



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

03/10/25 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

WHS Business Professionals of
America (BPA) Presentation:

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Members of the Wyoming High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) attended the Board meeting on Monday, March 24th to discuss their experience at the recent State Leadership Conference and their upcoming participation in the National Leadership Conference.

The BPA State Leadership Conference took place this past weekend at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids with over 2,000 students from across Michigan competing in more than 50 events, the conference was a remarkable success.

Wyoming Public Schools' BPA scholars showcased exceptional skills, professionalism, and dedication throughout the competition. Two students qualified for the National Leadership Conference, and multiple students placed in the top ten of their respective events. Given the highly competitive nature of these events—many featuring 40+ individual participants and 15+ teams—these achievements are truly something to be proud of!

The Board recognized the instrumental role that faculty, staff, and the community play in supporting the BPA program. These invaluable opportunities would not be possible without their collective dedication and commitment. We encourage everyone to extend their congratulations to the students for their outstanding accomplishments.

National Qualifiers:

Natalie Rojas-Rocha – Entrepreneurship

D'Leeth Gayot-Ramirez – Presentation Management Individual

Top Finishers:

Berlinda Pablo-Pablo – Advanced Interview Skills – 5th Place

D'Leeth Gayot-Ramirez, Natalie Rojas, Emma Bodella,

Leslie Villalobos – Broadcast News Team – 5th Place

Annalyse Franks – Human Resource Management – 8th Place

Janet Barrera Chavez, Arianna Parada-Sosa, Hazel

Damuth – Website Design Team – 9th Place

Allan Barrientos – Graphic Design – 9th Place

Kylen Tanui, Rhiley Vandyken, Sydney Holt, Catherine

Caraceho-Trujillo – Global Marketing Team – 9th Place

Allan Barrientos, Miah Mendez Ortega, Angie Torres –
Podcast Production Team – 10th Place

Looking ahead, our national qualifiers are preparing to represent Wyoming Public Schools at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, from May 7th through the 11th. This is an incredible opportunity for them to demonstrate their talents on a national platform.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Brandon Burgess, PT Grounds, Eff 3/11/25

Mar'Quell Johnson, Custodial Sub, Eff 3/11/25

Position Changes:

John Robinson, WJH Counselor, Eff 3/24/25

Joe Steffes, Director of Safety, Security, & Transportation, Eff 3/24/25

Leaves of Absence:

FDSV District Floater, LOA, Eff 3/11/25-TBD

Gladiola Teacher, FMLA, Eff 3/31/25-6/1/25

WJH Social Worker, FMLA, Eff 4/30/25-TBD Intermittent

Resignations:

Dana Nault, FDSV Float, Eff 4/1/25

Erica Tuohy, WJH Counselor, Eff 3/14/25

Retirements:

Donald Hudson, Operations Supervisor, Eff 6/30/25

Annual Layoff Authority
Resolution:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the resolution for school personnel reduction as necessary due to projected enrollment numbers, revenue, expenses, program expenses, program success and student outcomes.

Consulting Agreement:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Scholar First, Inc. consulting proposal for the 2025-26 school year. According to the proposal, The Scholar First, Inc. will consult and coach school leader moves in support of the strategic plan, model and build capacity for teams to see indicators of high-quality learning environments, consult and coach on creating systems and structures for continuous improvement (both school and district), coach and support implementation of new essential standards and high leverage teaching practices, present as the Wolf PAC keynote speaker, and lead in-person events that support District strategic plan goals.

Finance Reports – Feb. 2025:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the February 2025 check register and budget to actual report.

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Transportation Routing Software:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved a quote and proposal associated with entering into a three-year agreement with Transfinder, a transportation routing software system.

Parkview Scholar Trip Request – Charlton Park:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Parkview Elementary scholar trip request for travel to and from Charlton Park in Hastings, Michigan on May 12, 2025. This educational experience will provide students with a hands-on opportunity to explore life in Michigan during the 19th century. Through interactive exhibits and historical demonstrations, students will gain a deeper understanding of daily life, trades, and customs from this era.

This trip aligns with Michigan state social studies standards and directly supports our new CKLA Knowledge Units, including topics such as the War of 1812 and the Civil War. By engaging with historical reenactments and immersive activities, students will build connections between classroom learning and real-world historical contexts. This experience will enhance comprehension of early American history while fostering curiosity and engagement with the past.

WHS Scholar Trip Request – BPA Nationals:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Orlando, Florida from May 7th through May 11th to compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference. Two (2) WHS scholars earned this prestigious opportunity by placing 2nd in the state competition, demonstrating exceptional skill, dedication, and professionalism in their respective events.

The BPA National Leadership Conference (NLC) is the premier event for student leaders in business, finance, technology, and marketing. This year's theme, *Capture the Moment*, encourages students to embrace new opportunities, celebrate their achievements, and create lasting memories as they compete, learn, and network with industry professionals. The conference will feature competitive events, leadership development workshops, and career-building experiences, including Universal's Business Learning Youth Program in partnership with CNBC. Attending the NLC will allow our students to showcase their talents on a national stage, connect with peers and professionals from across the country, and gain invaluable real-world experience in their fields of study.

WHS Scholar Trip Request – Michigan's Adventure:
Action Item - Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the request submitted by Wyoming High School for student travel to and from Michigan Adventure on May 23, 2025, to participate in Michigan Adventure's Physics Day. While on the trip, students will apply the many concepts of physics to the real world. Motion of objects, forces and motion, and energy transformation will be reviewed. Students will also take measurements and calculate data on different rides throughout the day.

Satisfactory Academic Progress
for MI 23a Program:
Action Item – Approved

Wyoming Public Schools partners with Graduation Alliance to administer our Section 23a Dropout and Recovery program. As part of this partnership, Graduation Alliance is responsible for monitoring each student's progress and ensuring they achieve Satisfactory Monthly Progress as outlined in their individualized learning plans, in accordance with Section 23a of the State Aid Act.

While Satisfactory Progress is defined in the Graduation Alliance Policy and Operations Manual, our pupil accounting auditor has requested that this provision be approved as a standalone document. The document, titled "Satisfactory Academic Progress for MI 23a Program," outlines the specific criteria and expectations for scholars in the program.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6 PM @ DHFAC

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6 PM

Other:

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