



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 28, 2025 ~ 5:00 PM**

06/23/25 Board Minutes:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 23, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Ahmed Elmi, 6th Grade Teacher WIS, Eff 8/15/25  
Brenda Oosterhouse, Music Teacher Glad/WIS, Eff 8/15/25  
Kenzie Dietrich, 5th Grade Teacher WIS, Eff 8/15/25

**Position Changes:**

James Gulledge, District Maintenance II, Eff 5/31/25  
Ervin Artlip, Gladiola Building Maintenance, Eff 6/9/25  
Thomas Bont, West Building Maintenance, Eff 6/28/25  
Anthonie Powell, Oriole Park Head Custodian, Eff 7/12/25  
Samantha Kolbe, Parkview Head Custodian, Eff 7/12/25  
Alvaro Gomez Saldivar, SLA/Ad Bldg Custodian, Eff 7/12/25  
Mark Leszczynski, Pt Grounds & Pt HS Custodian, Eff 7/28/25

**Resignations:**

Anna Russell (Limbeck), Teacher, Eff 8/14/25  
Constanza Duimstra, Paraeducator, Eff 7/8/25  
Riley Huggins, Teacher, Eff 8/14/25  
Sabrina Reminga, Custodian, Eff 6/4/25  
Jennifer Neibarger, Paraeducator, Eff 7/24/25

Addition of Boys Soccer  
Assistant Coach Position:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the addition of a boys soccer assistant coach position.

November 2025 Ballot  
Question:  
**Action Item – Adopted**

The Board reviewed and approved the following documents related to the resolution calling for a special school election on November 4, 2025; proposed ballot language, certification of ballot proposition, Kent County calendar for bond elections, and campaign finance act frequently asked questions.

2025-26 Preparedness:

As we kick off the 2025-2026 school year, we're engaged in several important events. On August 11th, we'll hold our Administrative Retreat. On August 12th, new WPS staff members will participate in onboarding, followed by two days of professional learning for new teachers on August 13th and 14th. On August 22nd, we'll welcome Dr. Campbell in the morning, and staff will engage in professional learning at their respective buildings in the afternoon. Additionally,

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|  | each elementary building will host Kindergarten Smart Start during the week of August 11th.  |
| Fall Insight:                                | The August 2025 edition of the Insight has been sent to the printer and is expected to be delivered to WPS families and members of the Wyoming community around the first of August.   |
| Transportation Office:                       | The Wyoming Public Schools Transportation Office will be temporarily relocated to the high school. The office will operate out of the large staff lounge located inside Door 10. This space will serve as both the administrative office and the bus dispatch area during the construction of our new transportation facility.   |
| Transportation Routing Software:             | Transportation leadership has been working diligently this summer to implement our new routing software, Transfinder. As this system is finalized, any changes to bus routes, pick-up locations, ridership, and pick-up and drop-off times will be communicated to parents and students.   |
| Transportation Student Mentors & Incentives: | Beginning this fall, 24 high school students will serve as bus mentors to assist with elementary and intermediate after-school routes. These students will receive training prior to starting and will be compensated for their time and service. The goal of this initiative is to foster strong, supportive relationships among students and to proactively promote a safe and respectful ridership experience.  |
| Board Tour:                                  | The Board engaged in discussion regarding a district building tour during the 2025-26 school year. It was suggested by the group to begin building tours with the newly renovated Wyoming Intermediate after the start of the school year.   |
| Board Liaisons:                              | The Board engaged in discussion regarding liaison assignments for the upcoming school year. It was decided that information regarding future school experiences will be passed along to the board members for awareness.   |
| Student Board Awards:                        | The Board discussed the current format of the spring awards presentations, considering whether to maintain the existing model or return to presenting awards at each recipient's school. It was decided to continue with the current model. A recording of the event will be shared with the recipients' teachers, who may show it to their classes to further celebrate the award winners.  |
| Curb Appeal Improvements:                    | The WPS Grounds Department has been actively working across all district buildings to enhance curb appeal in preparation for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. Efforts have included trimming trees and bushes, refreshing landscaping beds, mowing and edging lawns, and cleaning up debris around entryways and parking lots. These improvements aim to create a welcoming and well-maintained environment for students, staff, and visitors as they return to campus. |

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| State & Federal Budget Update:  | Superintendent Hoekstra and Associate Superintendent Carnes provided the Board an update on the status of the state and federal budgets.   |
| Construction Update:  | Superintendent Hoekstra provided the Board with a summer construction update.  |
| Reunification Training:   | A Reunification Training has been tentatively scheduled for October 16th for all Wyoming Public Schools administrators and central office staff. This training is a critical component of the district's emergency preparedness efforts and will provide staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively implement a student-parent reunification plan in the event of a school emergency. Participants will engage in practical scenarios to ensure a clear understanding of roles, responsibilities, and procedures. |
| Thrun Policy Updates: 3115, 3115A, 3301 A, 3402, 3407, 4101, 4105B:<br><b>Action Item – Adopted</b> | The Board reviewed and adopted the Thrun recommended policy updates to the following policies: 3115 Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Non-Retaliation, 3115A Definitions for 3115 Series, 3301A Purchasing and Procurement with Federal Funds, 3402 Drills, Plans, and Reports, 3407 Asbestos Management, 4101 Non-Discrimination, 4105B Religious Workplace Accommodations for Employees and Applicants.   |
| Finance Reports – June 2025:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>                                       | The Board reviewed and approved the June 2025 check register.  |
| CDW Bus Modem Purchase:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>  | The Board reviewed and approved the CDW-G quote in the amount of \$30,228 for the purchase of modems to be used in coordination with the new transportation routing software.  |
| Inacomp TSG Chromebook Charge Carts for WJH:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>                       | The Board reviewed and approved the InaComp TSG quote in the amount of \$23,256 for the purchase of 18 Chromebook Charge Carts to be used at Wyoming Junior High School.   |
| CKLA Curriculum Purchase:<br><b>Action Item - Approved</b>  | The Board reviewed and approved the Amplify CKLA quote in the amount of \$75,719.08 for kindergarten through 5th grade curriculum materials and student licenses.  |
| Illustrative Mathematics Curriculum Purchase:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>                      | The Board reviewed and approved the Kendall Hunt quote in the amount of \$20,688.60 for the purchase of 5th and 6th grade Illustrative Mathematics curriculum materials.   |
| TCI Curriculum Purchase:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>   | The Board reviewed and approved the TCI quote in the amount of \$37,954.25 for the purchase of kindergarten through 8th grade social studies curriculum materials.   |
| NWEA MAP Growth Renewal:<br><b>Action Item – Approved</b>   | The Board reviewed and approved the NWEA quote in the amount of \$32,262.50 for the renewal of the NWEA MAP Growth Foundations online annual license.  |

**District Landscaping Projects:  
Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the landscaping quotes and scopes of work for several district sites, including the Administration Building, Wyoming Early Childhood Center, Gladiola Elementary, Oriole Park Elementary, and Parkview Elementary. The proposals totaling \$28,850 outlined enhancements aimed at improving aesthetics, safety, and long-term maintenance across each location.

**Edgenuity License Renewal:  
Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the quote from Imagine Learning in the amount of \$33,000 for the renewal of the Edgenuity license for grades 6th through 12th.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, August 7, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, August 11, 2025 – 5 PM

Monday, August 25, 2025 – 5 PM

**Other:**

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Orientation – August 6, 2025 – 9 AM or 12:30 PM – WHS

WHS FREE Athletic Physicals – August 6, 2025 – 6 PM – WHS

7th Grade Smart Start – August 12, 2025 – 8 AM

9th Grade Orientation – August 12, 2025 – 9 AM – WHS

8th Grade Picture Day / Schedule Pick Up – August 12, 2025 – 1 PM

Parkview Kinder Smart Start – August 12, 2025 – 9:30 AM

Gladiola Kinder Smart Start – August 14, 2025 – 3 PM

West Kinder Smart Start – August 14, 2025 – 3 PM

WIS Open House – August 18, 2025 – 5 PM

WHS Meet The Team Night – August 18, 2025 – 5 PM – WHS

Elementary Open Houses – August 18, 2025 – 5:30 PM

WECC Open House – August 18, 2025 – 5:30 PM

First Day of 2025-2026 School Year – August 19, 2025

Wolf PAC 2025 – August 22, 2025

WJH Open House – September 3, 2025 – 6 PM

WHS Open House – September 3, 2025 – 6 PM