



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
December 11, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM

11/13/23 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, November 13, 2023.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Aida Cata, Dean - WJH, Effective 12/04/23
Emily Deblois, Paraprofessional - WECC, Effective 11/20/23
Heidi Glynn, Paraprofessional, Effective 11/27/23
Kimberly Sandoval, Paraprofessional - WJH, Effective 11/28/23
Kelly Wormmeester, Paraprofessional - West, Effective 12/01/23

Leaves of Absence:

Student Advocate - West, Effective 8/16/23 - 11/27/23

Retirements / Resignations:

Brittany Acuna, Food Service, Effective 12/08/23
Tamara Brougham, Food Service, Effective 12/01/23
Marjorie Burns, Student Advocate - West, Effective 12/05/23
Cheryl Corpus, Principal - Gladiola Elementary, Effective 12/22/23
Tracey Hale, Bus Driver, Effective 11/13/23
Valerie Keenan, Teacher - West, Effective 12/22/23
Rebecca Lindemulder, Student Advocate, Effective 11/30/23
Heather Pasikowski, Paraprofessional, Effective 11/17/23
Nicole Reames, Paraprofessional, Effective 11/30/23
Olivia Root, Teacher – Gladiola, Effective 12/22/23
Lynn Sytsma, Food Service, Effective 11/09/23

Wyoming ECC Scholar
Spotlight Presentation:

On Thursday evening, Dr. Lillian Cummings-Pulliams, Director of Wyoming Early Childhood Center, teachers Michelle Romijn and Amanda Costlow, and speech-language pathologist, Tara White, shared with the group how Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) methods are used by the scholars in their classrooms each day.

Michigan Teacher of the Year
Nomination:

Wyoming Junior High teacher, Mr. Brent VanEnk, has been nominated for the Michigan Teacher of the Year award. Mr. VanEnk, a member of the Social Studies Department since 2016, is recognized for his exceptional teaching skills, community involvement, and leadership. His dedication and innovative methods make him an exemplary candidate for the award.

Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration – December 15, 2023 - 12:30 PM:	The Board was reminded of the upcoming Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Celebration which is scheduled for Friday, December 15 th at 12:30 PM in the gymnasium at Wyoming High School. Eight scholars will be surprised and celebrated as having demonstrated the distinguished character traits of an Alpha Wolf (kindness, compassion, and grace) and making a positive impact on their school community.
OK Conference Realignment Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed the most recent OK Conference realignment proposal with the Board.
Thrun Board Policy Updates: Action Item – Approved	The Board was provided an overview of eleven (11) Thrun Board Policies (4108, 4207, 4402, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4407, 4408, 4409, 4503, 4504) requiring updates to bring them into compliance with new legislative changes to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act (PERA), the State School Aid Act (SSAA), the Revised School Code (RSC), and the Teachers’ Tenure Act (TTA). The policy updates were approved.
October 2023 Finance Reports: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the October 2023 check register and budget to actual report.
Bus Purchases: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved quotes associated with the purchase of one (1) diesel bus in the amount of \$140,388, one (1) gas bus in the amount of \$128,477, and cameras costing \$7,299. The total cost associated with these purchases is \$276,164.
West Michigan Community Bank: Action Item – Approved	The Board added West Michigan Community Bank as an additional approved depository for district funds.
WIS Bid Awards: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a bid award recommendation letter from the district’s construction management firm, The Christman Company. The total cost of bids for over twenty work categories, plus contingencies and soft costs comes to \$7,539,209. This compares favorably to the nearly \$10 million that was projected and indicates some normalization in construction pricing following COVID-era spikes in many categories.
WIS Scholar Trip Request – WISL Conference: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Intermediate scholar trip request for travel to and from the Women In Sports Leadership (WISL) Conference in Lansing, Michigan on February 4, 2024 and returning on February 5, 2024. WIS scholar leaders from various girls varsity sports will attend the conference to grow their leadership skills. While at the conference, scholars will attend a keynote presentation, workshop sessions, and a banquet dinner.
2024-25 Secondary Curriculum Guides: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School and Wyoming High School 2024-25 curriculum guides.

Suspension / Expulsion of
Scholar 2324.06:
Action Item – Expelled

The Board expelled the scholar known as #2324.06 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Reinstatement of this scholar will depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the scholar in August of 2024.

Suspension / Expulsion of
Scholar 2324.07:
Action Item – Expelled

The Board expelled the scholar known as #2324.07 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Reinstatement of this scholar will depend on specific criteria being met for re-enrollment of the scholar in August of 2024.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, January 4, 2023 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 8, 2023 – 6 PM

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6 PM

Other:

WJH Band Holiday Concert - DHFAC - December 12, 2023 - 7 PM

Reproductive Health/Sex Education Hearing–Dec. 14, 2023 - 4 PM

WHS Band Holiday Concert - DHFAC - December 14, 2023 - 7 PM

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

West Elementary Winter Concert - December 19, 2023 - 6 PM

Scholar 1/2 Days – December 21st & 22nd, 2023

Winter Break – December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024

Reproductive Health/Sex Education Hearing – Jan. 3, 2024 - 4 PM

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – Jan. 22, 2024 – 4:30 PM