



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

February 13, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

01/23/23 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, January 23, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

#### **New Hires:**

Christie Berry, Food Service - WHS, Effective 1/16/23

Taneshia Ezell, Food Service - WHS, Effective 2/06/23

Jan-l Garza, Food Service - WHS, Effective 1/16/23

Katelyn Kersjes, Food Service - Floater, Effective 1/23/23

Eloise West, Food Service - WHS, Effective 1/16/23

#### **Retirements / Resignations:**

Jairad Hallo, Network & Technology Specialist, Effective 2/17/23

HWECC Spotlight Presentation  
– Augmentative & Alternative  
Communication:

At the Board Committee meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023, Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center Director, Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams and teachers, Tara White, Katie Sleeper, Amanda Costlow-Kapolnek, and Ana Bocanegra provided a [presentation](#) on how augmented and alternative methods of communication are used by the scholars in their building.

WJH Spotlight Presentation –  
College & Career Pathways:

Dr. Alex Schukow, Wyoming Junior High Principal, and two (2) scholars, Argenis Jones-Diaz and Teagyn Ager, shared with the Board the college and career pathway program available at Wyoming Junior High School at the Board Committee meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

KIASB Dinner – March 8,  
2023:

KIASB will be hosting a dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6 PM at the Kent Career Tech Center. The dinner presentation will focus on leveraging scholar voice to lead change. Attendees will learn about the Scholar Perception Survey and why it is important to have a common measure of scholar engagement, belonging, and social emotional wellbeing. A panel of scholars, including WHS senior Symone Gray, from Kent ISD's Scholar Leadership Community will share their personal experiences in school and what we can do to better support the academic experiences of our scholars. Those interested in attending should RSVP with Christie McEwen by no later than February 21<sup>st</sup>.

<p>Cherry Health Services Partnership: <b>Action Item – Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board approved the continued partnership with Cherry Health Services and use of the Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health (E3) grant funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services which allows for master’s level mental health providers to offer counseling services in the school setting.</p> <p>Since 2019, Cherry Health has partnered with Wyoming Public Schools to provide scholars mental health services at Wyoming Junior High School as part of the E3 grant. This partnership has positively impacted many lives, including 32 scholars in the last quarter of 2022 alone. As part of the E3 grant Cherry Health is seeking approval for these services to continue at Wyoming Junior High School.</p>
<p>Count Day Update:</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 8, 2023, was the second Scholar Count Day for the 2022-23 school year. All scholars who were “unexcused” on Count Day have ten (10) school days to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. Scholars who were “excused” have thirty (30) calendar days to report back to school. Spring count day represents 10% of the state funding per scholar.</p>
<p>Board Professional Development:</p>	<p>It was determined that the Board will participate in a professional development session with Dr. Tammy Campbell on Thursday, June 8th from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. During this session, Dr. Campbell will review the work completed to date and lay out next steps in the strategic planning process. The Board will begin their committee work session at 6:30 PM that evening following the professional development session.</p>
<p>Board Appreciation Breakfast – West Elementary Media Center February 24, 2023 at 7:45 AM:</p>	<p>Members of the WPS Board of Education are invited to join the staff at West Elementary School for an appreciation breakfast. The breakfast will begin at 7:45 AM on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center.</p>
<p>Bond Authorizing Resolution: <b>Action Item - Approved</b></p>	<p>The Board reviewed for approval a resolution authorizing the sale of \$24.9 M in bonds for construction related to the passing of the May of 2022 WPS bond resolution.</p>
<p>2022-23 Sec. 98b Goal Progress Report:</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the Section 98(b) Benchmark Report summarizing the percent of scholars who met their projected growth target in reading and math as measured by the MAP Growth Reading and Math assessments.</p>
<p>2023 Kindergarten Registration:</p>	<p>Kindergarten Registration will take place the week of April 17, 2023. Dates for Kindergarten Open House and Kindergarten Smart Start will be finalized in the near future.</p>

WIDA Testing Update:	The WIDA Testing window opened on February 6 and is open through mid-March. With the leadership of Lisa DeMaagd, our Title III Coordinator, our EL staff is working through testing all of our multilingual scholars during this annual testing window.
WJH Book Use Request – <i>Speak</i> :	The Board reviewed the request to use <i>Speak: The Graphic Novel</i> in 8th grade English. The Board will read the book and add the use request as an action item at a future meeting.
SOC Resolution – Section 105: <b>Action Item – Opt Out</b>	The Board opted out of Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 for the 2023-2024 school year.
SOC Resolution – Section 105c: <b>Action Item – Opt In</b>	The Board opted in to Section 105c of the School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000 for the 2023-2024 school year.
Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board approved participation in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2023-2024 school year.
Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.05: <b>Action Item – Expelled</b>	As part of the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, the District will accept 150 school of choice scholars grades K-5 for the 2023-2024 school year.  A recommendation was made for the expulsion of the scholar known as #2223.05 for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Reinstatement of this scholar would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the scholar in August of 2023.
Suspension / Expulsion of Scholar 2223.06: <b>Action Item – Expelled</b>	A recommendation was made for the expulsion of the scholar known as #2223.06 for 180 days. Reinstatement of this scholar would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the scholar in February of 2024.
<b><u>Upcoming Events:</u></b>	<p><b><u>Board Committee Work Session</u></b> Thursday, February 23, 2023 – 4:30 PM Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b> Monday, February 27, 2023 – 6 PM Monday, March 13, 2023 – 6 PM</p> <p><b><u>Other:</u></b> Winter Break – February 17, 2023 Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – West – Feb 27 – 4:30 PM Festival of the Arts - WHS - Mar 25, 2023 - 10 AM - 2 PM</p>