Teachers College this past Monday and Tuesday. The learning centered around Readers Workshop.</p>
<p>MSTEP / PSAT / SAT Testing:</p>	<p>Testing begins the week we return from spring break. Building administrators, along with the support of Dr. Jennifer Slanger and Jim Nora, are ensuring all buildings have the needed technology and testing schedules to maximize a positive student experience.</p>
<p>Read By Grade 3:</p>	<p>This is the year legislation for 3rd grade retention goes into effect. Building principals will send general information to families in building newsletters. The District office will send a letter to families who have a child that scores a 1252 or below. This letter will outline general information about the law, the WPS process for supporting students throughout student success teams, and reassurance we will continue to work with parents through this process. Our goal is to reassure families that we will continue to work together to make the best decision for students, which includes looking at the whole child, not a single test score.</p>
<p>March 19 Curriculum & Instruction Learning:</p>	<p>Dr. Slanger reminded the Board that their next scheduled professional development will take place in March. An overview of what is planned was provided with an invitation for members to ask for any specifics prior to March 19th so those areas are incorporated into the presentation to maximize this experience.</p>

Suspension / Expulsion of
Student 1920.03:
Action Item – Expelled

Upcoming Events:

The Board expelled the student known as 1920.03 for 180 school days.
Re-enrollment of the student in January of 2021 will be dependent
upon the student meeting specific criteria.

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, March 5, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 9, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Monday, March 23, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building

Other:

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – WHS Festival of Art – 10 AM

March 26-28, 2020 – *Young Frankenstein* – DHFAC – 7 PM

Monday, April 27, 2020 – BoE K-9 Student Awards – 6 PM

Thursday, May 7, 2020 – Alpha Wolf 11 Ceremony – 12:30 PM