



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

March 13, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

02/27/23 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Maria Ivelisse Rodriguez, Secretary – WJH, Effective 3/20/23

Leaves of Absence:

Teacher – WJH, FMLA, Effective 3/1/23 – 3/31/23

Teacher – WJH, Medical Leave, Effective 3/2/23 – 3/19/23

Speech Pathologist – District, FMLA, Effective 3/13/23 – 6/2/23

Teacher – Gladiola, FMLA, Effective 3/7/23 – 3/22/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Taneshia Ezell, Food Service – WHS, Effective 2/28/23

Yesenia Rivas, Food Service, Effective 3/10/23

Peter Rizzo, Technology Integration & Support, Effective 3/10/23

Deborah Sheick, Food Service, Effective 3/03/23

Oriole Park Elementary
Building Spotlight – Belonging:

On Thursday evening, Oriole Park Elementary Principal, Kristen Minard, along with staff and scholars, shared with the Board the intentional planning and commitment to providing a welcoming, caring, and supportive environment. Scholars shared with the Board their writing on the topic of belonging.

West Elementary Building
Spotlight – Scholar Voice:

On Thursday evening, West Elementary Principal, Brian Hartigan, and scholars shared with the Board how they've used scholar voice to help inform decisions that improve and enhance their school.

BoE Meeting Start Times:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved changing the March 27th, April 24th, May 8th, and May 22nd board meeting start time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GEAR UP Grant Update:

The Board received a GEAR UP grant update. This partnership affords access and opportunities for our scholars with Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport University, Ferris State University, and Grand Valley State University.

<p>Purchase Agreement For Sale of 3600 Byron Center Ave.: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the purchase agreement for the sale of the REI building to Kent ISD. The purchase agreement includes the sale of the building and parking lot to the south, but it does not include the sale of the athletic fields to the east. WPS will retain ownership of the fields. Sale price: \$1,650,000.</p>
<p>Consumers Easement Agreement - WJH Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved an electric utility easement for Consumers Energy related to the relocation of utilities at Wyoming Junior High School.</p>
<p>WJH Movie Request - <i>Speak</i>: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High 8th grade ELA movie request to view the 2004 film <i>Speak</i>, which is rated PG-13, and add it to the list of permanently approved District movies.</p> <p>Scholars in 8th grade ELA end the school year reading the book <i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson (published in 1999). If approved, students would evaluate scenes and the overall story for screenwriter and director choice as well as technology and updates to a story that was published five years prior. Students would then examine scenes from the graphic novel that was published in 2018 to see what further changes were made, and how the story continues to be relevant almost 20 years after it was originally published.</p>
<p>WHS Trip Request – Robotics To EK: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from East Kentwood High School in Kentwood, Michigan from March 29th through April 1st for a robotics competition.</p>
<p>WHS Trip Request – Robotics To Orchard View: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Orchard View High School in Muskegon, Michigan from March 16th through March 18th for a robotics competition.</p>
<p>WJH & WHS Trip Request – Cesar E. Chavez Social Justice March: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Cesar E. Chavez Social Justice March in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 16, 2023.</p>
<p>WJH & WHS Trip Request – STOMP: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from DeVos Hall in Downtown Grand Rapids on March 17, 2023, for members of the music department to see STOMP.</p>

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 27, 2023 – 5 PM

Monday, April 24, 2023 – 5 PM

Other:

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

Oriole Park Literacy Night – Oriole Park – March 28, 2023 – 6 PM

Spring Break – March 31 – April 7, 2023

Feeding America Food Pantry–Gladiola–April 24 at 4:30 PM

K-8 BoE Scholar Citizenship Awards - April 24, 2023 - 5 PM

2022-23 WPS Retiree Celebration - May 18, 2023 - 6 PM