

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 4, 2014

SEA-TECH

District accepts final commissioning report



Dennis Matson

Last night, the school board approved the final acceptance of Commissioning Report for the Southeast Area Technical Skills Center marking the end of a seven year process to bring a high school skills center to Walla Walla.

No increase to local bond rates

The Washington state legislature, with the strong support of Senator Mike Hewitt and Representatives Maureen Walsh and Terry Nealey, approved \$11,519,000 to fund the design development, construction and equipment for the Southeast

Area Technical Skills Center during the 2011-13 biennium. Walla Walla Community College leases the land to Walla Walla Public Schools for \$1 per year. As a result, this project did not raise local bond rates.

SEA-TECH offers digital media technology, welding, renewable resources and health occupation programs. 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) block schedule at SEA-TECH. Dennis Matson is the SEA-TECH director.



L-R: Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan, Anne Golden, Sergio Hernandez, Dennis Matson, Cindy Meyer and Ruth Ladderud tour SEA-TECH as part of the final acceptance of the Commissioning Report.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ **APPROVED . . .**

Minutes from the Oct. 21, 2014 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, Nov. 4 accounts payable and October payroll, and public work session minutes of Oct. 28, 2014.

Resolution 07-2014 SEA-TECH Final Acceptance of Commissioning Report.

Resolution 08-2014 SEA-TECH Final Acceptance signed by authorized agent.

■ **School Board training . . .**

School board members received Open Government Training last night as required by the Open Government Trainings Act enacted by the 2014 Washington State Legislature.

The Act is designed to foster open government by making open government education a recognized obligation of public service. The Act is also designed to reduce liability by educating agency officials and staff on the laws.

■ **Upcoming board meetings . . .**

November 18, 2014

December 16, 2014

January 20, 2015

NOTE: Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Administrative:

DR. TRACY WILLIAMS
Interim Special Education Director - District Office

Classified:

AMITY PRIORE
Para-Educator - Blue Ridge Head Start/ECEAP

YESENIA TRUJILLO
Para-Educator (temp) - Blue Ridge Elementary

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS ...

Classified:

LAURA SNOWBERGER | 14 YEARS | NUTRITION SRVS.
Kitchen Manager - Lincoln High School

LEAVES OF ABSENCE ...

Certificated:

CINDY DAVES | SPECIAL EDUCATION | BERNEY
Through February 2015

Classified:

TRACY LONGMIRE | PARA-EDUCATOR | PROSPECT POINT
Remainder of the 2014-2015 school year

KELLI JO SMITH | PARA-EDUCATOR | PIONEER MS
February through May 2015 to complete student training

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL ...

LINDA BOGGS, LAURE QUARESMA, MIRA GOBEL, AND GINA YONTS to attend Learning Forward in Nashville, TN
(Funding: CIA/Title II, Personnel)

TRESSA BAKER to attend The Chute Institute International Education Conference in Maui, HI
(Funding: Staff Achievement Grant/Personal)

LAURE QUARESMA to attend International Bullying Prevention Association 11th Annual Conference in San Diego, CA
(Funding: Personnel)

Say NO to Bullying

Garrison takes stand against bullying

Garrison Middle School staff and students recently dressed in orange to take a united stand against bullying. Through Project Connect, Garrison Middle School students created messages on how they can help make their school safer. Students learned the definition of bullying, studied characteristics, and discussed myths about the topic. All students reviewed how to report an incident, what to do if they witness bullying and strategies for preventing it.



Quote of the Week

"There is no substitute for paying attention"
Diane Sawyer

Garrison Night School

Registration Period - Nov. 18-20

Walla Walla Public Schools in partnership with Walla Walla Community College will again offer Garrison Night School for adults. Garrison Night School will offer several levels of ESL classes, a computer class, and GED preparation from November 24 to March 3. Beginning and Beginning Advanced Spanish class will also be offered.

Registration for the ESL classes is November 18, 19, and 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Classes start Monday, November 24. Cost for either program is \$25. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Melito Ramirez at 509-526-8638 or 509-386-5408.

Veterans Day Holiday

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