

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | January 16, 2018

## Health Curriculum Adoption

*New curriculum and materials aligned to new state Health standards*



Christy Krutulis

Following nearly a one year process, school board members approved new K-12 Health curriculum and materials to align with the state's new Health standards which were adopted in 2016.

The curriculum and materials address six core areas to provide a well-rounded health education.

The new high school textbook will be ordered this week and put in place starting second semester. Fifth grade and middle school students will also have access to new lessons and materials this school year. A broad-based curriculum review committee consisting of teachers, administrators and

social services researched and selected the materials approved by the school board. As part of the selection process, parents and community members had the opportunity to provide input on the materials. This adoption is part of the district's five-year curriculum adoption cycle. The school board has committed \$500,000 annually to support the curriculum adoption plan.

"Our students will have access to the most current information to help them make healthy lifelong decisions."

Christy Krutulis,

*Executive Director, Teaching & Learning*

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Dec. 19, 2017 regular business meeting and executive session, and Jan. 9, 2018 special meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, Jan. 3 accounts payable and December payroll, Jan. 16 accounts payable, December financial report, facility lease and school board committee assignments.

### Policy First Readings . . .

- 2021 Library Information & Tech
- 2104 Fed/State Special Instructional
- 2106 Program Compliance
- 2125 Sexual Health Education
- 2126 HIV-AIDS Prevention Education
- 2150 Co-Curricular Program
- 2151 Interscholastic Activities
- 2409 Credit for Comp./Proficiency
- 3115 Homeless Students: Enrollment
- 3144 Release of Info (Sex Off.) NEW
- 3530 Fundraising Involving Students
- 5000 Recruitment & Selection of Staff
- 5050 Contracts
- 5222 Job-Sharing Staff Members
- 5270 Resolution of Staff Complaints
- 5400 Personnel Leaves
- 5406 Leave Sharing (NEW)
- 6102 District Fundraising Activities
- 6112 Rental/Lease of Dist. Property
- 6114 Gifts or Donations
- 6215 Voucher Certification & Approval
- 6881 Disposal of Sur. Equip./Materials
- 6910 Construction Financing
- 6920 Construction Design
- 6921 Educational Specs (REMOVE)
- 6950 Contractor Assurances, Surety Bonds, Insur. & Change Orders
- 6957 Change Orders (REMOVE)
- 6959 Acceptance of Completed Proj.

## Suicide Prevention Awareness

*District plans FREE public training meeting*

- FREE Suicide Prevention Training Meeting
- Monday, Jan. 22 / 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Library

### Meeting Topics

- Statistics
- Protective Factors
- Intervention
- Risk Factors
- Warning Signs
- Resources



Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT . . .**

**Classified:**

LINDSEY DEAN | PARA-ED (TEMP) | PROSPECT POINT  
 RICHARD GARRISON | BUS ASST. | TRANSPORTATION  
 SHANNON GINTER | PARA-ED | GARRISON MS  
 M. MIREYA VARGAS | INTERVENTION SP | OPPORTUNITY  
 EMILY WARD | PARA-ED | BERNEY

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

**Classified:**

JADE CRAMER | PARA-ED | BR PRESCHOOL, 2.5 YEARS

**Quote of the Week**

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

Henry Ford

**Board Appreciation Month**

*District honors school board members for service*

Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors were honored last night as part of School Board Appreciation Month. School board members volunteer significant time each year in support of providing a quality educational experience for all students. School board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the superintendent, adopting policy and approving budgets. They also serve on a variety of committees and represent the public. Thank you for your service and dedication!



School board members L-R: Sam Wells, Ruth Ladderud, Derek Sarley, Jaenemy Perez de Luengas and Dr. David Hampson.

**2018 Bond Planning Update**

Last month, the school board accepted two bond options prepared by the Community Facilities Task Force following months of research. These options will be discussed with the community over the next few months. This input gathering process will help to determine which option is best aligned with the community’s priorities for facilities improvements. The school board is expected to approve one of the options in May to be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

*Key 2018 Bond Planning Messages:*

- Both options include renovations of Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School and Lincoln High School.
- Both options are eligible for \$52.6 million in State Match funds.
- All State Match funds will be applied to these projects. Any excess funds would be returned to taxpayers to lower the bond debt.
- Option One is a no bond tax rate increase, while option two is a 15 cent bond tax rate increase.

Superintendent Smith is meeting with staff, parent groups and community members to provide information. Visit the district website for information, virtual tours, survey and site plan graphics.

**Wa-Hi Student Representative Report**

School board student representative Chloe Williams reported the Winter Wish program is underway. Conspiracy of Hope is Feb. 22 and 23. Every 15 Minutes returns in March and the Wa-Hi Cheer Tumbling team qualified for nationals again this year.

**Big Blue Weekend recap**

Parent Leslie Snyder updated the school board on last fall’s return of Wa-Hi’s Big Blue Weekend. Snyder volunteered to coordinate the Hayden Lake, ID event after it went dormant for several years. Snyder said the event had a tremendous impact on her oldest child and wanted to see it return to promote a family-like environment at Wa-Hi. This year 89 students attended. They have plans to double participation next school year. Student Tayler Nelson reported the Big Blue Weekend experience has had a positive impact in her life and was a great opportunity to make new friends.