



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

September 26, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM

09/12/22 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2022.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Brittany Felkey, Paraprofessional – Oriole Park, Effective 9/19/22

Isabeli Gonzalez, Payroll Specialist, Effective 9/19/22

Anthony Lane, Student Advocate – WJH, Effective 9/21/22

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Effective 9/14/22 – 10/04/22

Retirements / Resignations:

Renee Diaz, Food Service, Effective 9/09/22

Anthony Lane, Paraprofessional – WJH, Effective 9/20/22

Alicia Oliver, Food Service, Effective 9/20/22

Fall Enrollment:

An enrollment update was provided. Scholars continue to be enrolled, and current numbers show that we will be within the fall enrollment projection. Fall count day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

Homecoming:

WHS Football Homecoming took place on Friday, September 23rd when the Wolves hosted Reeths-Puffer. The Homecoming carnival ran from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM and the game kicked off at 7 PM.

Tarry Hall Roller Rink
Homecoming:

Over the weekend, Superintendent Hoekstra and members of the Board were made aware of an “exclusive” Homecoming event hosted by Tarry Hall Roller Rink which notably left off the list of invitees Wyoming Public Schools and other diverse high schools in the area including East Kentwood, Godfrey-Lee, Godwin Heights, Kelloggsville, and Grand Rapids Public Schools. The schools invited lack diversity and some are located farther from Tarry Hall Roller Rink than the schools listed above.

Wyoming Public Schools has a long history of supporting and spending valuable resources at Tarry Hall Roller Rink. We have hosted a total of 33 school skating parties and Team 21 events at the facility since 2009. When our scholars asked, in advance, to participate in the Tarry Hall Roller Rink Homecoming event, they were denied.

Superintendent Hoekstra reached out to Tarry Hall Roller Rink to better understand why our community was not included in this event but has been accepted in the past when we have hosted private events. Their unwillingness to provide clarity and engage in a conversation is highly disappointing and the optics of the situation are divisive versus bringing youth from different areas across the community together.

	<p>WPS prides itself on diversity and will always advocate for opportunities for our scholars, while standing up against unjust actions.</p>
<p>Finance Reports – August 2022: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the August 2022 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>Chromebook Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the quote from CDW-G in the amount of \$135,720 for the purchase of six hundred (600) Chromebooks with the Google Chrome Education Upgrade package.</p>
<p>AW11 Leadership Retreat Trip Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from Little Pine Island Camp in Comstock Park on October 5-6, 2022. Scholars will spend the time outdoors with their peers working on team-building activities that require problem solving and critical thinking skills. The group will also spend time developing plans to integrate AW11 Principles into the WHS school day. They will also plan after school activities which help instill a sense of belonging and scholar voice while also celebrating scholar diversity.</p>
<p>WIS Student Trip Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the student trip request submitted by Wyoming Intermediate for 6th grade scholars to travel to and from Grand Valley State University on May 30, 2023, as part of their end of the school year celebration. While on campus, scholars will have the opportunity to utilize the recreation courts, pool, rock climbing wall and racquet ball courts.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 4:30 PM Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, October 10, 2022 – 6 PM Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6 PM</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Parkview–Sept. 26, 2022–4:30 PM Fall Count Day – October 5, 2022 Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry–Gladiola–Oct. 24, 2022 – 4:30 PM BoE Professional Development – Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 – 6 PM</p>