



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting Held Virtually
January 25, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

Building Spotlight Presentation –
HWECC:

Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams, Director of Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center, along with teachers Amanda Costlow, Katie Sleeper and Michelle Romijn, joined the meeting virtually to provide insight on a day in the life of a preschooler. The group presentation included an overview of their one-on-one language intervention and parent coaching sessions, class meetings, individual speech/language sessions and at home learning kits during remote learning. Dr. Cummings-Pulliams noted that several positives have come from remote learning including the strengthening of the home to school connection, the amount of one-on-one interaction and the growth of their building paraprofessionals.

2021 WPS BoE Appreciation:

January is School Board Appreciation month. On Monday evening, those in attendance thanked the WPS Board of Education for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District. The group was shown a thank you video provided by Wyoming High School which contained appearances by Mr. Baumbach, Mr. Hollern, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Booker and the WHS band. Each board member was given a gift basket of goodies provided by each building.

01/11/21 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, January 11, 2021.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Laura Grosso, Teacher – Gladiola, Effective 1/11/21
Amanda Pippin, Paraprofessional – West, Effective 1/14/21
Rachael Behl, Teacher – WJH, Effective 1/18/21
Bernice Oliver, Paraprofessional – Parkview, Effective 1/18/21

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher – WIS, FMLA, Effective 1/04/21 – 4/12/21
Teacher – OP/Glad/WIS, FMLA, Effective 1/18/21 – 1/29/21
Teacher – West, FMLA, Effective 2/01/21 – 3/29/21

Retirements / Resignations:

Kiara Eager, Custodial – WJH, Effective 1/21/21

WPS BoE Sub-Committees:

The group discussed the structure of the executive, instructional and finance sub-committees. Norton, Manley and Popma will serve on the executive committee. Lewis, Hanselman and Popma will serve on the instructional committee and Jirous, Frick and Manley will serve on the finance committee.

WPS BoE Professional Development:	A review of the previously experienced professional development was discussed. The Board will be receiving additional information that covers options to consider for the 2021 year.
In-Person Summary:	An overview of the first week back to in-person instruction was provided. Overall, it was a successful week as a result of all the hard work by all WPS stakeholders.
Finance Reports – December 2020 Check Register & Budget To Actual Report Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the December 2020 check register and budget to actual report.
Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update & Reconfirmation:	The Board was provided an update on the WPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan which confirmed 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.
Student Assessments:	Wyoming Public Schools has a district assessment calendar outlining district and state assessments which is updated annually. At the current time, state assessments are still required to be administered during the 2021-2022 school year.
SOC Resolution – Section 105: Action Item – Opt Out	The Board opted out of section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 for the 2021-2022 school year.
SOC Resolution – Section 105c: Action Item – Opt In	The Board opted in to Section 105c of the School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000 for the 2021-2022 school year.
Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program: Action Item - Approved	<p>The Board approved participation in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>As part of the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, the District will accept 150 school of choice students grades K-5 for the 2021-2022 school year.</p>
American Heart Association Partnership:	Wyoming Public Schools is exploring a partnership with the American Heart Association. This program contains science-based curriculum centered around healthy habits and their impact on heart and brain health. Dr. Slanger will be meeting with a group of administrators and secondary teachers on January 27 to review the resources. If approved, resources will be provided to the district in both English and Spanish.
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, February 4, 2021 – 4:30 PM – Virtual Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 4:30 PM – Virtual</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6 PM – Virtual Monday, February 22, 2021 – 6 PM</p>

Other:

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Gladiola–February 22, 2021–5 PM

WPS BoE Student Awards – April 26, 2021

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