



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting Held Virtually

January 11, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

Swearing In Of WPS Board of Education Member – Jessica Hanselman, Shannon Frick & Craig Popma:	The ceremonial swearing in of WPS Board of Education members, Jessica Hanselman, Shannon Frick and Craig Popma, occurred at the Monday, January 11 th board meeting with notary, Christie McEwen present.
12/14/20 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, December 14, 2020.
Personnel Transactions: Action Item – Approved	The Board approved the following personnel transactions: <u>New Hires:</u> Destine Johnson, Paraprofessional – West, Effective 1/11/21 <u>Leaves of Absence:</u> Teacher – Parkview, FMLA, Effective 12/11/20 – 1/04/21 Food Service, Continuous Leave, Effective 1/04/21 – 2/01/21 <u>Retirements / Resignations:</u> Jocelyn Bunce, Human Resources Specialist, Effective 1/08/21
Meeting Format Update:	The current MDHHS order contains language that states “in-person school board meetings continue to be prohibited until at least after January 15, 2021.” Updates will be provided as orders and legislation change.
BoE Committee Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra reminded the group that with the swearing in of our newest members, the Board of Education committees will need to be updated. The group will discuss this topic at the BoE committee meeting on January 21 st .
Annual Board Organization Resolutions – Action Item:	The WPS 2021 Board Organizational Resolutions, which require annual approval, were reviewed and approved. The annual organizational resolutions include Board member responsibilities, designation of an election coordinator, approval of financial institutions, legal representation, check, purchase order and employment contract signing, along with WPS Board of Education meeting dates and times.
Board Appreciation – January 25, 2021:	January is School Board Appreciation month. On Monday January 25 th , as a District, will thank the WPS Board of Education for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District.
MHSAA Winter Sports Update:	The current epidemic order and guidance from MDHHS allows for voluntary outdoor conditioning permitted by schools. These conditioning sessions must be planned to keep 6 feet of distance by all persons at all

	<p>times and face masks must be worn at all times. No indoor activities are permitted. The current order is set to expire January 15th.</p>
<p>Kent ISD Superintendent Search:</p>	<p>The Kent ISD School Board is requesting feedback from local school board members regarding the skills and attributes desired in the ISD's next Superintendent of Schools. Boards are invited to participate in a virtual stakeholders session. Board members interested should contact Christie McEwen for the meeting link to participate. The meeting will take place on January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The goal is to have a new superintendent in place by July 1, 2021.</p>
<p>Policy Update: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>Updates to Board Policies 3400 (Administrative Employment Handbook), 6114 (Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds) and 6325 (Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds) were reviewed for adoption. Updated policies will be posted online in the District Board Docs.</p>
<p>Finance Reports – November 2020 Check Register & Budget To Actual Report Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the November 2020 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>AHA Partnership – Building Healthy Hearts:</p>	<p>Wyoming Public Schools has partnered with the American Heart Association in pursuit of a grant with the Steelcase Foundation to launch the “Building Healthy Hearts” program in our buildings. This program contains science-based curriculum centered around healthy habits and their impact on heart and brain health. If approved, resources will be provided to the district in both English and Spanish.</p>
<p>January 18th Transition:</p>	<p>WPS will transition from fully remote K-12 learning to in-person learning for those students who choose in-person learning. For the second semester, WPS welcomes back approximately 32 K-4 students, 90 5th & 6th grade students, 193 7th-9th grade students, and 124 10th-12th grade students who are changing from virtual to in-person learning. We have approximately 30% of our students learning virtually (down from 45% in the fall of 2020) and 70% learning in-person (up from 55% in the fall of 2020).</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 4:30 PM Thursday, February 4, 2021 – 4:30 PM <u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, January 25, 2021 – 6 PM – Board Appreciation Night Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6 PM <u>Other:</u> Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Parkview–January 25, 2021–5 PM WPS BoE Student Awards – April 26, 2021 WHS Class of 2021 Graduation – May 25, 2021 – 7PM</p>