



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

September 25, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

09/11/23 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, September 11, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

#### **New Hires:**

John Farris, Custodial, Effective 9/06/23

Louise McKenzie, Social Worker – WHS, Effective 8/15/23

Melissa Sutton, Paraprofessional - WIS, Effective 9/7/23

Lynne Sytsma, Food Service - WIS, Effective 9/20/23

#### **Leaves of Absence:**

Teacher - Gladiola, FMLA, Effective 11/13/23 - 2/05/24

Teacher – Oriole Park, FMLA, Effective 9/11/23 – 12/22/23

Teacher - Parkview, Intermittent Leave, Effective 9/15/23 - 8/19/24

Teacher - WHS, Intermittent Leave, Effective 9/4/23 - 6/30/24

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Teacher - WHS, FMLA, Effective 9/26/23 - 11/21/23

Teacher - WHS, FMLA, Effective 11/08/23 - 12/04/23

Teacher - WHS, FMLA, Effective 2/16/24 - 5/13/24

Food Service, FMLA, Effective 9/12/23 – 10/24/23

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

Melissa Sutton, Food Service - WIS, Effective 9/7/23

2023-24 WPS Extracurricular Clubs:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the list of 2023-24 extracurricular clubs requested by Wyoming Intermediate, Wyoming Junior High School, and Wyoming High School staff members.

5309 Policy Update:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved a requested revision to Policy 5309 to include "honors and awards" as directory information.

OK2SAY Parent Presentation:

Wyoming Intermediate, Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming High School parents were invited to attend the OK2SAY Parent Presentation on Thursday, September 21st at 6 PM at the Wyoming Junior High School Auditorium.

OK2SAY is the scholar safety program that allows scholars to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at scholars, school employees, and schools. It uses a comprehensive communication system to facilitate tip sharing

	among scholars, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and law enforcement officials about harmful behaviors that threaten to disrupt the learning environment.
GRCC Gear Up:	WPS is in its sixth year of partnership with the GRCC GEAR UP program. GEAR UP Wyoming has served approximately 900 scholars in the four Wyoming partner districts. The focus has been primarily on math support, which has included classroom support and before/after school math tutoring. In the final year of this partnership, the focus will be on supporting seniors in post-high school planning.
August 2023 Finance Reports: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the August 2023 check register and budget to actual report.
Chromebook Purchase: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$88,542 from CDW-G for the purchase of three hundred sixty (360) HP Chromebooks with the Google Chrome Education Upgrade.
WHS Trip Request – AW11 Leadership Retreat: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from Little Pine Island Camp in Comstock Park on October 18-19, 2023. Scholars will spend time outdoors with their peers working on team-building activities that require problem solving and critical thinking skills. The group will also spend time developing plans to integrate AW11 Principles into the WHS school day. They will also plan after school activities which help instill a sense of belonging and elevate scholar voice while also celebrating diversity.
Staff Trip Request – SWEL Training: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Lisa DeMaagd, WPS English Learner Program Coordinator, to lead a group of newcomer teachers to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to see SWEL (School Wide English Language) work in action at schools and also attend MELED, Minnesota’s state conference for EL. If approved, the group would travel to Minneapolis on November 15, 2023, and return on November 17, 2023.
WJH Trip Request – Adventure Point: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the scholar travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School for travel to and from Adventure Point in Walker, Michigan on October 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 as part of the College and Career Class. As part of the trip package, scholars will receive a DiSC Profile, a one-day retreat at Adventure Point, and Summit Leadership will push into the classroom two times per month to teach lessons on leadership that align with the College and Career Exploration course currently taught at Wyoming Junior High.

WPS PASE (Parent Advisor To  
Special Education)  
Representative:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the request made by Jason Maas, WPS Director of Student Services, for Khalilah Miles to serve as the District parent representative on the county-wide PASE (Parent Advisor To Special Education) committee. Each District is required to have a PASE representative on the ISD team. Ms. Miles' duties will include gathering information from the ISD and disseminating it to the parents of children with special needs. She will also be a part of the decision-making process regarding the needs of students with special needs. This is a volunteer position within the District.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 19, 2023 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, October 9, 2023 – 6 PM

Monday, October 23, 2023 – 6 PM

**Other:**

Parkview Parent Night – September 28, 2023 – 5 PM

Fall Count Day – October 4, 2023

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

Oriole Park Family Night – October 18, 2023 – 5 PM

KIASB Fall Dinner – October 18, 2023 – 6 PM

Scholar ½ Day - October 19th & 20th

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry-Gladiola-Oct. 23, 2023-4:30 PM

AW11 Celebration – December 15, 2023 – 12:30 PM