



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
January 24, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM

Building Spotlight Presentation –
HWECC:

Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams, Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center Director, along with teachers Tara White, Katie Sleeper and Michelle Romijn provided an overview of how the Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Artist Creating Together (ACT) programs are in use in their building.

Ms. White explained that AAC is used as a communication tool for non-verbal or minimally verbal children. She then provided photo and video evidence of low tech, mid-tech and high tech technologies in use.

Mrs. Sleeper and Mrs. Romijn discussed the Artists Creating Together program which empowers individuals with disabilities to learn, grow and celebrate through the arts. This year, ECSE students have had the chance to participate in visual arts, drumming, guitar and vocal music activities. During these sessions, students practice developmental skills such as social emotional skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, academic skills and language skills.

The Huntington Woods ECC staff thanked the Board for their support of the programs and staff.

2022 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. Each board member was given a collection of treats and merchandise provided by each building. The Board also watched thank you videos provided by [Wyoming High School](#) and [Parkview Elementary School](#).

WPS Board of Education Member
Resolution For Appointment:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the resolution associated with the appointment of Audrey Zapata to serve as a member of the WPS Board of Education for the unexpired term of Mrs. Hanselman which ends on December 31, 2022.

Swearing In Of WPS Board of
Education Member –
Audrey Zapata:

The ceremonial swearing in of WPS Board of Education member Audrey Zapata occurred at the Monday, January 24th board meeting with notary, Christie McEwen present.

01/10/22 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 10, 2022.

01/12/22 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the special session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 5 PM on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

<p>Personnel Transactions: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board approved the following personnel transactions: <u>New Hires:</u> Matthew Stoel, Social Worker – WJH, Effective 1/25/22 Antonie Powell, Custodial – WJH, Effective 1/17/22 Richard Thompson, Food Service – District, Effective 1/24/22</p> <p><u>Leaves of Absence:</u> Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Dates TBD Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Effective 2/14/22 – 3/21/22 Food Service, FMLA, Effective 12/31/21 – 2/04/22 Teacher – Parkview, FMLA, Effective 2/09/22 – 2/23/22 Food Service – District, FMLA, Effective 12/31/21 - TBD</p> <p><u>Retirements / Resignations:</u> Jasmin Dykstra, Athletic & Attendance Sec. – WJH, Effective 1/31/22</p>
<p>Building Tour – Wyoming Regional Center:</p>	<p>Following the committee meeting on January 20th, members of the Board toured Wyoming Regional Center. During the tour, Al Vigh, Wyoming Regional Center Director, and the WRC team shared information about District practices around PBIS, trauma-informed practices, how their enrollment has changed over time and the manner in which they best support the scholars they serve.</p>
<p>COVID Update:</p>	<p>The Board was provided an update regarding the District’s adoption of the new KCHD Public Health Order, the impact on Wyoming Public Schools and our COVID response to isolation and quarantine for our staff and students. Additional updates include updates to our website, parent communication, and response plan document(s).</p>
<p>Superintendent Evaluation:</p>	<p>Following the committee meeting on January 20th, the Board met to work through Section A Governance & Board Relations of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2021-22 evaluation. The group used the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.</p>
<p>Human Trafficking Prevention Community Meeting – January 26, 2022:</p>	<p>Wyoming Public Schools and the SEE Human Trafficking Coalition will host a community event on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Dan Heintzelman Fine Arts Center. The primary focus of this event is to inform parents and other caregivers of the facts/myths of human trafficking, how traffickers use the internet to find their victims, how to talk to your children about human trafficking, and what they as community members can do to help stop human trafficking. This event will include a panel discussion and time for questions from the audience.</p>
<p>Universal Masking:</p>	<p>Superintendent Hoekstra will be sending out a letter to WPS staff, scholars and parents extending the universal masking expectation from February 7 to March 7, 2022.</p>
<p>Alpha Wolf 11 Winter Assembly:</p>	<p>The Alpha Wolf 11 Winter Assembly has been rescheduled to Friday, February 25th at 12:30 PM.</p>
<p>December 2021 Finance Reports: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the December 2021 check register and budget to actual report.</p>

<p>May Ballot Question: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board approved ballot language and called an election for May 3, 2022. The proposal is for \$24.9 million of bonds, with proceeds focused on improvements at Wyoming Junior High. If approved, the debt millage rate is projected to remain at the current 5.65 mills.</p>
<p>BPA Regional Results:</p>	<p>On Friday, January 14th, at Davenport University, 13 scholars from our WHS Business Professionals of America chapter competed in BPA region 1 regionals. They did very well, with 11 of the 13 qualifying for the state competition!</p>
<p>Robotics Lab Naming: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the proposal to name the robotics room at WHS after Bruce Klem for his dedication and leadership of the Robotics Program. Mr. Klem volunteered and supported the Robotics Program for over twenty years.</p>
<p>Kindergarten Registration & Open House:</p>	<p>Incoming Kindergarten families will be invited to the Administration Building on April 27, 2022 for Kindergarten registration. Families also have the option to complete the registration process online. On May 12 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM each of our elementary buildings will host an open house for families and future kindergarten scholars.</p>
<p>Suspension/Expulsion of Student 2122.01 Action Item – Expelled</p>	<p>The Board approved expulsion of the student known as #2122.01 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>
<p>Suspension/Expulsion of Student 2122.02 Action Item – Expelled</p>	<p>The Board approved expulsion of the student known as #2122.02 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, February 10, 2022 – 4:30 PM Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, February 14, 2022 – 6 PM Monday, February 28, 2022 – 6 PM</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Human Trafficking Prevention Community Outreach Presentation – DHFAC – Jan. 26, 2022 – 6:30 PM Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Gladiola - Jan. 31, 2022 - 4:30 PM AW11 Winter Assembly – February 25, 2022 – 12:30 PM Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Parkview-Feb. 28, 2022 - 4:30 PM</p>