



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

02/24/25 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 24, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Kelly Salazar, SLA FDSV, Eff 2/28/25

Leaves of Absence:

Central Reception, FMLA, Eff 3/6/25-3/14/25

WHS Teacher, FMLA, Eff 5/16/25-5/30/25

Oriole Park Building Spotlight
Presentation:

On Thursday evening, Oriole Park Elementary Principal Kristen Minard provided the Board with an overview of their ongoing efforts to enhance student belonging within the school through intentional efforts including developing and implementing multiple student leadership teams. Their focus is on creating more opportunities for scholars to take on leadership roles and actively contribute to the school community. Initiatives introduced include a safety squad, an announcement team, a care team, and a student council, all designed to foster responsibility and engagement among students. Additionally, staff are intentionally incorporating classroom conversations centered on belonging to further support a positive and inclusive school culture.

West Elementary Building
Spotlight Presentation:

At the committee meeting on Thursday, West Elementary Principal Brian Hartigan and Dean Jake Skaggs presented to the Board about their new den system, designed to strengthen school community and engagement. The system consists of four dens of students and staff, which together form one unified pack. Dens can earn PBIS points and participate in competitions and meetings that foster teamwork and school spirit. The initiative also provides opportunities for peer mentorship and increased family engagement, further supporting a positive and connected learning environment for all students. Additionally, they highlighted the launch of their own school news network, the Pack News Network, which provides students with a platform to develop communication and leadership skills. The group invited Board members to attend their upcoming Den celebration on March 28, themed Big Love, which ties into the Audrey Lou Red Glasses Movement.

<p>Continuous Improvement Leadership Day:</p>	<p>A School Improvement PLC was held on Monday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., led by Dr. Tammy Campbell. The purpose of this session was to share the great work each building is doing in support of the district's strategic plan. Attendees included all building principals, assistant principals, school improvement chairs, as well as Jason Maas, Jennifer Slanger, Mike Burde, and Craig Hoekstra. This collaborative meeting provided an opportunity to discuss progress, share best practices, and align efforts to further advance school improvement initiatives.</p>
<p>Board of Education Professional Development:</p>	<p>Prior to the Board meeting, Dr. Tammy Campbell led the Board in a professional development session. The session focused on the second year of the District's strategic plan. Dr. Campbell provided the group with insight and guidance for continued implementation and progress.</p>
<p>Board Policy Update – 4113-F Earned Sick Time Act: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved an update from Thrun Policy Services regarding recent changes to Michigan labor laws. On February 21, 2025, the Michigan legislature passed amendments to the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA). The Board reviewed updated policy and forms that reflect these amendments. Thrun recommends the adoption of updated Policy 4113 and Form 4113-F to ensure compliance with ESTA requirements. The new ESTA policy and form will assist the district with implementation, and the 4113-F Attachment, including a LEO ESTA brochure and a copy of the ESTA, will be provided as supporting documentation.</p>
<p>Staff Trip Request – OneGoal Assemble Chicago: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School staff request to travel Chicago, Illinois on March 11th and 12th to attend the OneGoal Assemble. This conference aligns with Goal 4 of the district's strategic plan, which focuses on ensuring students are post-diploma ready. OneGoal is a key partnership supported by the MICAN grant, providing valuable resources and strategies to help WHS effectively implement this goal. Attending the conference will allow staff to gain insights, best practices, and networking opportunities that will enhance the school's efforts in preparing students for success beyond high school.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Michigan's Adventure: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School EL staff and scholar request for travel to and from Michigan's Adventure on May 23rd. This trip will provide students with a real-world learning experience related to Newton's Second Law of Motion. While at the park, students will analyze data to support the claim that Newton's Second Law describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on macroscopic objects, their mass, and their acceleration. This hands-on learning opportunity will reinforce classroom instruction by allowing students to apply scientific concepts in an engaging and interactive environment.</p>

OP Scholar Trip Request –
Kalamazoo Air Zoo:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Oriole Park Elementary School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on February 28, 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 3rd and 4th grade students, allowing them to explore the history and science of aviation in an age-appropriate and hands-on way. The proximity of the museum makes this a convenient and valuable learning opportunity for our scholars.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, March 24, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6 PM @ DHFAC

Other:

No School For Scholars – Staff PD – March 14, 2025

WHS Unified Basketball @ Kenowa Tournament – March 21, 2025

Festival of The Arts – WHS – March 22, 2025 – 10 AM – 2 PM

WHS Unified Basketball @ Hudsonville Tourney–March 28, 2025

West Red Glasses Assembly – West – March 28, 2025 – 9 AM

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS - March 31, 2025 - 4:30 PM

Spring Break – April 4-11, 2025

Class of 2038 Signing Day–Admin Bldg – April 21, 2025 – 3:30 PM

Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS - April 28, 2025 - 4:30 PM