



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

School Board Appreciation Month:

January is recognized as School Board Appreciation Month. During Monday evening's meeting, attendees expressed their gratitude to the WPS Board of Education for their dedication and commitment to ensuring a high-quality educational experience for all students in the District. Each board member received a thoughtful collection of cards, treats, and gifts prepared by staff and students from each school building.

01/13/25 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6 PM.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Bruce Zakem, Bus Driver, Eff 1/20/25

Leaves of Absence:

WIS Para, LOA, Eff 1/13/25 – 2/3/25

Central Registrar, FMLA, Eff 2/10/25 – 2/24/25

Bus Driver, FMLA, Eff 1/20/25 - TBD

School Safety and Crisis Management Presentation – Joe Steffes:

On Thursday evening, District Safety & Security Coordinator Joe Steffes led a presentation on school safety and crisis management. The presentation highlighted Steffes' experience and the findings of the WPS security assessment. Key topics included the development of emergency operations plans for fire, weather, school violence, and evacuations, the use of standardized response protocols, and the creation of reunification plans. Steffes also discussed staff training initiatives, including CPR, First Aid, and Stop The Bleed programs. Additionally, the presentation emphasized building strong community relationships with local emergency services to enhance preparedness and response efforts.

Superintendent Evaluation – Sections A & B:

At the Board of Education committee meeting on Thursday, following the committee meeting, the Board will meet to work through Section A, Governance & Board Relations, and Section B, Community Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra's 2024-25 evaluation. The group will use the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.

Finance Reports – Dec. 2024:
Action Item – Approved

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

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| <p>SOC Resolution – Section 105: Action Item – Opt Out</p> | <p>The Board opted out of Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 for the 2025-2026 school year.</p> |
| <p>Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program: Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board approved participation in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-2026 school year.</p> <p>As part of the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, the District will accept 150 school of choice scholars grades K-5 for the 2025-2026 school year.</p> |
| <p>SOC Resolution – Section 105C: Action Item – Opt In</p> | <p>The Board opted in to Section 105c of the School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000 for the 2025-2026 school year.</p> |
| <p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Unified Sports To Lowell Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Lowell High School on February 21st to compete in a Unified Sports basketball game.</p> |
| <p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics To BCHS Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to Battle Creek High School on February 28th and returning on March 2nd to compete in a robotics team competition.</p> |
| <p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics To SVSU Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to Saginaw Valley State University on April 3rd and returning on April 5th to compete in the state robotics team competition.</p> |
| <p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Capitol Visit Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan on April 21, 2025. Students have been studying Federal and State Government systems throughout the year, with a particular emphasis on the Legislative System. They have participated in virtual tours of Federal Government buildings and completed research projects on Governor Whitmer, as well as Michigan’s senators and representatives. To provide a hands-on connection to their studies, students will participate in a field trip to the State Capitol. The trip includes tours of the Capitol building, the State Supreme Court, and a museum, offering students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of state government operations and history.</p> |
| <p>Gladiola Scholar Trip Request – Kalamazoo Air Zoo Action Item – Approved</p> | <p>The Board reviewed and approved the Gladiola Elementary School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on May 22, 2025. The Kalamazoo Air Zoo is an interactive museum that features vintage airplanes, flight technology, and historical aviation equipment. The Air Zoo will provide an engaging and educational experience tailored to our 4th-grade students, allowing them to explore the history and science of aviation in an age-</p> |

Early Graduation Request of
Scholar 2425.02
Action Item – Approved

Upcoming Events:

appropriate and hands-on way. The proximity of the museum makes this a convenient and valuable learning opportunity for our scholars.

The Board reviewed and approved a request submitted by WHS Principal, Josh Baumbach, to approve the early graduation of a WHS scholar 2425.02. Scholar 2425.02 has completed all requirements to satisfy the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and will graduate with twenty-one credits.

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 4:30 PM - At SLA
(Secondary Learning Academy)

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 10, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025 – 6 PM

Other:

No School For Scholars - Staff PD - January 31, 2025

WJH Band Pre-Festival Concert - February 6, 2025 - 7 PM - WHS

Mid-Winter Break - February 14th & 17th

Feeding America Food Pantry - Feb 24, 2025 - 4:30 PM - WHS

Parkview Literacy Night - February 27, 2025 - 5 PM