



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 26, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM**

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, 2020. 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 attention to detail. The audit came back clean with an unmodified opinion and no findings. The financials as presented accurately reflected the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS.

Nick thanked the Board for allowing their team to serve the District for the annual financial audit. He also thanked Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Matt Lewis, and his business office staff for the outstanding job that they do. He stated that the “business office team is fantastic from top to bottom!”

Parkview Elementary Building  
Spotlight Presentation:

Superintendent Hoekstra shared a video building spotlight presentation created by the staff and students at Parkview Elementary. The video highlighted how Parkview Elementary is “Doing Simple Better.”

10/12/20 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, October 12, 2020.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Michelle Verhoef, Food Service Secretary, Effective 11/09/20

**Leaves of Absence:**

Teacher, Wyoming High School, Intermittent Leave 2020-21 School Year  
Teacher, Parkview, Continuous Leave 11/13/20 – 11/23/20

Finance Reports:  
**Action Item – Approved**

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

Maner Costerisan Audit:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2020 audit performed by Maner Costerisan as presented

KIASB Virtual Dinner – October  
22, 2020:

The KIASB Fall Dinner meeting was held virtually via Zoom at 7 PM on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A presentation was 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.

2021 Wyoming High School  
Commencement:

Commencement for the WHS Class of 2021 has been set for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7 PM. The ceremony and celebration will take place at the Wyoming Wolves stadium.

<p>Steelcase Foundation Grant Award:</p>	<p>At the October 12, 2020 meeting of the Steelcase Foundation trustees, the District was awarded a \$54,000 grant to participate in the Yale Center of Emotional Intelligence RULER Project. RULER is an acronym for the five skills of emotional intelligence; Recognizing Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, Regulating. “RULER aims to infuse the principals of emotional intelligence into the immune system of preK to 12 schools, informing how leaders lead, teachers teach, students learn, and families support students.” (<a href="https://www.ycei.org/ruler">https://www.ycei.org/ruler</a>)</p> <p>WPS small teams will attend the RULER institute online. There will be teams from each of our four elementary schools, one from Wyoming Intermediate and one of district level personnel trained by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence on the implementation of RULER.</p>
<p>K-4 Second Quarter Preparedness:</p>	<p>All necessary planning and preparation has been completed to successfully welcome nearly 200 elementary students back to in-person learning at the start of the second quarter of the school year on Monday, October 26th.</p>
<p>5-12 Change Request Data:</p>	<p>Parents of 5th - 12th grade students were invited to switch their child’s current learning experience to either in-person or virtual starting Monday, January 4, 2021, if they felt a change was needed. The window for doing so has closed, and over 400 student requests were submitted, with the majority electing to return to in-person learning. Secondary counselors will now work with these families to develop a schedule that aligns with their desired learning path.</p>
<p>Fall Update:</p>	<p>Superintendent Hoekstra provided a summary of the first quarter of the school year and a look ahead to the second quarter. We will continue to operate out of the WPS Safe Return Plan in supporting our learning community as the year progresses.</p>
<p>Wyoming Intermediate Movie Request (Coco): <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Intermediate movie request to view the Disney film Coco which is rated PG. In an effort to continue learning and celebrating diversity at WIS, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will learn about Dia de Muertos by watching the Disney movie Coco. Upon approval, the following teacher facilitated activities would take place on October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>: whole group instruction to introduce the topic, analyze the movie Coco, create a family tree or create a journal response, and participate in a Socratic seminar about different cultural elements observed in the movie. Parental permission slips will be sent home with students prior to viewing the movie.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b>  Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 4:30 PM  Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 4:30 PM  <b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b>  Monday, November 9, 2020 – 6:00 PM  Monday, December 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM  <b><u>Other:</u></b>  WPS BoE Student Awards – April 26, 2021  WHS Class of 2021 Graduation – May 25, 2021 – 7:00 PM</p>