



## WPS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Meeting

September 23, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

09/09/24 Board Minutes:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6 PM.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

#### **New Hires:**

Dianne Lindemulder, Food Service, WJH, Eff 9/16/24

Erika Desire, Food Service Float, Eff 9/12/24

Laura Gorski, Special Ed Para, PKVW, Eff 9/30/24

Rochelle Swanson, Sub Reading Interventionist, OP, Eff 9/16/24

#### **Leaves of Absence:**

Academic Interventionist, Oriole Park, LOA, Eff 9/3/24-11/1/24

Counselor, Wyoming JH, FMLA extension, Eff 9/9/24-10/8/24

#### **Resignations:**

Liza DeJesus Cruz, EL Para at PKVW, Eff 10/1/24

Logan Reminga, FDSV at WHS, Eff 9/20/24

KIASB Fall Dinner –  
October 17, 2204:

KIASB will be hosting their fall meeting and dinner on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 6-7:30 PM at the Watermark Country Club. Dr. Michael Shibler will serve as guest speaker addressing the topic of Grassroots Advocacy for Our Schools. Following his presentation, Dr. Shibler will be honored with the Education Advocacy Award for his outstanding leadership and advocacy throughout career. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Christie McEwen by no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Board of Education Scholar  
Spotlight Schedule:

Superintendent Hoekstra provided the Board with an overview of the 2024-25 scholar spotlight schedule.

Finance Reports – August  
2024:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the August 2024 check register and budget to actual report.

Policy 3214 – Grant Funds:  
**Action Item – Adopted**

The Board reviewed and adopted Policy 3214 Grant Funding. This policy states that no employee of the District shall apply for state, local, or federal grant funding without prior approval of the District's business office, which is ultimately responsible for grant compliance.

Elementary Movie Request –  
Inside Out:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the request to add Inside Out to the list of permanently approved movies. This visual was chosen as the best factual account of the topic because the emotions directly relate to our Ruler curriculum even down to the color of the character. For example, the character Joy is yellow, and that emotion belongs on the yellow quadrant of Ruler because when you feel that emotion you have high energy and it is a pleasant feeling. This association can help scholars learn new feeling words and remember where they belong on the quadrant which helps them distinguish between pleasant and unpleasant emotions as well as recognize how their body is responding to the said emotion in terms of energy.

In Inside Out, one of the biggest takeaways is that emotions aren't good or bad. In fact, all emotions matter. Specifically, it goes on to teach us that it's okay to feel sad sometimes as every emotion is vital to our overall well-being since our emotions serve a greater purpose to help us connect with others or avoid danger.

Elementary Movie Request –  
Inside Out 2:  
**Action Item – Approved**

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In Inside Out 2, the movie stresses the importance of accepting all emotions, such as anxiety, even though society gives it a bad connotation. In addition, it teaches us it's okay to feel what we feel and that we should not suppress our emotions. Emotions have purpose and can help us tackle life. As we get older, things get harder and it's okay if we get overwhelmed like anxiety in the movie because we are not defined by a single moment. However, we need to make sure we take care of ourselves and our mental health.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, October 14, 2024 – 6 PM

Monday, October 28, 2024 – 6 PM

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**Other:**

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