



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

April 28, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

K-8 WPS BoE Scholar
Citizenship Awards:

Eighteen (18) K-8 WPS scholars were recognized for their outstanding contributions in the areas of service, effort, and kindness at the WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6 PM on Monday, April 28th at the Dan Heintzelman Fine Arts Center at Wyoming Junior High School. Each award recipient was recognized by their building principal and presented a citizenship certificate and medal.

2025 Board of Education Scholar Citizenship Award Recipients:

Gladiola – Liam Camarena, Noe Ramirez, Laianaly Santiago

Oriole Park – Emir Okic, Livelli Lemus, Tha Paw

Parkview – Damian Morales-Robles, Matilda Islas, Kiki Monarrez Ramos

West – Yaretzi Arguello, Josue Perez Pinedo, Alayah Reyes Velez

WIS – Dakota Burlew, Elian Terres Jaramillo, Josiah Rosales-Hall

WJH – Noah “Mars” Brown, Brady Clayton, Connor Hughes

This celebration marked the first public event held in the newly renovated Dan Heintzelman Fine Arts Center. Following the award ceremony, a brief break was held for refreshments.

03/24/25 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, March 24, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Meredith Keasey, SLA ELA Teacher, Eff 4/14/25

Leaves of Absence:

Custodian, WJH, FMLA, Eff 5/13/25-6/3/25

Food Service, WIS, LOA, Eff 4/24/25-TBD

Paraeducator, OP, FMLA, Eff 4/10/25-4/9/26 Intermittent
Teacher, West, FMLA, Eff 5/30/25-Fall 2025

Resignations:

David Zakem, Bus Driver, Eff 3/31/25

Retirements:

Craig Vanvliet, WJH Teacher, Eff 5/30/25

Jody Roberts, WHS Food Service, Eff 5/30/25

Joe Firme, OP Custodian, Eff 9/30/25

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	<p>Merry McKeown, PKVW Teacher, Eff 5/30/25 Pamela Morell, PKVW Teacher, Eff 5/30/25 Stephanie Rath sack, WHS Teacher, Eff 5/30/25</p>
<p>Superintendent Evaluation – Section C:</p>	<p>Following the committee meeting on Thursday, the Board met to work through Section C, Staff Relations, of Superintendent Hoekstra’s 2024-25 evaluation. The group used the superintendent evaluation tool provided by MASB.</p> <p>The Board of Education completed the final section of the MASB Superintendent Evaluation for Superintendent Hoekstra. The final rating was determined to be "Effective" for the 2024-2025 school year.</p>
<p>Finance Reports – March 2025: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the March 2025 check register and budget to actual report.</p>
<p>Food Service Management Renewal: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the 2025-26 Chartwells food service management contract for renewal. This is the first annual renewal of four possible.</p>
<p>GMB Contract – Bus Garage: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the GMB proposed professional services agreement associated with the construction of the replacement WPS transportation facility.</p>
<p>Chromebook Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the CDW-G quote in the amount of \$223,421 for the purchase of nine hundred fifty (950) Lenovo Chromebooks with the Google Chrome Education Upgrade to be used by first, seventh, and tenth grade scholars next fall.</p>
<p>Smartboard Purchase: Action Item - Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Data Image quote in the amount of \$80,887.50 for the purchase of fifty (50) 65” 4K interactive smartboards with wall mount and three-year warranty for usage in classrooms across the District.</p>
<p>Desktop Computer Purchase: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Amazon Business quote in the amount of \$93,148.65 for the purchase of one hundred thirty-five (135) Lenovo ThinkCentre All-In-One Desktop Computers for usage in classrooms across the District.</p>
<p>WHS Scholar Trip Request – Jazz Band: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Thornapple Arts Council Jazz Festival in Hastings, Michigan scheduled for April 25, 2025. This educational experience includes a student performance component with immediate feedback provided by a professional musician, supporting the district’s commitment to continuous improvement and academic enrichment.</p>
<p>WJH Scholar Trip Request – Jazz Band: Action Item – Approved</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School scholar trip request for travel to and from the Thornapple Arts Council Jazz Festival in Hastings, Michigan scheduled for April</p>

WHS Scholar Trip Request – Robotics:
Action Item – Approved

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The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for travel to and from Houston, Texas for the FIRST Robotics Championships, an international competition. The team plans to travel by charter bus, leaving on April 15th and returning on April 20th.

Board members recognized the significance of this event and what a great opportunity it is for the students and staff involved. All were impressed that the team qualified for such a prestigious competition and recognized the hard work that went into making it happen. The Board was supportive of the team representing Wyoming on this big stage.

Early Graduation Request of Scholar 2425.04:
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 2425.04, pending successful completion of the required Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) expectations.

Kindergarten Registration – Class of 2038:

On Monday, April 21st, we held our Class of 2038 Kindergarten Registration event at the Administration Building. We had an outstanding turnout! Approximately forty-six (46) families were welcomed to the District and had an opportunity to learn about WPS, enroll their incoming kindergarten scholar, enjoy refreshments, and participate in a make-and-take activity. Of the forty-six (46) families in attendance, we enrolled twenty-nine (29) future WPS kindergarten scholars. The other families present had either already completed the online enrollment process or had a child currently attending Wyoming Early Childhood Center. Our WECC scholars will complete back to school registration when that opens in May. At the event, all families received a backpack filled with books, information about WPS, and activities to do over the summer.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, June 9, 2025 – 5 PM

Other:

WIS Talent Show - DHFAC - April 29, 2025 - 6:30 PM

WHS Spring Band Concert - May 1, 2025 - 7 PM

AW11 Champions of Character – WHS – May 2, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Wolf Den Sidewalk Sale- WHS - May 3, 2025 – 9 AM – 1 PM

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Staff Appreciation Week – May 5-9, 2025 WHS Spring Choral Concert – May 5, 2025 – 7 PM WHS NHS Induction – WHS – May 7, 2025 – 6 PM WHS Senior Awards – WHS – May 7, 2025 – 7 PM WJH Spring Band Concert – May 8, 2025 – 7 PM WHS Class of 2025 Graduation – May 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM Memorial Day Holiday – May 26, 2025 Feeding America Food Pantry – WHS – May 27, 2025 - 4:30 PM Gladiola School Picnic – May 29, 2025 – 4 PM
