



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

September 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

08/28/23 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, August 28, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Brittany Acuna, Food Service, Effective 8/28/23

Olivia Bentley, Paraprofessional - West, Effective 9/5/23

Caitlin Casnave, Food Service, Effective 8/28/23

Brenna Fraser, Principal - Parkview, Effective 8/31/23

Sarai Gamez, School Community Coordinator - PV, Effective 8/31/23

Heiko Haight, Paraprofessional - West, Effective 9/5/23

Andrea Nickels, Food Service, Effective 8/31/23

Joy Pratt, School Community Coordinator - WIS & OP, Effective 9/11/23

Anna Rivera, School Community Coordinator - West & Glad, Effective 9/11/23

Joseph Steffes, Safety & Security Coordinator, Effective 9/25/23

Marangelis Villegas, Food Service, Effective 8/28/23

Eloise West, Food Service, Effective 8/28/23

Leaves of Absence:

Administrator - WHS, Effective 9/19/23 - 11/01/23

Teacher - Gladiola, Effective 9/26/23 - 10/16/23

Teacher - WHS, Effective 10/2/23 - 11/27/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Kaley Obney, Teacher – WJH, Effective 9/15/23

Renee Thomas, Secretary - Special Education, Effective 8/31/23

Repeal NEOLA Policy 5517.01:
Action Item – Repeal

A public hearing under MCL 380.1310b(2) was held to modify the Board's bullying policy. Under MCL 380.1310b, the Board voted to repeal the current bullying policy (5517.01).

Adopt Thrun Policy 5207:
Action Item – Adopted

A public hearing under MCL 380.1310b(2) was held to modify the Board's bullying policy. Under MCL 380.1310b, the Board voted to adopt the Thrun policy 5207.

Board of Education Terms:

WPS Board of Education members currently serve six-year terms. The group discussed the possibility of changing term limits from six years to four years in future elections. If this change were to take place, District policies would have to be amended and the process outlined by the Kent County Director of Elections would have to be followed.

<p>Scholar Advisory To The Superintendent:</p>	<p>The Scholar Advisory to the Superintendent is scheduled to start on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, and is scheduled to conclude on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The scholar leaders will meet a total of seven times.</p>
<p>2023-24 Board of Education Scholar Spotlights:</p>	<p>The scholar building spotlight presentations will begin on Thursday, October 5, 2023, with Wyoming High School kicking off the schedule. There will be a total of seven work sessions this year that will incorporate the opportunity to elevate scholar voice.</p>
<p>2023-24 Special Recognition Dates & Locations:</p>	<p>The Board was made aware of three future events for planning purposes. First, on Monday, January 22, 2024, the Board will be honored in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. Second, on Monday, April 22, 2024, the Board will recognize and honor K-8 scholar award recipients in the areas of kindness, service, and effort. Lastly, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, we will honor and thank this year's retirees with a dinner and words of appreciation for their dedicated work.</p>
<p>MDE Annual Required Certifications: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved two (2) expectations of the District set forth by the Michigan Department of Education. The first expectation was regarding constitutionally protected prayer and the second was regarding the observance of Michigan Constitution Day on September 17th.</p>
<p>2023-24 LARA Annual Delegation: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the annual LARA (Licensing And Regulatory Affairs) delegation form. This document provides annual delegation of school plan review and inspection authority to a local unit of government enforcing agency, the City of Wyoming.</p>
<p>MISEC Solar Consortium Participation Agreement: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The District is committed to reducing its environmental impact and operating costs. Solar energy is a clean, renewable source of energy that can aid the District in achieving its goals.</p> <p>The District is currently a member of the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) and a participant in the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) Electric Choice program. MISEC has received a proposal from NorthStar Clean Energy, a CMS Energy company, for the installation of an off-site solar energy system that will generate electricity for the School District.</p> <p>The District approved Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC), as Agent on behalf of the District, and entered into a 15 year Power Purchase Agreement for 30% of the District's annual electricity usage with NorthStar Clean Energy at a fixed rate not to exceed \$0.075/kWh for the generation and delivery of solar electricity, with commercial operation expected to begin in June of 2025.</p>

WHS Gym and Music Controls Upgrade:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a proposal from Trane in the amount of \$39,465 to upgrade gym and music controls at Wyoming High School.

WJH Trip Request – NCTE Conference:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School for teacher, Katie Sluiter, to travel to Columbus, Ohio on November 17, 2023, and return on November 20, 2023, to attend and present at the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) annual conference.

WHS Trip Request – NCTM Annual Meeting:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming High School for teacher, Clare Bunton, to travel to Washington D.C. on October 25, 2023, and return on October 29, 2023, to attend the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) annual meeting and exposition.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, September 25, 2023 – 6 PM

Monday, October 9, 2023 – 6 PM

Other:

Constitution Day – September 17, 2023

Feeding America Food Pantry–Parkview–Sept. 25, 2023–4:30 PM

Fall Count Day – October 4, 2023

Homecoming - October 13th (football game) & October 14th (dance)