



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 25, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM**

Building Spotlight Presentation  
Wyoming Junior High School:

Dr. Alex Schukow, Wyoming Junior High School Principal, along with school Social Worker, Chelsey Diaz, were in attendance on Monday (10/25/21) evening to share the [WJH building spotlight presentation](#) focused on Hispanic Heritage Month activities. They provided an overview of the ways WJH acknowledges and honors cultural heritage and creates a sense of belonging for all students.

Maner Costerisan Audit  
Presentation:

Nicholas Kossaras of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the year end June 30, 2021. Nick has been involved with the WPS audit for the past seven (7) years. A great deal of time and effort goes into the audit process and Maner Costerisan was extremely complimentary of our business office staff for their hard work and attention to detail. The audit came back with a clean opinion with no control deficiencies or weaknesses noted. The financials as presented accurately reflect the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS. Maner Costerisan also audited WPS programs receiving federal funding. They found spending to be in line with the budgets for those programs and their associated federal mandates.

Nick thanked the Board for allowing their team to serve the District for the annual financial audit. He also thanked Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Matt Lewis, and his business office staff for the outstanding job that they do.

10/11/21 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, October 11, 2021.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Liza De Jesus Cruz, Paraprofessional - Parkview, Effective 10/11/21

Kerina Luark, Paraprofessional - Oriole Park, Effective 10/25/21

Nicole Reames, Paraprofessional - Oriole Park, Effective 10/20/21

**Leaves of Absence:**

Teacher – Regional Center, Effective 10/22/21

**Retirements / Resignations:**

Destine Johnson, Paraprofessional - West, 9/24/21

Rachel McComb, Secretary - WJH, Effective 10/12/21

End of Quarter One:

A summary of the first quarter of the school year was provided. Comparatively, the first quarter of the school year has had far fewer interruptions to in-person learning compared to that of the previous year. The District thanks the WPS community for doing everything possible to maximize the time spent with our scholars.

Board of Education Professional Development:	Superintendent Hoekstra is working with the Board to identify a date and time for training on the current MASB Superintendent Evaluation tool.
Universal Masking:	Superintendent Hoekstra and the Board discussed the current status of the universal masking expectation. A decision for its continuance will be communicated ahead of October 29, 2021.
WPS Finance Reports – Sept 2021: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the September 2021 check register and budget to actual report.
Maner Costerisan Audit: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2021 audit performed by Maner Costerisan.
Multilingual Scholars:	The Board reviewed the WPS Fall 2021 Multilingual Scholar Newsletter which celebrates the diversity of our multilingual scholars! The newsletter included information on District diversity data, WIDA proficiency levels, translation services and Afghan arrivals.
Coco – WIS Movie Request: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Intermediate movie request to add the Disney film Coco which is rated PG to the list of Board approved movies. In an effort to continue learning and celebrating diversity at WIS, 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade scholars will learn about Dia de Muertos by watching the Disney movie Coco. Upon approval, the following teacher facilitated activities will take place: whole group instruction to introduce the topic, analyze the movie Coco, create a family tree or create a journal response, and participate in a Socratic seminar about different cultural elements observed in the movie. Parental permission slips will be sent home with scholars prior to viewing the movie.
Upcoming Events:	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u></b>  Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 4:30 PM  Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b>  Monday, November 8, 2021 – 6 PM  Monday, December 13, 2021 – 6 PM</p> <p><b><u>Other:</u></b>  Young Frankenstein – Wyoming Theater Company – Nov. 18-20, 2021  Wyoming Wolves Craft Show – November 27, 2021 – 9 AM  Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – Gladiola – Nov.29, 2021 – 5 PM  AW11 Fall Assembly – December 10, 2021 – 12:30 PM  Wyoming Kentwood Santa Parade – December 11, 2021 – 10 AM</p>