



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character:

WHS Principal Josh Baumbach and teacher John Doyle were in attendance on Monday (01/23/23) evening to share the Wyoming High School building spotlight [presentation](#) which recognized the newest Alpha Wolf 11 award recipients (Zander Creamer, Omar Resendiz-Parra, Tarren Calvert, Berlinda Pablo-Pablo, Gage Behrenbrinker, Dominik Cross, Bryce Bosovich, Jesus Valadez Cano). These scholars were recently selected by staff and peers at Wyoming High School as Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character for displaying kindness, compassion, and gratitude in all that they do.

Zander Creamer, told the group he was surprised to be chosen as an Alpha Wolf 11 Champion of Character. He noted that he was very emotional to receive such an honor and feels the program is creating new leaders in the building.

Omar Resendiz-Parra said he was surprised and excited to win the award.

Tarren Calvert explained that winning the award meant a lot to him. He noted how important it is to have positive interactions with your peers.

Berlinda Pablo-Pablo said she was really happy to win the award and didn't fully realize the impact she had on others. She feels as if the AW11 program at the high school is helping scholars learn to communicate with and respect each other. She said after the past couple of years students had forgotten how to communicate with each other and that this program is helping to get everyone "back into society."

Gage Behrenbrinker told the group it has been an amazing experience and he was happy to see his family proud. He said it is fulfilling to know he has had a positive impact on his peers and when everyone chips in that anything is possible.

Dominik "Buster" Cross said that he attended the event as a middle schooler and saw his brother win the award. He wanted to be like his older brother and strived to win the award. He appreciates that the District acknowledges kindness. He believes the AW11 program has changed the culture of the school and has created an upbeat environment. Buster thanked the Board for their support of the program and scholars.

Bryce Bosovich noted that when he first began attending WHS he didn't fully realize the impact the program would have on him and the school. He thought it was a popularity contest. After attending his first AW11 assembly, his perception changed. He was moved when he saw the winners interact with their families and wanted that experience too. Bryce feels the program is a good way to bring the school community together and was honored to win the award.

<p>01/09/23 Board Minutes: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for their support of the program and noted that the program has grown from year to year based on scholar voice.</p> <p>The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 7:30 PM on Monday, January 9, 2023.</p>
<p>Personnel Transactions: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:</p> <p><u>New Hires:</u> Duane David, Auditorium Technician/District Systems Specialist, Effective 2/06/23 Annaka Ediger, Paraprofessional – WRC, Effective 1/23/23 Jessica Jenkinson, Student Advocate – Parkview, Effective 1/16/23 Jacob Skaggs, Dean – WJH, Effective 1/23/23 Rachael VanGarderen, Paraprofessional – Oriole Park, Effective 1/11/23</p>
<p>School Safety Liaison Update:</p>	<p><u>Retirements / Resignations:</u> Eva Pritchard, Food Service, Effective 1/20/23</p> <p>The Board was provided an update on the recent hiring of four (4) school safety liaisons.</p>
<p>School Board Appreciation:</p>	<p>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 cards, treats, and merchandise provided by each building.</p>
<p>Scholar Spotlight Presentation Schedule:</p>	<p>The Board will host three remaining Scholar Spotlight presentations on February 9th with Wyoming Junior High and HWECC, March 9th with West and Oriole Park, and May 4th with Gladiola and Wyoming Intermediate School.</p>
<p>Spring Count Day:</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 8, 2023, will be the second Student Count Day for the 2022-23 school year. All students who are “unexcused” on Count Day have ten (10) school days to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. Students who are “excused” have thirty (30) calendar days to report back to school. Spring count day represents 10% of the state funding per student.</p>
<p>Superintendent Evaluation – Sections A & B:</p>	<p>Following the committee meeting, 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>December 2022 Finance Reports: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the December 2022 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>WJHS Construction Bids: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved bid documents associated with construction work at Wyoming Junior High School. The total project budget is estimated at \$34,349,017.</p>

<p>2023-24 Budget Update: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board was provided an update on the 2023-24 budget.</p>
<p>Bus Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the low bid associated with the purchase of a new 77-passenger bus. The lowest qualified bid was submitted by Holland Bus Company in the amount of \$132,258.</p>
<p>Illustrative Mathematics – Year 1 Implementation Update:</p>	<p>Dr. Slanger, WPS Director of Teaching and Learning, provided the Board with a summary of the year one implementation of Illustrative Mathematics.</p>
<p>2023-24 WHS Curriculum Guide: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the 2023-2024 WHS Curriculum Guide, which included updates to course offerings at Wyoming High School.</p>
<p>WHS Early Graduation Request of Scholar 2223.01: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS scholar 2223.01, pending successful completion of the required 22 Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) expectations.</p>
<p>WHS Early Graduation Request of Scholar 2223.02: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS scholar 2223.02, pending successful completion of the required 22 Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) expectations.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.03: Action Item – Expelled</p>	<p>A recommendation was made for the expulsion of the student known as #2223.03 for 180 days. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student in January of 2024.</p>
<p>Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.04: Action Item – Expelled</p>	<p>A recommendation was made for the expulsion of the student known as #2223.04 for 180 days. Reinstatement of this student would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the student in January of 2024.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Session</u> Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 4:30 PM Thursday, February 23, 2023 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, February 13, 2023 – 6 PM Monday, February 27, 2023 – 6 PM</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – Glad – Jan 30, 2022 – 4:30 PM Intro To Band Solo Night - DHFAC - Jan 30, 2022 - 7 PM Winter Break – February 17, 2023 Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – West – Feb 27, 2023 – 4:30 PM Festival of the Arts - WHS - Mar 25, 2023 - 10 AM - 2 PM</p>