



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
April 26, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

03/22/21 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, March 22, 2021.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

Leaves of Absence:

Paraprofessional – WIS, FMLA, Effective 3/22/21 – 4/14/21

Food Service, FMLA, Effective 4/24/21 – 6/04/21

Custodian – Gladiola, FMLA, Effective 4/21/21 – 6/04/21

Social Worker – Regional Center, FMLA, Effective 8/23/21 – 10/25/21

Retirements / Resignations:

Isiah Dunning, Paraprofessional – Regional Center, Effective 2/26/21

Field Recognition:

Superintendent Hoekstra shared with the group that the new WHS football/soccer field has been recognized as a 2020 Distinguished Single Field Facility by the American Sports Builders Association. The facility was nominated for the award by GMB Architecture & Engineering.

Board of Education Professional Development - RULER:

Jason Maas, WPS Director of Student Services, led the Board in a professional development session overviewing the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence RULER Project. The District was recently awarded a \$54,000 grant by the Steelcase Foundation to participate in the project.

RULER is an acronym for the five skills of emotional intelligence; Recognizing Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, Regulating. According to the Yale Center of Emotional Intelligence website, “RULER is a systemic approach to SEL developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. 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.”

Mr. Maas also share a [program overview video](#) with the group.

Staffing Update:

The Board was provided an update on staffing for the 2021-22 school year.

Staffing Reduction Resolution:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the resolution for professional staff reduction as necessary due to projected enrollment numbers, revenue, expenses, program expenses, program success and student outcomes.

Finance Reports – March 2021:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the March 2021 check register and budget to actual report.

WHS Small Gym Bleacher Replacement:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request for the purchase of replacement bleachers in the WHS small gym from Interkal in the amount of \$38,478.

<p>Chartwells Contract Renewal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the 2021-22 Chartwells Food Service Management Contract for renewal. This is the second annual renewal of four possible. Assistant Superintendent Lewis noted that Chartwells has done a wonderful job managing and distributing food to our students, both in person and virtual, throughout the pandemic.</p>
<p>Chromebook Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the request for purchase of 125 Dell Chromebooks from CDW in the amount of \$28,375.00. This purchase will allow the District to build inventory needed for summer school and repair replacements.</p>
<p>Boiler Replacements – Gladiola, HWECC & West: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the request for the purchase of replacement boilers at Gladiola Elementary, Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center and West Elementary from VanderHyde in the amount of \$184,348.</p>
<p>Furniture Purchase – WHS Final Phase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the request for the purchase final phase of furniture to be used at Wyoming High School. The purchase is not to exceed the price of \$332,000.</p>
<p>Furniture Purchases – Parkview & Oriole Park: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the request for the purchase of furniture to be used at Parkview Elementary and Oriole Park Elementary. The purchase is not to exceed the price of \$675,000. Construction began at Parkview and Oriole Park over spring break. The District expects to receive the furniture order in early to mid-August in time for the start of the school year.</p>
<p>Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber Foundation Scholarship Winners:</p>	<p>Briayja White, WHS Senior, was recently named one of five Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber Foundation scholarship award winners. As part of her prize, she received \$500 scholarship.</p>
<p>Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan – Reconfirmation:</p>	<p>Weekly participation rates were reviewed for the month of March. Instructional delivery for in-person and virtual students were reconfirmed for the month of April.</p>
<p>State Assessment Update:</p>	<p>The USDOE denied Michigan’s request to not administer the MSTEP this spring. Through a collaborative effort between WPS, Kelloggsville, Godfrey-Lee, and Godwin Heights, families were provided an opportunity to opt-into having their 3rd - 8th grade child take the MSTEP assessment. We have had one K-4 student, 12 5-6 students, and approximately 20 7-8 grade students opt into taking the MSTEP assessment. Building principals are coordinating efforts to ensure these students are able to complete the assessment.</p>
<p>8th Grade Social Studies:</p>	<p>Ms. Bakker will be supplementing the social studies curriculum with a teacher designed unit to demonstrate how student engagement increases when there is a more equity and culturally responsive representation of faces and voices in history, as well as an equitable representation of historians writing the sources being used to study history. Student voice is being used to drive and monitor this level of engagement. Families of students will also receive a letter indicating this additional information.</p>

Kindergarten Round Up:	Kindergarten Round Up was held April 21st to provide families an opportunity to enroll their kindergarten child for the upcoming school year. We had approximately 72 families enroll. Families still have the opportunity to enroll using our online enrollment process.
Summer School Update:	Families are in the process of signing up for summer school. As of this week, we have 290 K-6 students enrolled (50 kindergarten, 45 1st grade students, 54 2nd grade students, 56 3rd grade students, 42 4th grade students, 18 5th grade students, 25 6th grade students) and 45 7-12 grade students (12 7th grade students, 9 8th grade students, and 10 9th grade students, 8 10th grade students & 6 11th grade students).
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, May 6, 2021 – 4:30 PM Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, May 10, 2021 – 6 PM Monday, May 24, 2021 – 6 PM</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Parkview – April 26, 2021–5 PM WPS BoE Student Character Awards – May 10, 2021 – 6 PM WPS Employee Recognition – May 24, 2021 – 6 PM WHS Class of 2021 Graduation – May 25, 2021 – 7PM</p>