



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
July 22, 2024 ~ 5:00 PM

06/24/24 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5 PM.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

- Lynn Velthouse, WJH SS/EL Teacher, Eff 8/15/24
- Megan MacGraw, EL Teacher at West, Eff 8/15/24
- Michael Perez, WJH Principal, Eff 8/1/24
- Steven Reynolds, WIS Principal, Eff 8/1/24
- Gregory Schrader, HS Counselor, Eff 8/15/24
- Irvin Sigler, SLA Dean, Eff 8/1/24
- Moreen Wheeler, Science Teacher at SLA, Eff 8/15/24

Position Changes:

- Lisa Beach, Glad RR Teacher, Eff 8/15/24
- Jennifer Birman, Glad 1st Grade, Eff 8/15/24 (recalled)
- Randy Carmoney, SLA Social Studies, Eff 8/15/24
- Ashley Flores Mullane, WIS 5th Grade, Eff 8/15/24 (recalled)
- Sarai Gamez, OP Social Worker, Eff 8/15/24
- Amanda Jansen, ECSE Teacher, Eff 8/15/24
- Jodi Johnson, Music Teacher, K-4 Buildings, Eff 8/15/24 (recalled)
- Nathan Johnson, OP KD Teacher, Eff 8/15/24
- Jacob McKenney, OP General Ed Para, Eff 8/15/24
- Jennifer Nelson, Glad ASD Teacher, Eff 8/15/24
- Siera Vincent, WIS 5th Grade, Eff 8/15/24 (recalled)

Resignations:

- Ignazio Albanese, Bus Driver, Eff 6/26/24
- Kathleen Sleeper, ECSE Teacher, Eff 8/14/24
- Tara White, ECSE Speech Pathologist, Eff 8/14/24

2023-2024 Cherry Health Services Update:

Over the course of the 2023-24 school year, Cherry Health saw 812 scholars as part of their dental screening and cleaning program. Of the scholars seen, 9% had an urgent need for additional treatment and 49% needed some form of follow-up treatment. The total estimated value of the dental services rendered for the District was \$268,642.00.

During the 2023-24 school year, Cherry Health provided 877 scholars with eye exams. Of the scholars seen, 30% needed glasses. The total estimated value of the vision services provided to the District was \$155,297.00.

<p>2024-2025 GRCC & WPS Middle College Update:</p>	<p>The Wyoming Public Schools and Grand Rapids Community College Middle College program is celebrating its 13th year during the 2024-2025 school year. The Board and District express their gratitude to all those who have supported the program, which offers a pathway for our scholars to pursue options beyond high school.</p>
<p>Fall Insight Update:</p>	<p>The August 2024 edition of the Insight has been sent to the printer and is expected to be delivered to WPS families and members of the Wyoming community during the first week of August.</p>
<p>Finance Reports – June 2024: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the June 2024 check register as presented.</p>
<p>Edgenuity Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the quote from Imagine Learning in the amount of \$33,000 for the purchase of Edgenuity for grades 6-12.</p>
<p>Rogers Lane Lot Division and Sale: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the resolution associated with the division and sale of a portion of the property located at 2919 Rogers Lane Avenue SW (known as Part of Tax Parcel No. 41-17-14-201-003), within the City of Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan.</p>
<p>Rogers Lane Sale: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the resolution and purchase agreement associated with the sale of property located at 2929 Rogers Lane Avenue SW (known as Tax Parcel No. 41-17-14-202-019 and Part of Tax Parcel No. 41-17-14-201-003), within the City of Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan to Lifeline Community Church for the purchase price of \$50,000 and an additional \$50,000 in future payments in consideration for the assignment of the lease between WPS and Head Start.</p>
<p>2024-2025 Secondary Course Revisions: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the recommendations for course revisions in preparation for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Recommendations include adding the CI computers course back to the curriculum guide, implementing a course title change to “AP Seminar”, adding language for Lab Classrooms that allow the course to be a one or two semester experience, and implementing a course title change for “Career Pathways” at the junior high level.</p>
<p>Yearbook Proposal For VPA: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a recommendation that would allow our High School Yearbook course to fulfill the Michigan Merit Curriculum’s Visual and Performing Arts graduation requirement.</p>
<p>EL Physical Science Proposal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved a recommendation surrounding the EL Science course progression at High School level. In particular, the recommendation replaces the sophomore course “EL Chemistry” with “EL Physical Science”. The reasons for this recommendation were unpacked and discussed.</p>

8th Grade Book Proposal:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a recommendation to adopt the text *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* as part of our Jr. High ELA program. This text would replace *The Giver* during the third quarter of scholars' 8th grade general English course. However, both *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* and *The Giver* would be included in the 8th grade ELA honors course.

Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy Handbook Addendum:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the recommended 2024-2025 handbook addendum for the Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy (SLA). The addendum includes information related to the program's vision, guiding principles, attendance and behavior expectations, schedules and sample schedules, graduation requirements, and course progressions.

Graduation Alliance Partnership – Tiered Services:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Graduation Alliance Tiered Services partnership. Both tiers of the partnership (100% virtual and the single course option) were discussed.

Graduation Alliance Partnership – Course Crosswalk:
Action Item – Approved

As part of the Graduation Alliance recommendation, a course crosswalk was reviewed and approved. The course crosswalk articulates the course options through Graduation Alliance that are in addition to our existing WHS courses (where an equivalent does not exist).

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, August 22, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, August 12, 2024 – 5 PM
Monday, August 26, 2024 – 5 PM

Other:

First Day of 2024-2025 School Year – August 20, 2024