



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

9/28/20 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, September 28, 2020.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Max DeLeeux, Teacher – Potters House, Effective September 28, 2020
Kelsey Abril, Reading Interventionist – West, Effective October 5, 2020

Retirements / Resignations:

Abigail Shotwell, Virtual Teacher – West, Effective October 23, 2020
Valene Hebel, Food Service, Effective October 31, 2020

Purchase of Teacher Devices:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$209,717.50 from CDW-G for the purchase of 250 Lenovo ThinkPads to be used by WPS teaching staff.

October 22nd Board of Education
Work Session Start Time:

The group discussed adjusting the start time of the next Board of Education work session scheduled for October 22nd from 4:30 PM to 6 PM. A 6 PM start will allow the group to meet and then join the KIASB virtual dinner at 7 PM.

KIASB Virtual Dinner – October
22, 2020:

The KIASB Fall Dinner meeting will be held virtually via Zoom at 7 PM on October 22nd. A presentation will be given by Kirsten Myers, Director of Special Education, and a panel of mental health experts from Kent School Services Network (KSSN) and other partner organizations. Those planning to attend the virtual meeting should RSVP to Christie McEwen by no later than October 15th.

Board of Education Student
Awards – April 26, 2021:

The Board will recognize K-9 students who go above and beyond in the areas of service, effort and kindness at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, April 26th. Students will be nominated by building staff and one student from each building will be selected as the award recipient in each category (kindness, service and effort). At the meeting, each student will be recognized by their building principal, provided a certificate and awarded a citizenship medal.

Check-In:

Superintendent Hoekstra asked Board members their preference on the timeframe used for District updates and check-ins. The options were daily, weekly, or as needed. The group decided to continue to receive updates as needed and feel they have been provided the needed information to be informed on district-related items.

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation:	The Board was provided an update on the WPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan which confirmed the instructional delivery and summarized the weekly participation rates for virtual and in person students. A reconfirmation of the plan will happen monthly through the 2020-2021 school year.
TEAM21 Update:	A successful launch of the TEAM21 program took place on Monday, October 5, 2020. The launch involved six (6) WPS schools. Both in-person and virtual experiences are being offered this year.
K-4 & 5-12 Change Request Process:	Recently, K-4 parents were provided an opportunity to request that their student(s) shift from one platform to the other starting Monday, October 26. The data indicates that nearly 200 students of the 629, who are currently learning via the virtual platform, have requested to return to in-person learning. This change will have an impact on class size, staffing, materials, etc., and we will be addressing all affected areas between now and October 26, when we begin our second quarter. On Monday, October 12, parents of 5th - 12th grade students will be sent the same opportunity to switch their child's learning environment which would take effect at the beginning of the second semester.
SAT Day:	On Wednesday, October 14th, only seniors will report to WHS for the SAT test. This test is open to all seniors whether virtual or in-person. The test is optional but must be taken at Wyoming High School. Testing starts at 7:30 am. There will be a make-up test date on October 27th for those that are absent on October 14th. Sophomores and juniors will not report to school but instead will participate in asynchronous remote learning on this day. Students attending KCTC will still attend their programming.
Homecoming:	2020 Homecoming will be experienced differently this year due to the pandemic and in order to protect the health and safety for our students and staff. While we cannot have a dance or a large pep assembly, we will still celebrate Wyoming Wolves Pride with a spirit week, a virtual scavenger hunt competition between classes, and a virtual pep assembly on Friday, October 16 th to end the week. Our virtual students will be able to join the assembly via livestream.
WPS / GRCC Middle College Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra provided the group with an update on the District partnership with GRCC Middle College. Both groups have fully executed an MOU to begin the 8 th cohort.
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 6:00 PM Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, October 26, 2020 – 6:00 PM Monday, November 9, 2020 – 6:00 PM</p>