



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 9, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**

08/26/24 Board Minutes:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5 PM.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Adriana Lopez Fonseca, FDSV WHS, Eff 9/3/24  
Cheyanne Lopez, Special Ed Para, ECC, Eff 9/3/24  
Jenny Weber, Bus Driver, Eff 9/3/24  
Leanda Charles, Special Ed Para at OP, Eff 9/3/24  
Lillian Miltgen, General Ed Para at OP, Eff 9/3/24

**Position Changes:**

Nicolette Shea, FDSV SLA Breakfast, Eff 9/3/24  
Kathleen Bruining, FDSV OP Breakfast, Eff 9/3/24  
Lisa Frank, FDSV HS After School Program, Eff 9/3/24

**Leaves of Absence:**

Business Office Specialist, Intermittent, Eff 8/1/24  
Teacher - WIS, FMLA, Eff 2/13/25-5/19/25  
Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Intermittent, Eff 9/1/24-6/1/25  
Teacher – WHS, FMLA, Intermittent, Eff 9/1/24-6/1/25

**Resignations:**

Kawana White, FDSV Float, Eff 8/27/24  
Julie Vanderstolp, PKVW Para, Eff 8/27/24  
Cassia Thompson, FDSV Float/Bus, Eff 9/6/24

K-8 Board Scholar Awards  
Location Update:

The 2024-25 K-8 board scholar awards ceremony will be held at the Dan Heintzelman Fine Arts Center at Wyoming Junior High School on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. A grand re-opening ceremony will also be held on this date to unveil the newly renovated theater.

Wyoming Secondary Learning  
Academy:

The Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy welcomed scholars into their building this week.

Wyoming Junior High School  
Open House and Ribbon  
Cutting:

Members of the Board attended the WJH Open House and ribbon cutting festivities following the Board work session on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Fall Athletic Participation:

Wyoming High School and Wyoming Junior High School 2024 fall athletic participation numbers were shared with the Board.

2024-2025 Edgenuity Course Catalog:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the Edgenuity course list and course catalog, which are the curriculum resources for the Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy. The Edgenuity course catalog is updated on an annual basis and as such, requires formal Board approval. It is important to know that WPS will *not* be offering all the Edgenuity courses at the Secondary Learning Academy. The District will only offer courses that our instructors are certified to teach and serve as the official teacher of record.

Staff Trip Request – National Council of Teachers of English:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the request for Dr. Katie Sluiter, ELA Teacher at Wyoming Jr. High School, to attend and present at the upcoming National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This year, NCTE is taking place November 20-22 in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Sluiter's will lead sessions titled (1) *Five Texts for Change: Possibilities for Humanizing ELA Classrooms* (2) *Parenthood and the Professoriate: Negotiating New Identities in Teacher Educations*, and (3) *Teaching Young Adult Literature with and through Heart, Hope, and Humanity*. Beyond these sessions, Dr. Sluiter is also serving on the NCTE Nominating Committee this year.

Staff Trip Request – National Constitution Center's First Amendment Workshop:

**Action Item – Approved**

Lynn Velthouse, EL and Social Studies teacher at Wyoming Jr. High School, was one of 15 educators selected to participate in the National Constitution Center's *First Amendment Workshop*. The Center is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the Board approved Mrs. Velthouse's travel to attend the conference from October 25-28.

WIS Scholar Trip Request – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the scholar travel request submitted by Wyoming Intermediate for travel to and from YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin from September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Scholars will spend the day outdoors with their peers working on team-building activities that require problem solving and critical thinking skills. Activities include hiking, archery, rock wall climbing, canoeing, and kayaking.

WHS Scholar Trip Request – Little Pine Island:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from Little Pine Island Camp in Comstock Park on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Scholars will spend time outdoors with their peers working on team-building activities that require problem solving and critical thinking skills. The group will also spend time developing plans to integrate AW11 Principles into the WHS school day through various activities scheduled during the 2024-25 school year.

WJH Scholar Trip Request – Adventure Point:

**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the scholar travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School for travel to and from Adventure Point in Walker, Michigan on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as part of the College and Career Class. As part of the trip package, scholars will receive a DiSC Leadership Profile, a one-day retreat at Adventure Point, and Summit Leadership will push into

	the classroom two times per month to teach lessons on leadership that align with the College and Career Exploration course currently taught at Wyoming Junior High.
Reinstatement of Scholar 2223.08: <b>Action Item – Reinstated</b>	Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2223.08 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the committee decided to reinstate scholar 2223.08.
Reinstatement of Scholar 2324.05: <b>Action Item – Reinstated</b>	Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2324.05 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the committee decided to reinstate scholar 2324.05.
Reinstatement of Scholar 2324.08: <b>Action Item – Reinstated</b>	Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2324.08 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the committee decided to reinstate scholar 2324.08.
<b><u>Upcoming Events:</u></b>	<b><u>Board Committee Work Session</u></b> Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 4:30 PM Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 4:30 PM  <b><u>Board Meetings:</u></b> Monday, September 23, 2024 – 6 PM Monday, October 14, 2024 – 6 PM  <b><u>Other:</u></b> Fall Count Day - October 2, 2024 Football Homecoming – October 4, 2024 – 7 PM - WHS West STEM Night - October 9, 2024 - 5:30 PM WJH Fall Band Concert – October 21, 2024 – 7 PM – WHS Gym Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration – December 13, 2024 – 12:30 PM - WHS Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade - December 14, 2024 - 10 AM