



WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

08/25/25 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 25, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Laura Campbell, Para at PKVW, Eff 8/25/25

Enrollment Update:

Superintendent Hoekstra and Associate Superintendent Carnes provided the Board with an update on enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. He shared current student counts noting areas of growth. The update also included preliminary comparisons to last year's numbers and discussion on how enrollment trends may impact staffing, class sizes, and resource allocation for the coming year.

Election Update:

Superintendent Hoekstra provided an update on the November 4, 2025 election. The enhancement mileage, sinking fund, and the bond will be on the ballot. The enhancement mileage would be an increase for taxpayers, while the sinking fund and bond ballot items will not be an increase for taxpayers. Wyoming Public Schools has started providing information to the Wyoming community through social media posts, email communication, posters, and flyers.

Fall Count Day 90/10 Blend
(October 1):

The 2025 Fall Count Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st. There are two windows connected to Count Day for all schools in Michigan. The first is all students that were "Unexcused" on Count Day. They have ten (10) school days (which is Wednesday, October 15th) to attend school to count towards the District's enrollment numbers. The second window is for "Excused" students who have 30 calendar days (November 12th) to report back to school. Fall count day accounts for 90% of the state funding per student. Spring count day, which will take place on February 11th, represents 10% of the state funding per student.

Fall Athletic Participation
Numbers:

The Board reviewed Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming High School athletic participation numbers for Fall 2025. The group was pleased to see overall growth, with 209 WHS student-athletes participating compared to 200 in Fall 2024. While varsity football, girls volleyball, and boys tennis saw slight decreases, strong increases in boys soccer, cheer, cross country, dance, and golf contributed to the positive overall trend, which reflects continued student interest and engagement in athletics.

Homecoming Week:	The Board was provided an update on upcoming Homecoming festivities. A community carnival will take place on Friday, September 12, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on the high school practice field, featuring activities such as mini golf, inflatables, corn hole, face painting, and FREE hot dogs. Following the carnival, the Homecoming football game will kick off at 7:00 PM in the football stadium, with Wyoming hosting Ottawa Hills. WHS students close out the Homecoming week festivities with their Homecoming dance on Saturday, September 13.
08.22.25 Wolf PAC:	Dr. Campbell led our keynote address welcoming back all staff and grounding us in our district focus: teacher clarity. Following the keynote address, staff were provided lunch before they engaged in professional learning at their building.
2025 M-STEP Test Results:	The 2025 M-STEP results were released last week. Our 3rd through 12th graders participated in this required assessment. Our building and district continuous improvement teams will begin unpacking this data and using the data to inform continued progress toward building and district goals.
K-6 Literacy Update:	<p>This year marks the second year of implementing CKLA in Kindergarten through 5th grade, and we are pleased to report that implementation continues to go well. Teachers are becoming increasingly confident with the curriculum, and students are benefiting from its structured approach to building strong foundational literacy skills.</p> <p>In addition, our 6th grade teachers have recently completed training for Read 180 Flex, a reading intervention program. This resource is specifically designed to support students performing below grade-level expectations in phonics and reading comprehension. By adding Read 180 Flex, we are now able to address a critical gap in our literacy supports, ensuring that students who need targeted interventions receive the tools necessary to strengthen their skills and succeed.</p>
WHS Scholar Trip Request – BPA – Western Michigan: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved a travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for accounting and BPA scholars to attend an event at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan on October 14, 2025. The experience will provide students with a broad view of the accounting profession, including opportunities to engage with CPAs and college accounting students, while also offering educators a valuable setting to inspire and inform students about potential career paths.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – BPA – Michigan State: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Business Professionals of America (BPA) students to travel to and from Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan on October 21, 2025, to attend the BPA Fall Leadership Conference.

WHS Scholar Trip Request –
AW11 Leadership Retreat:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for travel to and from Camp Manitou-Lin in Middleville, Michigan on September 24th and 25th, 2025. Scholars will spend time with their peers working on team-building activities that require problem solving and critical thinking skills. The group will also spend time developing plans for Alpha Wolf 11 assemblies during the 2025-26 school year and belonging activities to support Goal Area #1 of the district strategic plan.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 4:30 PM – Secondary Learning Academy

Board Meetings:

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, October 13, 2025 – 6 PM

Other:

WHS Homecoming Carnival – September 12, 2025 – 4:30 PM

WHS Homecoming Game – September 12, 2025 – 7 PM

Staff PD / No School For Students – September 26, 2025

Fall Count Day – October 1, 2025