



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting Held Virtually
February 8, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

Building Spotlight Presentation –
Oriole Park Elementary:

Kristen Fuss-Minard, Principal of Oriole Park Elementary, joined the meeting virtually to provide insight on the ways staff and students have adapted and excelled during the pandemic. Some of the ways students and staff are keeping safe while at school include access to a well-stocked health room, the use of table dividers, individual storage bins, zoned playground time, separate classroom equipment bins and lunch in the classroom. Additional positives this year included one-to-one technology and virtual field trips. Mrs. Fuss-Minard expressed how proud she was of staff and students who have rallied to make this a successful, safe and memorable school year.

01/25/21 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held virtually at 6 PM on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Natalie Themins-Maj, Academic Interventionist – Parkview,
Effective 11/02/20

Jeri Price, Food Service, Effective 11/03/20

Jacob Buffinga, Virtual Teacher – WJH, Effective 11/03/20

Bryan Cherry, Virtual Teacher – WHS, Effective 11/16/20

Kyle Mackenzie, Virtual Teacher – WHS, Effective 11/16/20

Terry Davis, Food Service, Effective 11/16/20

Christine Bowen, Food Service, Effective 1/25/21

Holly Gilbertson, Food Service, Effective 1/25/21

Kathy Myers, Bus Driver, Effective 1/28/21

Isabeli Gonzalez, Receptionist – Administration Building,
Effective 2/08/20

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Effective 2/08/21 – 4/16/21

Retirements / Resignations:

Chelsea Bedinger, Teacher – WRC, Effective 2/16/21

FFCRA-EPSLA for WEA &
WESSA:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved MOUs between the District, WEA and WESSA to extend the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Relief Act) to all staff until June 3, 2021. The act recently expired on December 31, 2020.

Class of 2021 Graduation
Requirements:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved an action item allowing members of the Wyoming High School Class of 2021, who have met the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements of 18 credits, to graduate. This is a one-year approval.

Kindergarten Round-Up:	Kindergarten Round Up will be held at the Administration Building from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on April 21. Families will have the option to enroll their Kindergarten child(ren) in person during this time. Additionally, WPS has online enrollment for families who wish to enroll in that manner.
Spring Student Count Day:	Wednesday, February 10, 2021 will be the second Student Count Day for the 2020-21 school year. All students who are “unexcused” on Count Day have ten (10) school days to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. Students who are “excused” have thirty (30) calendar days to report back to school. Spring count day represents 10% of the state funding per student.
2021-22 Schools of Choice Window:	The timeline for the 2021-22 School of Choice window has been determined by the ISD. Applications will be accepted starting on April 12, 2021 and ending on May 14, 2021. The District will notify families of selection or non-selection of applicants by no later than May 26, 2021.
Winter Sports Update:	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its current epidemic order to allow contact sports to resume as of February 8th, provided masks are worn during practice and competition. If masks cannot be worn, participants must be regularly tested for COVID-19 consistent with guidelines set by MDHHS. This updated order will remain in effect through Monday, March 29th.
Board of Education Professional Development:	Board members have been asked to rank in order of preference potential topics for Board of Education professional development workshops. Members were also asked to provide feedback on potential topics listed and add any areas of interest not listed. The Board of Education professional learning series will then be compiled based upon the feedback provided.
Apple Phase II WHS Tech Renovation: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a purchase in the amount of \$91,800 from Apple for the Phase II WHS tech renovations.
Tierney Brothers Phase I & Phase II WHS Tech Renovation: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a purchase in the amount of \$58,389 from Tierney Brothers for the Phase I & Phase II WHS tech renovations.
Addition of LMCU as Approved Depository: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved adding Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) as an approved depository for the District.
ECOL Plan COVID-19 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.

ECOL Plan Goal Report:

The Board was provided a review of the Fall 2020 to Winter 2020 benchmark testing for K- 8th grade, which is required by ECOL legislation. K-4th grade reading scores remained stable from fall to winter testing; math declined slightly. Our current data is similar to the previous two years. 5th - 8th grade reading and math scores declined from fall to winter testing. Another update will be provided in the spring at the completion of our spring benchmark testing.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 4:30 PM – Virtual

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – 4:30 PM – Virtual

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 22, 2021 – 6 PM – Virtual

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 6 PM – Virtual

Other:

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Gladiola–February 23, 2021–5 PM

WPS BoE Student Awards – April 26, 2021

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