



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

November 14, 2022 ~ 7:30 PM

10/24/22 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, October 24, 2022.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:
Business Office Restructuring

New Hires:

Rana Garner, Food Service, Effective 11/07/22
Yesenia Rivas, Food Service, Effective 10/31/22
Lisa Russell, Paraprofessional, Effective 10/27/22
Sue Russo, Food Service, Effective 9/26/22

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher – Gladiola, Effective 12/12/22 – 01/01/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Jason Faasse, WJH Athletics & Activities Coordinator, Effective 11/11/22
Rana Garner, Food Service, Effective 11/08/22
Sarah Ryder, Teacher, Effective 12/01/22
Robin Szweda, Payroll, Effective 11/01/22

Election Results:

The November 8, 2022, election results were reviewed. Congratulations to Lisa Manley, Jeff Norton, and Audrey Zapata for their election victory.

Alpha Wolf 11 Retreat Update:

As a result of nearly 100 high school scholars attending the first Alpha Wolf 11 Champion of Character Overnight Leadership Retreat, a mentoring program is being developed. The mentoring program will be called AW11 Friends. The AW11 Friends Mentoring Program, led by high school scholars, will focus on building student-to-student friendships with elementary and intermediate schools centered around learning the Champions of Character values of being Kind, Compassionate, and Gracious to one another. High school scholars will visit the buildings twice a month, speaking with 3rd and 4th grade scholars while inspiring them about what it means to be an Alpha Wolf 11.

Board of Education Scholar
Spotlight Schedule:

The Board reviewed the upcoming scholar spotlight schedule. The spotlight is likely to start in December.

Board of Education Professional
Development:

Dr. Tammy Campbell will be joining the Board of Education and Superintendent Hoekstra on Monday, November 14, for a professional development session that will focus on the intentional work the district has engaged in over the past two years.

WJH Phasing Plans Update:

In May of 2022, the Wyoming community supported a 25 million dollar Wyoming Junior High School renovation project that will begin in the summer of 2023. The District has been working on a phasing schedule for

	<p>the construction and a first step is visitor parking and pick up / drop off traffic flow. Later this week, communication will be shared with Wyoming Junior High staff and families regarding updated parking and traffic flow logistics for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year.</p>
Business Office Staff Update:	<p>The Board was provided an update on business office staffing. As noted in the personnel transactions, Robin Szweda has retired after 30 years of employment with WPS. Isabeli Gonzalez has now stepped into the role of Payroll Specialist.</p>
WJH Bathroom Design:	<p>The Board discussed options and renderings for bathroom design options at Wyoming Junior High School.</p>
Fine Arts Center Signage:	<p>The Board discussed signage options at the Fine Arts Center. As part of Wyoming Junior High School renovations, Dan Heintzelman will be recognized for his contributions both inside and outside of the facility.</p>
Wyoming Rogers Class of 1987 Scholarship:	<p>An anonymous donor from the Wyoming Rogers Class of 1987 has donated funds to provide a WHS graduating senior, who plans to attend Central Michigan University, with a \$1,000 scholarship. This multi-year donation is greatly appreciated.</p>
Wyoming Games/Esports Club Proposal: Action Item – Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a program/club proposal form submitted by Wyoming Junior High School. The proposed Wyoming Games / Esport Club would provide scholars the opportunity to participate and compete in game-based content in a safe and accessible atmosphere. Scholars would learn various lessons based on modern technology (hardware/software/game theory), history (Age of Empires 4 / Minecraft), and team building.</p>
WJH Movie Request – Inside Out: Action Item – Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High request for 8th graders to watch the Disney movie, Inside Out. The primary objective of incorporating this movie into coursework is to help students have conversations about their own emotions, provide ways to self-regulate and analyze helpful versus unhelpful responses to emotions.</p>
<u>Upcoming Events:</u>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Sessions:</u> Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 4:30 PM Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, December 12, 2022 – 6 PM Monday, January 9, 2023 – 6 PM</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Math Night – Gladiola Elementary – Nov 17, 2022 – 5 PM Thanksgiving Break – Nov 23-25, 2022 WHS Craft Fair – Nov 26, 2022 – 9 AM – 3 PM Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – Parkview–Nov 28, 2022–4:30 PM WHS Jazz Band @ Wyoming Gives Back - Dec 1, 2022 - 6-8 PM Winter Choral Concert – DHFAC – Dec 5, 2022 – 7 PM WJH Holiday Band Concert – DHFAC – Dec 6, 2022 – 7 PM West Winter Music Concert – West Elementary – Dec 8, 2022 – 6 PM</p>

Wyoming Kentwood Santa Parade – Dec 10, 2022 – 10 AM
Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – West – Dec 12, 2022 – 4:30 PM
WHS Holiday Band Concert - DHFAC - Dec 13, 2022 - 7 PM
Intro To Band Solo Night - DHFAC - Jan 30, 2022 - 7 PM
Festival of the Arts - WHS - Mar 25, 2023 - 10 AM - 2 PM