



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

February 12, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

01/22/24 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, January 22, 2024.

Personnel Transactions:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Noah DeHollander, EL Paraprofessional - WIS, Effective 1/29/24
Sandy VanHuis, SE Paraprofessional - WIS, Effective 1/29/24
Nicolette Shea, Food Service, Effective 1/18/24
Derrick Shelafoe, Chromebook Repair Specialist, Effective 2/05/24
Elizabeth Sitte, Media Center Parapro - WHS, Effective 2/12/24
Jesus Tijerina, Custodian, Effective 2/06/24

Leaves of Absence:

Student Advocate–OP, FMLA, Effective 1/23/24 – 3/06/24
Transportation, Leave of Absence, Effective 2/08/24 – 3/01/24
Student Advocate – Parkview, FMLA, Effective 3/11/24 – 6/11/24
Social Worker – WJH, FMLA, Effective 3/24/24 – 5/29/24
Secretary, FMLA, Effective 3/25/24 – 4/12/24

Retirements / Resignations:

Roshawn Rollins, Food Service, Effective 2/16/24
Michael Struve, Paraprofessional - WJH, Effective 2/02/24
Pamela Wolters, Custodial, Effective 2/09/24

WJH Building Spotlight
Presentation – Gaming Club:

On Thursday evening, Dr. Alex Schukow, Wyoming Junior High Principal, Brent VanEnk, teacher, and Wyoming Junior High School scholar, Eduardo Ramirez, provided the group with an overview of the WJH Gaming Clubs.

KIASB Dinner – March 7, 2024
– 6 PM:

KIASB will be hosting a dinner meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6 PM at the Kent Career Tech Center. The presentation that evening will focus on current CTE offerings from the scholar perspective and what CTE programming might look like in the future. Those interested in attending should RSVP with Christie McEwen by no later than February 29th.

Student Loan Repayment
Program:

The State of Michigan has set aside funding to help retain teachers. Teachers who work full-time in WPS and meet the eligibility criteria set forth by the State, may receive up to \$400 per month to help offset the cost of student loans.

Alternative Education Update:	The Board was provided an update as to the configuration of the alternative education learning space. The space will be available to welcome scholars beginning in the fall of 2024. Dr. Burde is taking a team of secondary principals to other districts who are currently running alternative education programs. The goal of these site visits is to learn and inform the WPS alternative planning process.
Board of Education Professional Development:	On February 22, 2024, Jason Maas, Director of Student Services, will provide the Board with information about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act.
Kent County Sheriff Emergency Radio Update:	Superintendent Hoekstra informed the Board that emergency radios have been installed in all WPS buildings.
Rogers Lane:	The Board was provided an update of the Rogers Lane property and the programming that is currently operating out of that space.
SOC Resolution – Section 105: Action Item – Opt Out	The Board opted out of Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 for the 2024-2025 school year.
Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program: Action Item – Approved	The Board approved participation in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year.
SOC Resolution – Section 105C: Action Item – Opt In	As part of the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, the District will accept 150 school of choice scholars grades K-5 for the 2024-2025 school year.
SOC Resolution – Section 105C: Action Item – Opt In	The Board opted in to Section 105c of the School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000 for the 2024-2025 school year.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – Physics Day: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming High School for student travel to and from Michigan Adventure on May 22, 2024, to participate in Michigan Adventure’s Physics Day. While on the trip, students will apply the many concepts of physics to the real world. Motion of objects, forces and motion, and energy transformation will be reviewed. Students will also take measurements and calculate data on different rides throughout the day.
Movie Request – The Lorax: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Parkview Elementary movie request to view the 2012 film <i>The Lorax</i> , which is rated PG-13, and add it to the list of permanently approved District movies.
Assessment Recommendation for WHS:	Dr. Burde reviewed a recommendation from Principal Baumbach and Assistant Principal Varney from WHS to move away from NWEA MAP testing and transition to the use of the SAT suite of assessments. By adopting this change, we will capture more instructional minutes.

This change will also provide focus and clarity with our school improvement efforts at WHS.

WIDA Testing:

WIDA testing began on Monday, February 5, 2024, and will go through March 22, 2024. WPS has approximately 930 multilingual scholars completing the WIDA test this year. Lisa DeMaagd, Coordinator of Title III Programing, has done a tremendous amount of preparation for the 2024 WIDA administration.

Reinstatement of Scholar of 2223.04:
Action Item – Approved

Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2223.04 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the committee decided to reinstate scholar 2223.04.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, February 22, 2024 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 6 PM
Monday, March 11, 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
KIASB Dinner - KCTC - March 7, 2024 - 6 PM
WHS Festival of Arts - March 23, 2024 - 10 AM - 2 PM
Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – Mar 25, 2024 – 4:30 PM