



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

01/08/24 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character:

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2024.

WHS Principal Josh Baumbach and teacher John Doyle were in attendance on Monday (01/22/24) evening to share the Wyoming High School building spotlight presentation which recognized the newest Alpha Wolf 11 award recipients (Huber Aburto-Plancarte, Argenis Jones-Diaz, Jamal Huff, Logan Lubberts, Haidyn Ager, Lillian Henry, Precious Smith-Bell, Emily Torres). These scholars were recently selected by staff and peers at Wyoming High School as Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character for displaying kindness, compassion, and gratitude in all that they do.

During the December 15th ceremony, Wyoming High School also posthumously honored the life and legacy of long time custodian John Farris. Mr. Farris' family were in attendance to accept the award.

Huber Aburto-Plancarte noted that he was really grateful to be recognized as an Alpha Wolf 11. He said he always tries his best and was surprised to win the award.

Argenis Jones-Diaz works to set an example and be kind each day. He feels being recognized as an Alpha Wolf 11 has set a precedent for his future.

Jamal Huff said that it was a great honor to be recognized. Winning the award has made him feel more a part of the WHS community.

Logan Lubberts felt that the hard work she has been putting in to go to college and be a good friend was acknowledged when she was announced as one of the most recent Alpha Wolf 11 award winners.

Haidyn Ager stated that she was grateful to win the award and that she strives to be a good leader and friend each day. She said it was very special to be recognized with her good friend Lillian and that it was one of the best days of her school career. She also noted that it was cool to be recognized by her peers.

Lillian Henry was grateful to win the award and be recognized for being dedicated to her school community. She said it was important to apply the AW11 characteristics in life. She is very proud to be a student leader.

Precious Bell-Smith was unable to attend but sent a message to the group through Mr. Doyle. She thanked the Board and school leaders for creating this opportunity and said she never realized the positive impact she had on her school community. She feels she has built a strong connection with her peers and winning the award guides her to continue to do the right thing.

Emily Torres was unable to attend but sent a message to the group through Mr. Doyle. Emily stated that it is such a privilege to accept the award. She said she had no idea she was a candidate until she heard the script. She encourages others to strive for the AW11 characteristics in their everyday lives.

Mr. Baumbach and Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for their support of the WHS scholars and Alpha Wolf 11 program.

School Board Appreciation:

January is School Board Appreciation month. On Monday evening, those in attendance thanked the WPS Board of Education for their time and efforts in supporting and providing a quality educational experience for every child in our District. Each board member was given a collection of cards, treats, and gifts provided by each building.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

Retirements / Resignations:

Kimberly Glazer, Food Service, Effective 12/22/23
Gracia Langeveld, Paraprofessional, Effective 1/12/24
Kristin Martel, Food Service, Effective 12/04/23
Hunter Norton, Custodial, Effective 1/05/24

Superintendent Evaluation –
Sections A & B:

Following the committee meeting, the Board will meet to work through Section A, Governance & Board Relations, and Section B, Community Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2023-24 evaluation. The group will use the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.

Staffing Update / Recruitment
Opportunities:

The Board was provided an update of the creation of recruiting new staff to our district. Sarah Earnest and Christie McEwen have been instrumental in working with a marketing agency who will be in the district next week to film staff members, as well as scholars. The end product will be a video WPS is able to use for marketing purposes to attract new staff.

December 2023 Finance
Reports:
Action Item – Approved

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

State Budget Update:	The Board was provided an update of the State Budget. The Revenue Estimating Conference was held on January 12, 2024. Another conference will be held in May 2024 to provide finalized financial information.
WHS Furniture Purchase: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the WHS furniture purchase request to support their growth. This purchase includes furniture for four classrooms and some additional parts and pieces to adapt the use and flexibility of the current graphics lab. It is recommended the District purchase the furniture off National and State cooperative purchasing contract. The total amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$64,500.00.
2024 Summer School Planning:	Planning for 2024 summer school programming is underway. The District will be offering a similar program to last year that involves a 4-week program at the K-6 buildings and two 3-week sessions at secondary buildings.
K-6 After School Programming:	WPS is currently designing an after-school program for 1st - 6th grade scholars. This program will provide additional academic support for identified scholars. The use of 31a grant dollars will be used to support the cost of the program.
7-12 Alternative Education Update:	The Board was provided an update of current planning for an alternative education program located within WPS. The alternative education program will be located adjacent to WJH and utilizing six classrooms south of the fine arts center. The design of the program is underway with the goal to be operational in August of 2024.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics To BCCHS: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Battle Creek Central High School on March 1-3, 2024, for the Robotics Team to participate in a robotics competition.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics To EK: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from East Kentwood High School on March 29-31, 2024, for the Robotics Team to participate in a robotics competition.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics To SVSU: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the WHS scholar trip request for travel to and from Saginaw Valley State University on April 4-6, 2024, for the Robotics Team to participate in the robotics state competition.
Suspension / Expulsion of 2324.08: Action Item – Approved	A recommendation was made for the expulsion of the scholar known as #2324.08 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Reinstatement of this scholar would depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the scholar in August of 2024.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, February 22, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 12, 2024 – 6 PM

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 6 PM

Other:

Scholar 1/2 Day – February 15, 2024

Mid-Winter Break – February 16 & 19, 2024

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – Feb. 26, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – March 25, 2024 – 4:30 PM