



WPS BOARD BRIEFS
Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

Maner Costerisan Audit
Presentation:

Nicholas Kossaras of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the year end June 30, 2024. Nick has been involved with the WPS audit for the past eleven (11) years. A great deal of time and effort goes into the audit process and Maner Costerisan was extremely complimentary of our business office staff for their hard work and attention to detail. The audit came back with a clean opinion and with no control deficiencies or weaknesses noted. The financials as presented accurately reflect the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS. Maner Costerisan also audited WPS programs receiving federal funding. They found spending to be in line with the budgets for those programs and their associated federal mandates.

Nick thanked the Board for allowing their team to serve the District for the annual financial audit. He also thanked Associate Superintendent of Finance, Jamie Carnes, Director of Finance, Jennifer Callahan, and the WPS business office staff for the outstanding job that they do.

10/13/25 Board Minutes:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 13, 2025.

Personnel Transactions:
Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

New Hires:

Pranitha Voruganti-Slager, West Kinder Teacher, Eff 10/20/25

Leave of Absence:

Food Service at WJH, LOA 10/13/25-TBD

Student Advocate at Glad, FMLA 12/15/25-2/9/2026

Student Advocate at WIS, FMLA 5/14/26-Fall 2026

Resignations:

Craig Buttermore, Bus Driver, Eff 10/15/2025

Kathleen Bruining, Food Service, Eff 10/17/2025

Retirements:

Dennis Noble, Bus Driver, Eff 1/5/26

Election Update:

The Board received an update on November 4th ballot proposal marketing efforts. The district is focused on creating awareness of the November 4th election and the three proposals that, if approved, will impact Wyoming Public Schools. The district has been actively reminding the community of the upcoming election through a variety of channels including signage and informational

	flyers displayed and distributed during parent-teacher conferences, social media posts, School News Network articles, building marquee reminders, and including information in all staff and family newsletters. In addition, the district is in the final stages of completing a series of informational videos to further engage and inform the community. All of these efforts have been put into place to help ensure families and community members are informed and engaged in advance of the upcoming election.
Board of Education Professional Development:	Superintendent Hoekstra and the Board of Education engaged in a discussion regarding potential professional development topics for the 2025–2026 school year. The Board also considered whether to schedule one or two professional development sessions during the year.
Wrestling Assistant Coach Position: Action Item – Approved	The Board discussed and approved the addition of an assistant wrestling coach position.
Finance Reports – September 2025: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the September 2025 check register and budget to actual report.
Maner Costerisan Audit: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2025 audit performed by Maner Costerisan.
Summer Tax Resolution: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the 2026 summer tax resolution.
31aa Update: Action Item – Approved	The Board was provided an update on 31aa by Associate Superintendent, Jamie Carnes.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – Central Michigan: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming High School scholar trip request for WHS juniors and seniors to travel to and from Central Michigan on November 13, 2025, for a campus tour. The purpose of this visit is to prepare students for their future by providing firsthand exposure to college campus life, academic expectations, and available resources. The experience supports students in making informed postsecondary decisions, understanding admission processes, and developing readiness for college-level challenges. This opportunity aligns with state college and career readiness goals and the Wyoming Profile of a Graduate by fostering academic preparation, career exploration, self-advocacy, and long-term goal setting—helping students become career ready, future focused, and purposeful contributors to society.
WJH Scholar Trip Request – Robotics / Fruitport: Action Item – Approved	The Board reviewed and approved the Wyoming Junior High School scholar trip request for members of the WJH Robotics Team to travel to and from Fruitport High School on November 22, 2025, for a robotics competition. The event will provide students the opportunity to compete against approximately 30 area teams,

showcasing their design, programming, and problem-solving skills. Participation in this competition supports STEM learning, teamwork, and innovation while allowing students to apply classroom concepts in a real-world setting.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Session

Thursday, November 6, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Board Meetings:

Monday, November 10, 2025 – 6 PM

Monday, December 8, 2025 – 6 PM

Other:

Staff PD / No School For Students – October 31, 2025

WPS Trick Or Treat – November 1, 2025 – 12 PM – 3 PM

Election Day – November 4, 2025

Thanksgiving Break – November 26-28, 2025

Holiday Treasures Craft Show – November 29, 2025 – 9 AM – 3 PM

Alpha Wolf 11 Assembly – December 12, 2025 – 12:30 PM

Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade – December 13, 2025 – 10 AM

Scholar ½ Day (AM Only) – December 18 & 19, 2025

Winter Break – December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026