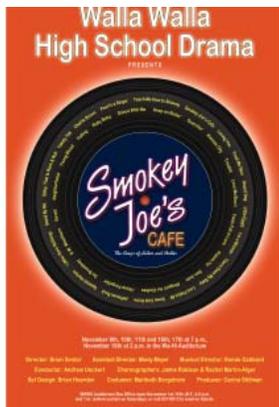


Wa-Hi Drama Department Presents "Smokey Joe's Café"



Wa-Hi Drama Department cast members of Smokey Joe's Café gave school board members a sneak preview of their production set to open tomorrow night. This musical features plenty of dancing and a wide variety of hit music.



Show Dates

November 9, 10, 11
and 16, 17
Time: 7:00 p.m.

November 18
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location

Wa-Hi Auditorium.

November 7 • School Board Meeting Recap

Board ready to approve Edison bond

School board members last night during a public work session inched closer to putting Edison Elementary on a bond measure to go before voters in February.

Board members said unless there is overwhelming public concern against the measure in the next two weeks, they will take action to approve a resolution at the Nov. 21 school board meeting. They have scheduled another public work session on Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. to give community members another opportunity to weigh in on an Edison bond measure.

Public comments on this issue are to be directed to Communications Director Mark Higgins at 526-6716 or mhiggins@wwps.org.

Below is a summary of the suggested Edison proposal:

Election date: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Scope of project: Replace existing 70-year-old Edison Elementary on an expanded current site with a 63,000 square foot school designed to serve approximately 450 students to meet district growth demands.

Project Cost: \$19.5 million (estimated)

Cost per \$1,000 (estimated): The Edison bond will be repaid over an 11 year period and is estimated to increase the current bond rate 36 cents per thousand of assessed valuation. This breaks down to an average of \$4.50 per month on a \$150,000 house.

State Matching Dollars: \$3.4 million (estimated)

(Board is proposing using some of this funding for a Support Services facility.)

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of the board meetings of October 17, 2006, Personnel and Out of State Travel Reports.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified) **Tanya Hoffman**, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School
Cynthia Johnson, Food Service Assistant, Berney
Nikki Phillips, Food Service Assistant, Walla Walla High School

• Resignations/Retirements

(Classified) **Teresa Weaver**, Health Clinician, Blue Ridge (2 months)

• Leave of Absence

(Certificated) **Mindy Meyer**, English Teacher, Wa-Hi (15 years)

• Mindy has a .6 FTE teaching position - she is requesting a .5 FTE leave of absence for 2006-07 to serve as New Teacher Project Coordinator for CSTP (Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession). Mindy will serve as a .1 FTE Professional Certification contact for Walla Walla Public Schools.

• Out of State Travel

Sue Hanson to attend Northwest AAHPERD Conference in Reno, NV (Funding: PGO & Professional Development)

Kirk Jameson to attend 2006 NAAE/ACTE Convention in Atlanta, GA (Funding: Ag Grant)

Norb Rossi to attend ACDA National Convention in Miami, FL (Funding: Staff Achievement Grant & Music Travel)

Quote of the Week

"The truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil."

Grover Cleveland

Healthy living promoted at Sharpstein Health Fair

Nearly 400 adults and children attended the 2nd Annual Sharpstein Health Fair last month, according to a report from Principal **Laure Quaresma**.

She said students and parents participated in fun learning activities supported by more than 26 local businesses and agencies. Quaresma said the fair featured more than 16 activities designed to engage students and parents in health-related learning.

Health Services Director **Jennifer Douglas** also presented to the school board and said research shows student achievement is enhanced through physical activity and healthy living.

The next health fair for the Walla Walla Rural Health Community Partnership will be held at Garrison Middle School on Thursday, December 7. Hours for the fair are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Sharpstein Intervention Specialist Luciana Pooler uses a puppet show to promote healthy living during the school's annual Health Fair.

Technology continues to improve support

Technology and Library-Media Director **Janis Barton** reported to school board members how the "School Dude" work scheduling tool and the addition of Software Support Specialist Carlos Caicedo is helping her department better support staff and students.

Barton said since introducing "School Dude" to the department this fall, nearly 1,400 work order requests have been processed and completed. She said about 10 to 12 percent remain open on any given day, about half from this time last year.

Her department is now focusing on updating and developing a three-year Technology plan per a state requirement. The plan is due to OSPI in April.

American Education Week (Nov. 12-18)

This year's theme: **Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility**

Carter praises educators

Last night Superintendent **Rich Carter** thanked and recognized educators for their commitment to student learning and for building positive relationships with youth and their families.

Next Thursday the district will host its 5th Annual *American Education Week Celebration* event. The event allows community members to visit the school of their choice and gain a better understanding of the district's mission, successes, challenges, and needs.

To sign up, contact Communications Director **Mark Higgins** at 526-6716 or mhiggins@wwps.org to sign up.