

WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3575 Gladiola Avenue SW | Wyoming, Michigan 49519

WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting February 27, 2023 ~ 5:00 PM

2023-24 WJH Curriculum Guide Presentation: Dr. Alex Schukow Dr. Alex Schukow, Wyoming Junior High School Principal, reviewed proposed changes and updates to the 2023-24 WJH Curriculum Guide with the Board.

02/13/23 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, February 13, 2023.

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved** The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

Leaves of Absence:

Chelsea Snoderly, Paraprofessional – West, FMLA 2/15/23 - 3/31/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Jennifer Toda, Food Service - WJH, Effective 3/10/23

Superintendent Evaluation – Sections D & E:

Sections D & E of the MASB superintendent evaluation tool were scheduled to be completed on Thursday, February $23^{\rm rd}$. Because of severe weather and bad travel conditions, the committee meeting on February $23^{\rm rd}$ was canceled. Sections D & E of the evaluation tool will now be completed by the Board at the committee work session scheduled for March $23^{\rm rd}$.

January 2023 Finance Reports: **Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the January 2023 check register and budget to actual report.

WIS Chess Club Request: **Action Item – Approved** The Board reviewed the WIS program proposal to begin a 5th grade Chess Club. If approved, the club will allow scholars to learn the intellectually demanding game of chess, build relationships with peers, and practice logic and reasoning skills.

2023-24 WJH Curriculum Guide:

The Board reviewed and approved the 2023-24 WJH Curriculum Guide, which included updates to course offerings at Wyoming Junior High School.

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request to use *Speak: The Graphic Novel* in 8th grade English classes at Wyoming Junior High School.

Speak: The Graphic Novel: Action Item – Approved

WHS Wrestling Trip Request: **Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan on March 2-4, 2023, for wrestling individual state championships.

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WHS Bowling Trip Request: **Action Item - Approved**

AW11 Friends Mentoring Program:

The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Allen Park, Michigan on March 3-4, 2023 for bowling individual state championships.

Last week, our AW11 Friends Mentoring Program launched, providing our high school and elementary scholars the opportunity to connect with one another and learn more about what it means to be an Alpha Wolf 11. Our WHS scholars were able to visit Parkview, Oriole Park, and West Elementary schools prior to the snow days. Our WHS scholars begin building relationships with our elementary scholars by working in the classroom on academics together, helping with transitions from one class to another, standing together in line for lunch, and even playing out on the playground.

The first visits were centered around building relationships and the AW11 virtue of kindness. Each of the elementary scholar received an AW11 Champion of Character bracelets from a high school scholar. The group also discussed what it means to be an AW11 Champion of Character. Surprisingly, many already knew what it meant to be an AW11. In fact, one student was asked what the most important part was of being AW 11 and his response was "being a leader of the pack who is kind."

The AW11 Friends Mentoring Program currently represents 182 high school students (grades 9-12) mentoring 485 elementary students among our four elementary buildings. This spring, there will be 6 mentoring visits to each of the four elementary buildings.

The Board thanked WHS teacher, John Doyle, for his leadership in developing and launching the program. They also recognized WPS elementary principals and staff for embracing this opportunity.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 4:30 PM Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 13, 2023 – 6 PM Monday, March 27, 2023 – 6 PM

Other:

KIASB Dinner – March 8, 2023 – 6 PM – KCTC West Literacy Night – West- March 16, 2023 – 5:30 PM Festival of the Arts - WHS - March 25, 2023 - 10 AM - 2 PM Feeding America Food Pantry–Parkview–March 27 at 4:30 PM Spring Break – March 31 – April 7, 2023 Feeding America Food Pantry–Gladiola–April 24 at 4:30 PM