

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



## School Board Meeting Recap | January 15, 2019

### Success Indicators

*New OSPI Report Card offers more features for tracking student performance*

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis and Superintendent Wade Smith provided an overview of the state's new Report Card to school board members.

They noted Report Card changes include more information about students, educators and finances. The redesign is mobile device friendly, translated in other languages and easier for parents and community members to access information. The new Report Card also meets requirements under Every Student Succeeds Act by presenting information in an understandable and uniform format.

Recently updated district information on the new Report Card from the 2017-2018 school year indicates improvement in graduation rates, dual credit attainment



Christy Krutulis

“Parents and the community will be able to easily access information on district academic growth and progress towards meeting our Success Indicator targets identified in the Strategic Plan.”

**Christy Krutulis**  
*Executive Dir. of Teaching & Learning*

is up, English Lang. Learning exit status is rising and student growth in math and English Language Arts is trending.

The new OSPI Report Card is linked on the district's website under the 'Schools' tab.

### Board Meeting Highlights

#### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Dec. 18, 2018 regular business meeting and executive session, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra and co-curricular contracts, Jan. 2 accounts payable and December payroll, Jan. 15 accounts payable, and December financial report.

#### Masonic Cornerstone Dedication . . .

Walla Walla Mason Dutch Meier presented an opportunity for the district to partner with his organization through the Masonic Cornerstone Dedication program as bond facility improvements are completed.

This partnership program is often linked to ribbon cutting ceremonies where the Masons donate a stone honoring the public facility.

#### Enrollment update . . .

Superintendent Smith reported the district's enrollment count for Jan. 2019 is 5677 FTE. This count is slightly above the 5600 FTE budget target, partially due to 35 students returning to WWPS from Willow Public Charter School.

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day . . .

- No school: Monday, Jan. 21
- Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 22

### Appreciation Month

#### Thank You School Board!

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Wade Smith read a proclamation from Governor Inslee which honored school board members for volunteering to be champions for public education.



School Board L-R: Sam Wells, Terri Trick, Derek Sarley, Ruth Ladderud and Dr. David Hampson.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT . . .**

*Classified:*

MAGGIE BIDWELL | BOOKKEEPER | BUSINESS OFFICE  
TIMOTHY LYON | PARA-ED | PIONEER MS

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .**

*Certificated:*

JUDD THOMPSON | PIONEER MS | 5 MONTHS

*Classified:*

STEVEN OLSEN | TECHNOLOGY | 34 YEARS  
JILL SPORLEDER | PROSPECT POINT | 30 YEARS

**Quote of the Week**

“Kids don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”

Jim Henson

**Sarley honored for board service**

Last night Derek Sarley was honored for his service as 2018 Board President. His leadership accomplishments include supporting the successful bond election, the first-ever state Board of Distinction award and the first-year of implementation of the district's new strategic plan. Thank you for your service!



**Highly Capable referral period**

The Highly Capable referral period is scheduled for February 1 through March 1, 2019. Walla Walla School District's Highly Capable programming provides students of high academic and intellectual ability with designated time to explore concepts in greater depth. The goal of the Highly Capable Program is to encourage the development of higher level thinking skills.

Information on Highly Capable Program services and the 2019 referral process is currently available on the district website. Referral forms are available in all district schools and on the district website. For more information, please contact Christy Krutulis, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning. [ckrutulis@wwps.org](mailto:ckrutulis@wwps.org) or 526-6733.

**Save the date - Great Explorations**

Girls in 5th-8th Grade should save the date for the 2019 Great Explorations Science event, "Reaching for the Stars!" It is Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the keynote speaker is 1995 Wa-Hi graduate Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) MacDonald, who works for NASA and has created an amazing citizen science project called Aurorasaurus.

For more information, contact Ruth Ladderud - [ladderud@pocketinet.com](mailto:ladderud@pocketinet.com)

**Bond Update**

**January 2019 Project Update**

Superintendent Wade Smith briefed school board members on progress being made following November's successful bond election. Local firms PBS Environmental and Anderson Perry & Associates are on sites investigating soil samples and engineering needs. Roof consultants are studying Berney and Blue Ridge in preparation for roof replacements this summer. Superintendent Smith reported more than \$3 million in projects will be completed this summer and the district will break ground on the new Wa-Hi Science Building next fall.



Top left: Wa-Hi teachers tour classrooms at Pullman High School. They also visited Ferris and North Central High Schools in Spokane. Left: Wa-Hi teachers discuss design ideas as part of the Education Specifications process. Above: Maintenance staff work with a roofing consultant to assess the Blue Ridge roof. The district is preparing to replace this unique dirt and grass covered roof this summer.

