



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
November 11, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

WHS Robotics Presentation:

At Monday's Board of Education meeting, the Wyoming High School robotics team showcased their skills with a live demonstration. This talented group of students presented their competition robot and explained the engineering, programming, and teamwork involved in its creation and maintenance. Attendees got an up-close look at the robot's capabilities and learned how the team collaborates to tackle challenges in robotics competitions. The demonstration highlighted the technical and problem-solving skills students are developing through this hands-on program as well as the social and communication skills necessary to build relationships and work together. For the first time in the program's existence, the group made it to state level competition last season. Their goal is to make it back to State this season. The passionate group also thanked their parents, mentors, and the Board of Education for their support of the program.

10/28/24 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6 PM.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Henry Benitez, WHS Cust FT, Eff 11/1/24
Mai Leung, WJH Cust PT, Eff 11/1/24
Richard Medina, Maint II Tech, Eff 11/11/24

Position Changes:

Brittany Felkey, Special Ed Para, OP, Eff 11/4/24

Leaves of Absence:

WHS Teacher, FMLA, Eff Feb 2025/up to 3 weeks
West Teacher, FMLA, Eff 4/14/25-Fall 2025
WHS Teacher, FMLA, Eff 12/19/24 to 1/10/25
West Teacher, FMLA, Eff 12/16/24 to 12/20/24
OP Teacher, FMLA, Eff 10/22/24 to TBD
West Para, FMLA, Eff 12/16/24 to 3/10/2025

Resignations:

Tiffani English, FDSV, Eff 10/31/24

Parkview Elementary Building
Spotlight Presentation –
Building Theme:

On Thursday evening, Parkview Elementary presented a spotlight presentation on their 2024-25 building theme, "*Growing from the Inside Out.*" Principal Brenna Fraser, teacher Angela Clum, and several enthusiastic scholars, shared how this theme is integrated

into daily activities and their school culture. They highlighted initiatives that foster personal growth, emotional development, and academic achievement, emphasizing that nurturing inner qualities helps students thrive in all aspects of learning. The spotlight presentation demonstrated Parkview's commitment to developing well-rounded scholars who grow from within.

Board of Education
Professional Development
Update:

Superintendent Hoekstra reviewed the list of ranked Board professional development topics based on feedback collected from all members. The data collected will help guide the selection of professional development initiatives offered to the Board throughout the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

Board of Education Election
Update:

In the recent November 5th election, two open seats on the Wyoming Public Schools Board of Education were filled. The community selected Jennifer Lewis and Lisa DeKryger to serve six-year terms beginning in January of 2025. Jennifer Lewis' reelection will allow her to continue to serve on the board, bringing valuable experience and continuity. Lisa DeKryger will join as a new voice, eager to contribute to support the district's vision, mission, and goals. The Board welcomes both members and looks forward to their combined efforts in advancing educational excellence, promoting equity, and strengthening the school-community relationship across Wyoming Public Schools.

WJH Scholar Trip Request –
Robotics:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High robotics team request to travel to Coloma High School on November 23, 2024, to compete against other area schools in an upcoming robotics competition. This event will allow the team to showcase their engineering and programming skills, while also gaining valuable experience in a competitive environment. The competition will provide scholars with the chance to collaborate, problem-solve, and connect with other young robotics enthusiasts from the area.

WHS Scholar Trip Request –
BPA:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the scholar travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Business Professionals of America scholars to travel to and from Little Caesars Arena in Detroit on December 3, 2024, to attend the Sports and Entertainment Business Conference and an exciting night of Detroit basketball. Scholars will hear from Detroit Pistons professionals about the business of basketball including topics on management, finance, information technology, and business administration.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, December 5, 2024 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, December 9, 2024 – 6 PM
Monday, January 13, 2025 – 6 PM

Other:

Feeding America Food Pantry - Nov 25, 2004 - 4:30 PM - WHS
Thanksgiving Break - November 27-29, 2024
Holiday Treasures Craft Show–Nov 30, 2024 – 9 AM–3 PM – WHS
Winter Choral Concert – December 5, 2024 – 6:30 PM – WHS
West 1st & 2nd Grade Winter Concert – Dec 10, 2024 – 6:30 PM
Holiday Band Concert – December 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM - WHS
Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration – December 13, 2024 – 12:30 PM - WHS
Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade - December 14, 2024 - 10 AM
Feeding America Food Pantry - Dec 16, 2024 - 4:30 PM - WHS
Scholar ½ Day (AM Only) - December 19 and 20, 2024