



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

Oriole Park Elementary Playground Equipment Election Coverage:	Superintendent Hoekstra shared with the Board coverage of the Oriole Park playground equipment election coverage in both the School News Network and on WZZM .
Gladiola Elementary Building Spotlight Presentation:	Superintendent Hoekstra shared a video building spotlight presentation created by Gladiola Elementary Principal Cheryl Corpus and Gladiola Community School Coordinator, Anna Rivera. The video highlighted how Gladiola Elementary is building community with windows, mirrors and sliding doors.
10/26/20 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 26, 2020.
Personnel Transactions: Action Item – Approved	The Board approved the following personnel transactions: <u>Leaves of Absence:</u> Teacher – WHS, Intermittent Leave September 2020 – December 2020 <u>Retirements / Resignations:</u> Nathan Behnke, Interventionist – WJH, Effective 10/29/20 Binh Nguyen, Paraprofessional – WIS, Effective 11/30/20
Enrollment Update:	An update on the fall 2020 student count was provided. Along with the overall count, a breakdown of where students are currently engaging in learning was shared. Currently 71% of our kindergarten - 4th grade students and 57% of our 5th - 12th students are in-person. It is anticipated that the in-person percentages will increase at the start of the second semester as parents were provided the next round survey indicating their child's school experience.
Board of Education Election:	Congratulations to incumbents Craig Popma and Jeff Norton for their successful re-election and Jessica Hanselman and Shannon Frick for being elected to the WPS Board of Education. New terms will start in January of 2021. A big thank you to Tom Mott and Paul Huizinga for their excellent servant leadership during their tenure on the Board.
Michigan Teacher of the Year:	Congratulations to Wyoming Junior High School teacher Katie Sluiter on her nomination for the 2021-2022 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Katie joins her teaching colleague, Shantel VanderGalien, as a nominee. Shantel was awarded the 2020-2021 Region 3 Michigan Teacher of the Year. We are proud of Shantel, Katie, and all of our outstanding teachers throughout the district.
Wyoming Kentwood Reverse Santa Parade:	The Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 th at 10 AM. The parade will look a little different this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the parade will take place in reverse. The floats and Santa will be stationary,

<p>2021 Summer Tax Resolution: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>and the general public will drive past the lined up floats with Santa in the last vehicle. The parade location is being finalized.</p> <p>The Board was presented and approved the 2021 summer tax resolution. The resolution invokes for 2021 the previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continues from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board. The executed resolution is due to our local taxing jurisdiction by January 1, 2021.</p>
<p>Oriole Park and Parkview Bid Awards: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed bid documents and award recommendations provided by Christman for work related to renovations at both Oriole Park Elementary and Parkview Elementary. The Board approved bid contracts in the amount of \$8,825,021 for work related to these upcoming renovations.</p>
<p>Bus Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of two (2) propane buses from Holland Bus Company in the amount of \$199,604. Bids for the purchase were submitted through the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program. The purchase will be made using enhancement funds.</p>
<p>Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update & Reconfirmation:</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>District School Improvement:</p>	<p>Our District School Improvement team continues to meet monthly throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Buildings have identified areas of focus and are supporting both in person and virtual teachers in these focus areas.</p>
<p>CPR In Schools Training Kit Donation:</p>	<p>Hands-Only CPR is part of the health curriculum requirement for Michigan high school graduates. This is an unfunded mandate. The American Heart Association (AHA) works with local partners to provide Hands-Only CPR In School Training Kits to local districts. Through the generous donation of Car City in Wyoming, a new training kit has been donated to Wyoming High School.</p>
<p>WJH Reading Dog Proposal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a proposal from WJH teacher, Shantel VanderGalien, about incorporating a reading dog in her classroom. She has a passion to increase literacy rates while also supporting the emotional well-being of students. As a result of the stress and anxiety COVID-19 has brought on in many of her students, Mrs. VanderGalien asked to support her students with the use of a reading dog in her classroom.</p>
<p>WHS Early Graduation Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS student, pending successful completion of the required 22 MMC (Michigan Merit Curriculum) credits required.</p>

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 7, 2021 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, December 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Monday, January 11, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Other:

Wyoming Kentwood Reverse Santa Parade – December 12, 2020 at 10 AM

WPS BoE Student Awards – April 26, 2021

WHS Class of 2021 Graduation – May 25, 2021 – 7:00 PM