



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

December 12, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM

SWEL (School Wide English Learning) Presentation –
Lisa DeMaagd

Lisa DeMaagd, WPS English Learner Program Coordinator, joined the Board meeting on Monday, December 12th to provide an overview of the SWEL (School Wide English Learning) training taking place throughout the District.

11/14/22 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 7:30 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Jay Kalis, Teacher - WHS, Effective 1/03/23
Garcia Langeveld-Blacketer, Paraprofessional - WIS, Effective 11/28/22
Ana Bocanegra, Occupational Therapist, Effective 1/03/22
Julie Hatley, Social Worker - WIS, Effective 1/09/22
Rebecca Lindenmulder, Academic Interventionist, Effective 11/28/22
Emily McKeown, Academic Interventionist–Parkview, Effective 12/05/22
Kaitlin Newton, Teacher – WIS, Effective 12/12/22
Pamela Norton, Paraprofessional – Parkview, Effective 12/05/22
Amanda Petersen, Paraprofessional - West, Effective 11/14/22
Elizabeth Schoof, Teacher - WHS, Effective 1/03/22
Kathryn Simpson, Teacher - WHS, Effective 1/03/23
Nicole Sinke, Custodial, Effective 12/13/22
Ellen TerMolen, Food Service - Gladiola, Effective 12/01/22
Ricardo Terrones, Teacher - WHS, Effective 1/03/23
Werkema, Trisha, Paraprofessional - WRC, Effective 1/03/22

Leaves of Absence:

WJH Custodian, FMLA, Effective 11/07/22 - 1/30/23
Oriole Park Teacher, FMLA, Effective 11/23/22 - 2/20/23
WHS Teacher, FMLA, Effective 11/28/22 - 12/16/22
Oriole Park Teacher, FMLA, Effective 12/06/22 - 12/12/22

Retirements / Resignations:

Amber Bernatowicz, Paraprofessional, Effective 11/11/22
Jacobi Garrett, Food Service - WJH, Effective 10/14/22
Laura Grosso, Teacher – Gladiola, Effective 12/16/22
Rebecca Lindenmulder, Paraprofessional, Effective 11/22/22
Pamela Norton, Food Service/Custodial – Parkview, Effective 12/02/22
Lorena Renis, Food Service - WIS, Effective 12/02/22
Sarah Ryder, Occupational Therapist, Effective 11/18/22
Irene Salazar-Bont, Secretary - WJH, Effective 12/02/22
Cheryl Small, Teacher - WHS, Effective 1/01/23
Melissa Stark, Teacher – WIS, Effective 12/16/22

Scholar Spotlight Presentation - WHS:	<p>On Thursday, December 10th, WHS Instructor Anna Servo and scholars from the Peer-to-Peer Leadership class joined WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach for the scholar spotlight presentation at the Board of Education committee meeting.</p> <p>The Peer-To-Peer Leadership class is a year-long course where leadership and mentoring join 10th -12th graders working together to develop a compassionate, understanding, and safe environment for scholars to learn and grow. In addition, scholars work through team-building activities, community service, and many more opportunities to build rapport. This course is also for scholars interested in leadership and/or working with special education scholars. Together, scholars learn through a leadership curriculum to become stronger leaders at WHS.</p>
WPS BoE Certificate of Determination:	<p>The Board was provided a copy of the Kent County Statement of Votes and Certificate of Determination that named Mr. Jeff Norton, Mrs. Audrey Zapata and Mrs. Lisa Manley as elected Board of Education members. Manley begins her partial term, which expires in December of 2026, on Monday, December 12th. Norton and Zapata will begin their six-year terms in January of 2023.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the upcoming scholar spotlight schedule. The spotlight is likely to start in December.</p>
Winter Athletic Participation Numbers:	<p>WPS Athletic Director, Ted Hollern, provided the Board with Wyoming High School and Junior High School winter athletic participation numbers.</p>
Wyoming Kentwood Santa Parade:	<p>On Saturday, December 10th, WPS Board Members and building administrators participated in the Wyoming Kentwood Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade.</p>
Student Services Update – Jason Maas:	<p>Jason Maas, WPS Director of Student Services, provided an update on student services over the first semester of the 2022-23 school year.</p>
October 2022 Finance Reports: Action Item - Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the October 2022 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
Christman Contract Adjustment For WJH Work: Action Item - Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the contract adjustment for The Christman Company related to the increased scope of work at Wyoming Junior High School stemming from the May 2022 bond approval.</p>
Huntington Woods Bid Award: Action Item – Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the bid awards associated with work at Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center. The firms which provided the lowest, qualified, responsive bid in their respective categories were reviewed. The total cost of work is estimated to be \$2,014,991.00. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023.</p>
Tech Department Truck Purchase: Action Item – Approved	<p>The Board reviewed and approved documents associated with the purchase of a 2019 Ram Pickup 1500 Classic from West Michigan Auto Xchange. The cost of the vehicle is listed at \$28,245.00.</p>

<p>WJH Football Program: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Wyoming Junior High football has been designated as a club sport for many years. As a club sport, coaches have been volunteers and uniforms, equipment and other supplies have been purchased by player’s parents, coaches or some supplies / equipment have passed down from the High School. WJH is requesting full district sponsorship along with paid WJH football coaches. It is estimated the annual cost to support the program would be approximately \$14,837.76 and one time start-up costs would be approximately \$21,500.00. The Board approved the request for the WJH football program to be District sponsored.</p>
<p>Club Approval Process: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the outline for an updated annual club approval process. This new process will begin in the fall of 2023.</p>
<p>WIS Mock Newbery Book Club Proposal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Intermediate Program/Club Proposal for the Newbery Club. The purpose of the club is to provide scholars the opportunity to read “the best of the best” books published each year and determine if they are deserving of a Newbery Medal. The club will expose scholars to a variety of genres, themes, and topics within entertaining fictional text.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Ferris State: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan on January 26, 2023. This trip will be offered to members of the junior and senior class and will provide the opportunity for college exposure and a campus visit.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Central Michigan: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Central Michigan University in Mt Pleasant, Michigan on December 8, 2022. This trip will provide scholars the opportunity for college exposure and a campus visit.</p>
<p>WJH Scholar Trip Request – GRCC: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WJH scholar trip request for travel to and from the GRCC Ford Fieldhouse on March 7, 2023. This trip will provide Hispanic 8th grade scholars the opportunity to attend a conference to explore career paths prior to heading into high school.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.01: Action – Expelled</p>	<p>The Board expelled the student known as #2223.01 for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student in August of 2023.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.02: Action – Expelled</p>	<p>The Board expelled the student known as #2223.02 for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student in August of 2023.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Session</u> Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 4:30 PM Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, January 9, 2023 – 6 PM Monday, January 23, 2023 – 6 PM</p>

Other:

WHS Holiday Band Concert - DHFAC - Dec 13, 2022 - 7 PM

Winter Break – December 19, 2022 – January 2, 2023

Intro To Band Solo Night - DHFAC - Jan 30, 2022 - 7 PM

Festival of the Arts - WHS - Mar 25, 2023 - 10 AM - 2 PM