

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | September 16, 2014

Health Center

Services support learning at Blue Ridge and Lincoln HS



Stan Ledington

With two local school-based health centers at Lincoln High School and Blue Ridge Elementary, The Health Center is uniquely positioned to nurture children in our community who do not have reliable access to mental and physical health care, reported director Stan Ledington during an address to the school board.

The Health Center's services are on-site, no-cost and relationship-based. Since opening its doors in 2009, The Health Center has supported more than 8000 clinic visits. The Health Center receives no

direct financial support from Walla Walla Public Schools.

This year, 100 percent of graduating Lincoln HS seniors received medical care at The Health Center and 50% were seen for mental health care during their time at school. The Health Center continues to serve more and more children at Blue Ridge as staff, parents and students learn about available services. Last year, twice the number of visits and students were seen at the Blue Ridge and this year mental health services will be offered.



Sergio Hernandez

Diversity

Hernandez remains chair

As part of Goal 3 of the district's Strategic Plan, Sergio Hernandez will continue to chair the district's Diversity Committee. He will also lead Equity and Access functions to partner with the community and families in support of the district's diverse student population. Hernandez invited the community to the "Fiestas Patrias" benefit concert Saturday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gesa Power House Theatre. Cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit the Shakespeare Walla Walla education program and the district's Ballet Folklorico afterschool program for students at Garrison and Pioneer.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the September 2, 2014 board meeting and public work session, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, Sept. 16 accounts payable, August financial report, 2014-2015 district insurance renewal, Board of Directors meeting schedule: January to June 2015, Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance.

■ APPROVED . . .

a motion to delay conducting a Superintendent Search until the 2015-16 school year. The goal is to have a new superintendent assume the duties July 1, 2016. Superintendent Jordan is expected to continue serving next year.

■ ENROLLMENT REPORT . . .

School board members heard a report on the district's beginning year enrollment count from Business Services Director Ted Cohan. Enrollment has dipped to start the year, according to Cohan. The district missed its budget target by nearly 100 students. September FTE count: 5794 (does not include Running Start). Although Homelink students represent the greatest drop in students at 37, no consistent pattern for the other departures exists, according to Cohan. He said the district will closely monitor October's enrollment figures.

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

NEW HIRES ...

Certificated:

ALISON STALEY
Counselor - Walla Walla High School

Classified:

JESUS ALONSO
Custodian, Pioneer / Wa-Hi

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS ...

Classified:

LISA FANN | 7 MONTHS | EDISON ELEMENTARY
Para-Educator

KRISTA GARCIA | 3 YEARS
Transportation Secretary

RICHIE STROZINSKY | 19 YEARS | PIONEER MS
Para-Educator

LEAVES OF ABSENCE ...

Classified:

RUTHELL MARTINEZ | SHARPSTEIN
Intervention Specialist, (remainder of 2014-15 school year)

TIMOTHY WAUCHEK | LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
Para-Educator, (remainder of 2014-15 school year)

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL ...

ELIZABETH JAGELSKI - to attend the National Association for Music Education in Nashville, TN (Funding: Staff Achievement Grant)

KERRI COFFMAN, DENISE ONGERS, DENISE FRAIRE, MARGUERITE MIRANDA, AND CHERYL COPELAND - to attend Child Plus Training in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: Head Start/ECEAP Funds)

Quote of the Week

"If we did all things we are capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves."

Thomas Edison

Walla Walla Fair

Learning opportunities abound



Wa-Hi FFA member Quinn McHie won the 2014 Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Grand Champion in the Market Steer category.

It was another strong showing for Walla Walla Public Schools students at the annual Walla Walla Fair and Frontier days.

Thanks to FFA advisors Lindsey Butcher, Jessica Johnson and Arch McHie for all their hard work. Nearly 70 farm animals were on display. Market sales totaled \$76,000.

Last night FFA students thanked the school board for its support. They reported FFA continues to provide learning opportunities for students. They also said they make friends and feel connected to school.

SEA-TECH Dedication & Tour

Walla Walla Public Schools will officially dedicate the Southeast Area Technical Skills Center (SEA-TECH) Thursday. The public ceremony is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Students will lead guided tours from 10 to 11 a.m.

The Washington state legislature approved a total of \$11,519,000 to fund the design development, construction and equipment for SEA-TECH during the 2011-13 biennium. Walla Walla Community College leases the land to Walla Walla Public Schools for \$1 per year. The land agreement represents the district's 10 percent matching portion of the project. The state funded the remaining 90 percent of the project. As a result, this project did not raise local bond rates.

SEA-TECH offers digital media technology, welding, renewable resources and health occupation programs and is a branch campus of the Tri-Tech Skills Center. Partnering districts: Dayton, Waitsburg, Touchet, Prescott and College Place. Students from Walla Walla and all the partner districts attend a morning (AM) or afternoon (PM) three hour block schedule.