



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

January 9, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

Acceptance & Oath of Office –
Manley, Norton, & Zapata

WPS Board of Education members Lisa Manley, Jeff Norton, and Audrey Zapata have all accepted the offices to which they were elected and were sworn in by taking the constitutional oath of office with notary, Christie McEwen, present.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 7:30 PM on Monday, December 12, 2022.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

DeNisha Evans, Food Service - WIS, Effective 1/09/23
Alexander Martinez, Music Teacher - Gladiola, Effective 1/04/23
Jeremy Tackett, Bus Driver, Effective 1/09/23

Leaves of Absence:

Tracy Hale, Year Long Leave of Absence, Effective 10/03/22 – 10/02/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Karla Akins, Secondary Director of Teaching & Learning, Effective 12/31/22
Susan Russo, Food Service - WHS, Effective 1/03/23
Laura Grosso, Teacher - Gladiola, Effective 1/13/23

Scholar Spotlight Presentation –
Parkview Elementary:

At the Board committee meeting on Thursday, January 5th, Principal Nick Damico, teacher Jody Hartigan, and KSSN Coordinator Sarai Gamez led the Parkview Elementary Scholar Spotlight Presentation. The group highlighted the Parkview Student Council and all the outstanding work they do with and for their school community.

The Parkview Student Council team recently held a yearbook cover design contest and announced the winner prior to winter break. They made a video to explain the contest and another one to announce the winner. The scholar leaders also help deliver sack suppers and plan building activities. During the presentation, the scholars discussed the 5 C's of student leadership (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and community) and what it looks like to be a scholar leader at Parkview.

2022/2023 Staffing Update:

Sarah Earnest, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided the Board with a 2022-23 staffing update. She noted that the District had recently hired some ancillary staff as well as a few new teachers. The new posting for the school safety liaison went out last week. HR hopes to screen candidates this week and conduct interviews next week.

<p>2023 Board Organizational Resolutions: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The WPS 2023 Board Organizational Resolutions, which require annual approval, were reviewed and approved. The annual organizational resolutions include Board member responsibilities, designation of an election coordinator, approval of financial institutions, legal representation, check, purchase order and employment contract signing, along with WPS Board of Education meeting dates and times.</p>
<p>School Board Appreciation – January 23, 2023:</p>	<p>January is School Board Appreciation month. On Monday January 23rd, as a District, we will thank the WPS Board of Education for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District.</p>
<p>Wyoming Intermediate Family Communication:</p>	<p>On January 5th, Superintendent Hoekstra sent a family communication to WIS families in response to some community feedback on scholar behaviors.</p>
<p>Scholar Advisory Committee To The Superintendent:</p>	<p>Scholars from Wyoming Intermediate, Wyoming Junior High, and Wyoming High School will meet with Superintendent Hoekstra from January through May as an advisory committee to provide feedback on building-level celebrations and growth opportunities to assist in future planning.</p>
<p>Superintendent Evaluation – Sections A & B:</p>	<p>Following the committee meeting on Thursday, January 19th, the Board will meet to work through Section A, Governance & Board Relations, and Section B, Community Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2022-23 evaluation. The group will use the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.</p>
<p>November 2022 Finance Reports: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the November 2022 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>Ford Truck Purchase MiDeal: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of a Ford truck through MiDeal. The cost of the vehicle is \$38,293 and includes the plow. This purchase was originally set for October of 2021.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Davenport University: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Davenport University on January 13, 2023, for Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional competition.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Project Search (Downtown GR): Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Downtown Grand Rapids on February 7, 2023, to tour the Project Search program post-secondary opportunities offered to WPS CI students upon their graduation.</p>
<p>WHS Club Proposal – Dungeons & Dragons: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the Wyoming High School Program/Club Proposal for a Dungeons & Dragons Club. The purpose of the club is to provide scholars a place to engage in team building, problem solving, and community building.</p>

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 23, 2023 – 6 PM

Monday, February 13, 2023 – 6 PM

Other:

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – Glad – Jan 30, 2022 – 4:30 PM

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

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – West – Feb 27, 2023 – 4:30 PM

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