

District salutes Dr. Jim Lehmann



Superintendent **Mick Miller** presents outgoing school board member **Dr. Jim Lehmann** with a Golden Apple award.

Miller praised Lehmann for his service and detailed some of the district's highlights during his tenure. Lehmann, a longtime K-12 public educator and current college professor, said his time on the school board will be considered one of his greatest achievements.

Lehmann says good-bye to district School board develops replacement plan

School board member **Dr. Jim Lehmann** officially resigned from the school board last night. Lehmann plans to move to the east coast to spend more time with his children and grandchildren.



"It has been a great honor for me to have been elected to serve the great community of Walla Walla and I will truly miss this responsibility," Lehmann said.

Superintendent **Mick Miller** and Board President **Max Carrera** detailed the plan for finding a replacement.

Board member replacement timeline:

The district will accept applications for Lehmann's replacement through Tuesday, Sept. 18 by 5 p.m. Forms are at the district office and online: www.wwps.org. The School Board will review applications Sept. 18 in an Executive Session and then announce the finalists during the regular Sept. 18 meeting.

The school board will interview finalists and vote on the candidates Sept. 25. The new board member will be sworn in Oct. 2. The new board member stands for election November 2013 to fill the remainder of the term through 2015.

Online program improves customer service for parents

Business Office staff **Nancy Taylor** and **Susie Golden** briefed the school board on the district's new online receipting system which improves communication and customer service by allowing parents to pay student fees electronically. The Touchbase system, which conveniently interfaces with Skyward Family Access by using the same login information, also tracks all purchases.

Parents may pay with check, cash or debit/credit using Touchbase. Prior to the installation, parents were unable to pay electronically. The system also improves processes for building secretaries, creates a uniform system throughout the district of receipting and handling funds and provides a more timely accounting of revenue collection.

The district has created an Online Parent Resources page on its web site for a one-stop-shop experience for fee payment, attendance, class schedules, sports forms and meal payments.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the August 21, 2012, personnel report, Out-of-State travel, September 4 accounts payable and August payroll, WWVEA contract, PSE contract, Homelink Student Handbook, 2012-13 District Insurance Renewal, Board Meeting Schedule: January to June 2013, Extra-Curricular contracts, Co-Curricular contracts and Revision to Policy 6216/Reimbursement for Goods and Services.
- in a separate action item, accepted the resignation of School Board member Jim Lehmann
- approved a request to authorize Student Health Options to expand to Blue Ridge Elementary/Preschool
- received for first reading: Revision to Board Policy No. 5407 -- Military Leave

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated) **NONE TO REPORT**

(Classified)

Ruth Farias, Family Advocate/Para-Ed (temp), Head Start/ECEAP Program

Nicole Hyatt, Para-Educator, Sharpstein

Michael Najera, Para-Educator, Edison

Betsy Russell, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge

Miranda Schmid, Para-Educator, Lincoln High School

Heather Usko, OT/PT Aide (temp.), Special Programs

Leave of Absence

(Classified)

Joy Moniz, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School, 8 years

- For the 2012-2013 school year

Out of State Travel

Kerri Coffman, **Tensie Lovejoy**, **Sharron Plucker**, and **Elisa Weinman-Pogue** to attend the Preschool GLAD teacher training in Fullerton, CA (Funding: Head Start, ECEAP, Professional Growth)

Karen Dazell and **Kathi DeBroeck** to attend Photoshop World in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: Vocational)

Quote of the Week

“Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism.”

David M. Burns

Board approves school-based health center at Blue Ridge

Last night, school board members voted 3-2 to approve a proposal from *The Health Center* to expand and develop a school-based health center at Blue Ridge Elementary. Prior to the vote, *The Health Center* Executive Director Holly Howard answered questions during a public work session and detailed how the center would operate.

The Health Center at Blue Ridge will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and serve P-5 students. The staff will share space with the Blue Ridge Health Clinician who provides service to the school during the morning hours. The school currently does not have coverage in the afternoon.

School board members will receive a progress report in June to review the number of referrals and the center’s impact on local medical providers.

“I feel strongly that we have been given this opportunity to show that we can foster stronger partnerships in our community and that we are here to provide care for the students,” Howard said. “We will communicate with parents, providers, students, and the school and will work hard to deliver stronger health care for these young people. The Health Center at Blue Ridge will reduce barriers to access and keep students developing into healthier learners.”

The school-based health center at Lincoln HS is beginning year four.

“The Pulse” Video Series Superintendent Mick Miller

Superintendent **Mick Miller** welcomes everyone back to school for a new year via his “The Pulse” monthly video series.

Miller traveled to Wa-Hi to kick off the school year for the first video of the 2012-13 series. School board President **Max Carrera**, Wa-Hi Principal **Pete Peterson** and Wa-Hi ASB President **Michaela Stalder** are featured.

Each month Superintendent Miller will produce “The Pulse” to help inform parents, students, staff and community members on district issues. Next month Superintendent Miller will travel to Blue Ridge to provide an update.

Visit the district website (www.wwps.org) or the district’s YouTube page to watch “The Pulse.”



School Board Meeting dates (January to June 2013)

Tuesday, January 15	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 5	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 18	4:00 p.m.