



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
December 13, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM

11/08/21 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, November 8, 2021.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Jason Faasse, K-8 Athletics & Activities Coordinator, Effective 11/22/21

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher, Oriole Park, 11/08/21 - Undetermined

Paraprofessional, WHS, 11/19/21 - 2/07/22

Teacher, WHS, FMLA 12/14/21 - 2/07/22

Teacher, Gladiola, Childcare Leave 12/16/21 - 3/21/22

Itinerant, West, 1/07/21 - Intermittent

Teacher, Parkview, Childcare Leave 1/14/22 - 4/08/22

Bus Driver, FMLA 1/19/22 - 3/03/22

Retirements / Resignations:

Nakya Taylor, Paraprofessional - WHS, Effective 11/11/21

Gerald Campbell, Custodian, Effective 12/03/21

Cheryl Anderson, Food Service, Effective 01/07/22

WPS BoE Member Resignation:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and accepted the letter of resignation submitted by WPS Board of Education Trustee Jessica Hanselman.

Wyoming Kentwood Santa Parade:

Late Saturday morning, the Wyoming Kentwood Santa Parade was canceled due to weather. Superintendent Hoekstra recognized the WHS Wolves Marching Band for sharing their time and talents with the residents of the Vista Springs Retirement Home and spreading holiday cheer!

Scholar Advisory Committee:

Superintendent Hoekstra shared with the Board that candidates for the scholar advisory committee to the superintendent have been given invitation letters and parental permission slips with a return deadline of December 17th. The committee of six to twelve scholars, ranging in age from 7th through 12th grade will meet monthly with Superintendent Hoekstra beginning on Tuesday, January 25th.

WPS BoE Professional Development:

The Board will participate in a professional development session overviewing the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) superintendent evaluation tool. This training will be held on Wednesday, January 12th at 5 PM and led by MASB consultant Michael Rochholz.

October 2021 Finance Reports:
Action Item - Approved

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

<p>Gladiola & West Elementary Bid Awards: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved bid documents associated with Bond renovation work scheduled for Gladiola and West Elementary schools. Total project costs include all reservations, fees and contingency total \$12,932,943. Construction at West Elementary will begin in March of 2022 and construction at Gladiola will begin in June of 2022.</p>
<p>No Red Ink Subscription: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request to purchase a three-year subscription to No Red Ink. This tool will provide secondary ELA teachers with a high-quality resource for teaching grammar. The subscription cost is \$48,000 and will provide students a better learning platform than the free subscription and real time feedback.</p>
<p>WJH Construction Planning:</p>	<p>Matt Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administrative Services, provided the Board an update on construction planning at Wyoming Junior High School. Recently, a twelve-member team from Wyoming Junior High walked through Wyoming High School to begin to create plans and ideas for the upcoming WJH Renovation.</p>
<p>ESSER Funds Survey:</p>	<p>An update was provided on the ESSER Funds Survey. 406 community members responded to the survey with thoughts on how best to spend the funds.</p>
<p>West Michigan Health Careers Pipeline Program:</p>	<p>The Board was provided an overview of an opportunity our 9th and 10th grade students will be able to participate in. WMU and GRCC are partnering to create virtual learning opportunities for students who have an interest in learning more about a career in the health professions.</p>
<p>WJH 8th Grade ELA Movie Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High 8th grade ELA movie request to view the 2004 film <i>Speak</i> which is rated PG-13 with a parental permission slip. Students will evaluate scenes and the overall story for screenwriter and director choice as well as technology and updates to a story that was published five years prior. Students will then examine scenes from the graphic novel that was published in 2018 to see what further changes were made, and how the story continues to be relevant almost 20 years after it was originally published.</p>
<p>WHS Early Graduation Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS student, pending successful completion of the required 18 Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) expectations.</p>
<p>2021-22 & 2022-23 Request For MMC Graduation Requirements: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, allowing Wyoming High School students who have successfully earned the required 18 Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) credits at the end of the school year to receive their diploma and participate in commencement ceremonies for the 2021-22 (current seniors) and 2022-23 (current juniors) academic years.</p>

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, January 6, 2022 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6 PM

Monday, January 24, 2022 – 6 PM

Other:

WHS Winter Band Concert – DHFAC – December 14, 2021 – 7 PM

AW11 Winter Assembly – January 13, 2022 – 12:30 PM

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Gladiola - Jan. 31, 2022 - 4:30 PM

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Parkview-Feb. 28, 2022 - 4:30 PM