



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting April 24, 2023 ~ 5:00 PM

K-8 WPS BoE Scholar
Citizenship Awards:

A total of nineteen (19) K-9 scholars were recognized by their building principals for their contributions in the areas of service, effort, and kindness. Each award recipient was provided a certificate and medal.

The 2023 WPS Board of Education Scholar Citizenship Award
Winners were:

Gladiola – Ashanti Charleston, Mywen Boirond, Elliott Covington
Oriole Park – Samantha Roelofs, Gael Arce-Aburto, Ben Humfleet
Parkview – Zavier Bell, Zayne Bell, Andromeda Murray
West – Angel Arguello, Kaylisia Smith, Joclin Pryor
WIS – Phoenix Alm, Broderick Millage, Alesia Mitchell
WJH – Nayeli Horan, Lucy Renteria, Jaiden Martinez, Brian Carrera

Following the award ceremony, a brief break was held for refreshments.

03/27/23 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, March 27, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Kim Glazer, Food Service - WJH, Effective 4/10/23
Bridget Jenkinson, Paraprofessional - Oriole Park, Effective 4/17/23
Elizabeth McCune, Food Service - WHS, Effective 4/10/23

Leaves of Absence:

Counselor - District, FMLA / LOA, 3/1/23 - 4/28/23
Teacher - Oriole Park, FMLA, Effective 3/20/23 - 8/21/23
Teacher - WJH, FMLA, Effective 3/1/23 - 3/31/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Stephanie Davis, Teacher - WRC, Effective 8/14/23
Katelyn Kersjes, Food Service, Effective 3/30/23

Wyoming Kentwood Area
Chamber Foundation
Scholarship Recipient:

Dominique Rosas-Altamirano, WHS Senior, was recently selected as a recipient of a Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber Foundation scholarship. Along with the monetary prize, scholarship winners will be celebrated at a luncheon on April 28, 2023 at Brann's Steakhouse at 11:30 AM.

<p>Superintendent Evaluation Section C:</p>	<p>On May 18th, following the committee meeting, the Board will complete section C, Staff Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2022-23 evaluation. The group will use the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB..</p>
<p>KIASB Legislative Dinner – April 27, 2023</p>	<p>The Board was reminded of the upcoming KIASB Legislative Dinner which will be held at KCTC on Thursday, April 27th at 6 PM.</p>
<p>Cherry Health Partnership MOU: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved an MOU between Cherry Street Health and Wyoming Public Schools. The MOU is intended to expand the provision of behavioral health services to scholars in grades 7 and 8. The expansion allows for a full-time therapist at the school to provide individual, group and family services as well as providing training / professional development for school staff in behavioral health. The expectation is that a minimum of 50 cases per year will be served, the behavioral health services will follow parental and minor consent policies and will have space for services located within Wyoming Junior High School.</p>
<p>2023 Family Move Up Nights:</p>	<p>WPS is hosting a series of move-up presentations for parents and guardians of current 4th, 6, and 8th grade scholars. These presentations will allow scholars and their families the opportunity to learn about our schools and tour the buildings.</p>
<p>Alpha Wolf 11 – May 11, 2023:</p>	<p>On Thursday May 11th, an Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character celebration will be held at Wyoming High School at 12:30 PM. Scholars in grades 9-12 will be recognized for their kindness, compassion, and graciousness.</p>
<p>2023 Commencement:</p>	<p>2023 WHS Commencement is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will be held at the WHS football stadium. Board members should plan to arrive by no later than 6:00 PM. Thursday, May 25th has been held as a backup date in case of inclement weather on the 24th.</p>
<p>Building Scholar Spotlight – May 4, 2023:</p>	<p>At the Board committee meeting on Thursday, May 4th, staff and scholars from Gladiola Elementary and Wyoming Intermediate will provide spotlight presentations showcasing points of pride within their buildings.</p>
<p>March 2023 Finance Reports: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the March 2023 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>Thrun Policy Services: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board approved the change from using NEOLA for Board policies and guidelines to using Thrun Law Firm’s policies and update service. The change will be effective July 1, following work to adapt Thrun policies for Wyoming-specific language as needed.</p>

<p>HWECC & WIS Furniture Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the purchase request for furniture for the ECSE program and for a portion of Wyoming Intermediate. The Wyoming Intermediate order will replace student desks and chairs as well as teaching stations. Classroom storage and shelving will be addressed in a second order to coincide with the larger renovations at the building, set to begin next summer.</p>
<p>Credit Rating:</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the district’s recent credit rating report from Standard and Poor’s that was issued ahead of the sale of the final series of bonds related to construction work. The district’s A+ rating was affirmed, and the analysts assigned a stable outlook on the district’s finances.</p>
<p>WJH Trip Request – TRIO: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School for scholar travel to and from the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo on April 27, 2023. Scholars will explore the history and knowledge of aviation, science, engineering, technology, and flight and space travel. The programming for this event is designed to support STEAM curriculum.</p>
<p>WRC Trip Request: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming Regional Center for scholar travel to and from Celebration Cinema on April 27, 2023, to watch The Super Mario Bro movie. The viewing of the movie accompanies ELA learning about personification and also doubles as the PBIS end of the month celebration for scholars who have met behavioral goals for the month of April. Scholars must have a completed parent permission slip to attend the movie.</p>
<p>6th Grade Advanced Math:</p>	<p>Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, 6th grade scholars will have access to an advanced math class. To be recommended for placement, scholars will have demonstrated success throughout 5th grade math, as well as performed well on the NWEA MAP Math Growth assessment.</p>
<p>2023-24 WJH Curriculum Guide – <i>Updated Course Titles</i> – Action Item: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved revisions to the 7th grade Social Studies course title and description. The current title is 7th Grade Social Studies; the proposed change is World History Through 1750. The proposed course title and description would allow WJH to reflect more accurately what is taught during 7th grade History.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p>	<p><u>Board Committee Work Session</u> Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 4:30 PM Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 4:30 PM</p> <p><u>Board Meetings:</u> Monday, May 8, 2023 – 5 PM Monday, May 22, 2023 – 5 PM</p> <p>www.WyomingPS.org</p>

Other:

KIASB Legislative Dinner – KCTC – April 27, 2023 – 6 PM

Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration – May 11, 2023 – 12 PM

2022-23 WPS Retiree Celebration – May 18, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - West – May 22nd - 4:30 PM

WHS Class of 2023 Graduation – May 24, 2023 – 6:30 PM