



Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Tami Tucker

POSITION: Payroll Officer

School: Business Office

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 15 years

Q. What is your role with the Business Office?

A. I process payroll each month. I specialize on the certificated staff. I enter deductions, new contracts and health insurance benefits. I need to make sure it all balances and everyone gets paid correctly.

Q. Is there extra pressure because you work so closely with paychecks?

A. It is very stressful since money is so personal. I always want the paychecks to be correct. I've had issues with my own paycheck with positions I've held in the past with other organizations. If one is expecting a certain amount of money and it isn't that way, it is very stressful. I know how they feel and take it very personally.

Q. When are your extra busy times in the Business Office?

A. The Business Office is a fast-paced work environment. September and October are very busy because it is a new school year. Contracts and health plans are being updated and new employees are being added to the payroll. January and February are also especially busy when we look at sick leave buy-backs. In April, we begin reviewing health contracts and benefits for the following year. July is our quietest month.

Q. Why has public education been a good fit for you?

A. When I first came to the district in 1999, the schedule worked well because I was raising my children and I didn't work the summer months and major holiday breaks.

I believe in public education and what it does for our community and kids. I enjoy the people and everything about it.

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NOTES:
Our Business Office team meets weekly to talk about projects and deadlines. In our busier times we meet more often to keep on track.
I believe communication is the key to a successful team.



Highlights Tami Tucker

I went to nursing school but soon discovered the schedule wouldn't work with my active family.



I was born and raised in Walla Walla. I have been married to Doug for 30 years. We have four children and three grandchildren.

We like to work in the yard and be with family.

