



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 13, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**

Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character – Spring 2024:

WHS Principal Josh Baumbach and teacher John Doyle were in attendance on Monday (05/13/24) evening to share the Wyoming High School building spotlight presentation which recognized the newest Alpha Wolf 11 award recipients (Teagyn Ager, Tyson Evans, Gabriel Fischer, D’Leeth Gayot-Ramirez, Chesson Oliver, LaNieva Raybon, Mauricio Hernandez-Key, Isaac Zavala-Pantoja). 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.

Superintendent Hoekstra thanked the parents and families in attendance for raising such wonderful human beings. He also recognized the scholars for their character noting that the traits they are being recognized for will carry with them beyond the walls of Wyoming High School. He also thanked Mr. Baumbach and Mr. Doyle for their continued commitment to the program and its success.

Mr. Doyle explained to those in attendance that the celebrations have evolved and that more and more student voices are a part of the ceremony. The theme for this semester's presentation was PEACE (Patient, Empathetic, Appreciative, Courageous, Encouraging).

Mr. Perkey was awarded the AW11 Teacher of the Year and PEACE Shout-Outs were given to the Unified Sports Team, the WHS secretaries, and Mrs. Johnson.

Teagyn Ager said that being recognized as an Alpha Wolf 11 means a lot to her personally. She said it was nice to be noticed for being kind and making a difference within the school community.

Tyson Evans spoke about the shock and excitement he felt when his name was called. He said he didn’t expect to win and it made him realize how little things can impact others.

Gabriel Fischer said that winning the Alpha Wolf 11 Award was special because it was about getting recognized for your character. He said he is a quiet person but works hard to be kind and lead in his classes.

D’Leeth Gayot-Ramirez said winning the award means a lot to her and her family. She is quiet by nature but has tried to go out of her way to be kind and meet other people outside of her friend group. She

feels proud of herself and winning the award has motivated her to be even more involved in the school community.

Chesson Oliver was surprised to win the award and learn she was having an effect on the school culture. She mentioned that she has friends in other districts who are having a very different high school experience. She values attending WHS and the AW11 culture in the building.

LaNieva Raybon said winning the award made her sentimental because her brother won the award when he attended WHS. She said she appreciates that her family was there to support her. She was very honored to be recognized as an Alpha Wolf 11.

Mauricio Hernandez-Key said winning the award was totally unexpected. He said it was a very proud moment and he was very thankful to win. He was also excited to make his family and friends proud.

Isaac Zavala-Pantoja was surprised to see his teacher, Mrs. Mead in attendance. She taught all of his siblings and means a lot to their family. Isaac spoke of being a part of the mentor program and was also excited to see his mentee there to congratulate him. He felt that the mentorship program had a big impact on him and enjoyed being able to visit the elementary schools and work with the younger students. Isaac thanked Mr. Doyle for his unwavering support and positivity.

Mr. Baumbach and Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for their continued support of the WHS scholars and Alpha Wolf 11 program and noted that next school year will mark the 10-year anniversary of the program.

04/22/24 Board Minutes:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6 PM.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Michelle Baker, Pupil Accounting/State Reporting Specialist, Effective 7/1/24

Jacob Evans, Chromebook Repair Specialist, Effective 5/2/24

Emily Johnson-Tucker, Special Ed Para at Gladiola 5/2/24  
(Position change from GE Para)

Justina Mulero, Data/Training Specialist, Effective 7/1/24 (Position change from Pupil Accounting / State Reporting Specialist)

**Leaves of Absence:**

Paraprofessional - Oriole Park - FMLA, Effective 5/1/24 - 5/8/24

Bus Driver, FMLA -Effective 4/30/24 - Intermittent

Occupational Therapist - District - LOA - 5/1/2024-Fall

Teacher - Wyoming Junior High - Effective - 4/30/24-5/7/24  
Food Service - Wyoming Junior High - LOA - 4/29/24 -  
Intermittent  
Community Coordinator - OP/WIS - LOA 5/23/24 - 6/17/24

**Resignations:**

Ruth Alegre, EL Teacher at West, Effective 5/31/24  
Madison Gunnink, DK Teacher at Glad, Effective 8/14/24  
Jenna Hiltunen, EL Teacher at WJH, Effective 8/14/24  
Heather Kreuze, KD Teacher at West, Effective 8/14/24  
Meggie Lund, EL Teacher at WIS, Effective 8/14/24  
Derrik Shelafoe, Chromebook Repair Specialist, Effective 5/3/24  
Kathryn Simpson, EL Teacher at WHS, Effective 8/14/24

**Retirements:**

David Kugler, Science Teacher at WJH, Effective 5/31/24  
Mark Miedzielec, Social Studies Teacher at WHS, Effective 5/31/24  
Debra Sellers, Data/Training Specialist at Admin, Effective 6/30/24  
Elisabeth Vandewaa, Social Worker at OP, Effective 5/31/24

Building Spotlight Presentation  
– Gladiola Elementary:

Gladiola Elementary Principal, Dana Stein, shared a video with the Board which provided an overview of their building theme “All Are Welcome” and what it means to be a leader of the pack. Scholars used their voices to explain to the group what it personally means to be recognized as a leader in their school community.

Building Spotlight Presentation  
– West Elementary:

Following the committee meeting, members of the Board traveled to West Elementary School where they were greeted by Principal Brian Hartigan and welcomed to the West Multicultural Night. West staff invited families to travel the countries of our community through fun, interactive, and family focused events, music, arts, and crafts. Those in attendance were also invited to take home a community cookbook created by staff and student families.

Staffing Update:

Matt Lewis, Associate Superintendent, and Jodi Goff, Interim Director of Human Resources, provided the Board a staffing update.

CIASB Ballot & Election  
Resolution:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board was presented with a Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards (CIASB) ballot for review, consideration, and recommendation.

There are currently three KIASB seats with terms expiring on June 30, 2024. The WPS Board of Education was asked by the ISD to select three (3) candidates from the following list to fill the soon to be vacated seats:

- Christie Ramsey (Rockford – Region 1)
- Teresa Ramirez (Northview – Region 1)
- Ken Hornecker (Godwin Heights – Region 3- Incumbent)

Alternative Education Update:	The Board selected Ramsey, Ramirez, and Hornecker as the three candidates to fill the vacant seats.
Delaporte Lynch: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the request to add Delaporte Lynch to the list of approved District law firm partners.
School Tax Collection Agreement: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the school tax collection agreement provided by the City of Wyoming. The agreement will take effect July 1, 2024.
WIS & WJH Security Camera Purchase: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the SyncWave project overview and quote in the amount of \$131,015.48, utilizing PEPPM consortium pricing. Approval of this project will result in the purchase of 104 Hanwha camera units to be used at Wyoming Junior High School (WJH) and Wyoming Intermediate School (WIS). As part of the project, a new server would also be installed at WIS in the main distribution frame to handle the Wisenet WAVE software as the video management software for the Hanwha cameras.
Sinking Fund Budget Amendment: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the sinking fund budget amendment as presented.
2024-25 Kent ISD Budget: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the 2024-25 Kent ISD budget as presented.
Roots In Education Award Recipient – Emily Adamczyk:	The annual LMCU Roots in Education Teacher Grant awards 25 teachers each a \$1,000 grant for making a positive impact on their students and school community by embodying a particular trait, this year the trait is optimism.
	Emily Adamczyk, Oriole Park teacher, was notified today she is one of the award recipients! Congratulations Mrs. Adamczyk and thank you for all you do for our students and school community!
WHS Scholar Trip Request – The Lost City: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School Theater Company scholar trip request for travel to and from the Lost City in Holland, Michigan on May 24 <sup>th</sup> . This trip is centered around an end of the year celebration for all of the hard work of the dedicated theater scholars.

WHS Scholar Trip Request –  
Senior Trip:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the trip request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from the Senior All Night Party location on the evening of Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The group will then return to WHS on the morning of Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Graduation Alliance  
Partnership:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved a partnership proposal between the District and Graduation Alliance, Inc. This partnership would support scholars who have been expelled, dropped out, are at risk of dropping out, and/or other provisions and circumstances outlined in legislation. Graduation Alliance has a proven track record of supporting districts' administration of a Dropout and Recovery Program. As a District, we must pursue multiple avenues to ensure all scholars receive their high school diploma. This partnership would add another option beyond our traditional high school and alternative education program.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, June 10, 2024 – 5 PM

Monday, June 24, 2024 – 4:45 PM – Budget Hearing

Monday, June 24, 2024 – 5 PM

**Other:**

4th Grade Family Move Up Night - May 14, 2024 - 5:30 PM - WIS

West 1st & 2nd Grade Concert - May 14, 2024 - 6 PM

Deb Sellers' Retirement Open House – May 15, 2024 – 2:30 PM

6th Grade Family Move Up Night - May 21, 2024 - 5:30 PM - WJH

WHS Class of 2024 Graduation - May 22, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Memorial Day Holiday - May 27, 2024

Feeding America Food Pantry - May 28, 2024 - 4:30 PM - WHS

8th Grade Family Move Up Night - May 28, 2024 - 6 PM – WHS

Last Day of School - May 31, 2024

Feeding America Food Pantry – June 24, 2024 – 4:30 PM - WHS