



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

December 9, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM

11/11/24 Board Minutes:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6 PM.

Personnel Transactions:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Abbey Pierce, WECC Speech & Language Path, Eff 1/6/25

Ana Schepers, PKVW Special Ed Para, Eff 11/11/24

Ben Schmidt - Bus Driver, Eff 11/12/24

Heidi Piela – Staff Accountant, Eff 1/6/25

Daniel Martinez - Temp Tech Support, Eff 11/7/24

Sandra Cruz - Food Service at WIS, Eff 11/21/24

Schenavia Wilson - OP Reading Interventionist, Eff 12/2/24

Position Changes:

Kent Malosh - FDSV Breakfast at PKVW, Eff 11/11/24

Saundra Bright - FDSV Breakfast at WIS, Eff 11/21/24

Leaves of Absence:

Dist School Psychologist, FMLA 12/11/24-1/6/25

PKVW Para, FMLA Intermittent, 11/19/24-TBD

WIS Teacher, FMLA Intermittent, 11/14/24-5/30/25

WJH Teacher, LOA 11/21/24-12/1/24

Resignations:

Amanda Pippin, Special Ed Para at West, Eff 12/6/24

Corey Bordo, Business Process Manager, Eff 12/3/24

Melinda Wilson, ELA Teacher – SLA, Eff 12/9/24

Retirements:

Ann Zukowski, WJH Cust, Eff 12/31/24

Athletics Title IX Audit:

Recently, the WHS Athletic Department successfully completed a Title IX audit, with contributions and feedback from our Athletic Director, coaches, student-athletes, and parents. The audit included a thorough review of compliance and equity standards. The final compilation of the information gathered during the audit will be submitted to Kent ISD.

Board PD Options & Timing:

The Board reviewed a list of date and time options for school safety and crisis management training with Joe Steffes and strategic planning update sessions with Dr. Tammy Campbell.

Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration:	The Board was reminded of the upcoming Alpha Wolf 11 Champions of Character Celebration which is scheduled for Friday, December 13 th at 12:30 PM in the gymnasium at Wyoming High School. Eight scholars will be surprised and celebrated as having demonstrated the distinguished character traits of an Alpha Wolf (kindness, compassion, and grace) and making a positive impact on their school community.
Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade:	<p>WPS Board Members and building administrators are invited to participate in the 2024 South Kent Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade on Saturday, December 14th. Wyoming Public Schools will be represented by the Wyoming High School Band, District transportation, and administrators who will have the opportunity to pass out candy and engage with WPS students, families, and the broader community.</p> <p>Those interested in joining are encouraged to meet at Supermercado Mexico, 3375 Division Avenue, at 9:45 a.m. prior to the parade. We hope to see everyone there as this event offers a chance to celebrate and connect with the local community.</p>
Early Graduation Request: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS scholar 2425.01, pending successful completion of the required 22 Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) expectations.
First Semester:	The Board was provided an update on the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. The update included an overview of key accomplishments and initiatives within the district.
Finance Reports – Oct. 2024: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the October 2024 check register and budget to actual report.
Corewell Nursing Services Agreement: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Corewell Health partnership agreement, which establishes collaboration between WPS and Corewell Health to provide professional nursing services in support of in-school health programs. This partnership will benefit students served by the district and aligns with the District’s goals and strategic objectives.
WJH Bleacher Replacement: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the price quote in the amount of \$153,117.00. This cost is associated with the installation of new Interkal Spectator Seating in the Wyoming Junior High School gymnasium during the summer of 2025 and removal of existing bleachers.
WJH Scholar Trip Request – Adventure Point: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School for scholars in College and Career classes to travel to and from Adventure Point in Grand Rapids, Michigan on December 10 th , December 11 th , January 21 st , January

22nd, May 20th and May 25th to participate in the DiSC® leadership program.

This program utilizes the DiSC® model, a well-established foundation for developing leadership skills. Students will engage in personalized learning experiences through Everything DiSC® leadership profiles, fostering self-reflection and adaptability to different work styles. These insights empower students to enhance their leadership effectiveness and drive better team results.

Adventure Point Leaders also conduct bi-monthly in-class sessions, teaching leadership skills, and students participate in a comprehensive opening and closing day-long leadership experience at Adventure Point. This initiative aligns directly with the College and Career Curriculum and provides valuable opportunities for students to develop essential leadership competencies.

WHS Scholar Trip Request –
Wyoming Theater Company:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Wyoming Theater Company scholars to travel to and from Chicago, Illinois on January 18, 2025, to attend a Second City Improv show. This trip will provide scholars with a unique opportunity to experience professional improvisational theater, offering inspiration and insight into performance techniques, comedic timing, and creativity.

Attending the show will enhance scholars' understanding of improvisational acting, an essential component of theatrical arts, while fostering their appreciation for live performance. The trip aligns with the theater program's educational objectives, providing students with an enriching cultural and educational experience.

WHS Scholar Trip Request –
Ferris State:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for junior and senior scholars to travel to and from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan on February 26, 2025. During the trip, scholars will have the opportunity to tour the campus and complete financial aid applications.

WJH Scholar Trip Request –
Michigan Adventure:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the travel request submitted by Wyoming Junior High School band scholars to travel to and from Michigan Adventure in Muskegon, Michigan on May 28, 2025. The trip is designed to provide scholars with the opportunity to perform at a public venue while fostering community and teamwork within the group. Scholars will participate in a fundraising campaign in February to support this event. This trip aligns with the performance standards outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum and offers an enriching experience for our scholars.

Wyoming Secondary Learning
Academy Handbook
Addendum:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Secondary Learning Academy Handbook addendum as well as an informational brochure created by the District.

2025-2026 WJH Curriculum Guide:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the 2025-2026 WJH Curriculum Guide, which included updates to course offerings at Wyoming Junior High School.

2025-2026 WHS Curriculum Guide:
Action Item – Approved

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Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, January 13, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025 – 6 PM – Board Appreciation Night

Other:

WHS Winter Choral Concert – December 9, 2024 – 7 PM - WHS

West 1st & 2nd Grade Winter Concert – Dec 10, 2024 – 6:30 PM

WJH Holiday Band Concert – Dec 12, 2024 – 6:30 PM – WHS

WHS Holiday Band Concert – Dec 12, 2024 – 7:30 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 1/2 Day (AM Only) - December 19 and 20, 2024