

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | April 21, 2015

Art Regier Awards

Volunteers honored for service to district staff, students and programs



Sam Wells

In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Month, School Board President Sam Wells is proud to announce Darrell and Von Gomsrud, Donna Chapin, Linda Clark, Jean Gibbs, and Linda Arms as the district's 2014-2015 Art Regier Volunteers of the Year.

The Award

The Art Regier Outstanding Volunteer Award was instituted in 1991 as a memorial to "Grandpa Art" Regier. Regier, a retiree who devoted years of service to elementary schools in Walla Walla, epitomized the spirit of volunteerism in education.

Darrell and Von Gomsrud – Green Park
Nominators – Diane Mires, Jean Tobin, Missy Johnson and Gina Yonts

Donna Chapin – Berney Elementary
Nominators: Tammy Baker, Annette Matlock, and Danielle Van Dyke

Jean Gibbs – Sharpstein Elementary
Nominators: Matt Bona, Danae Darby, Terri Gilbert and Terry Morgan

Linda Arms – Head Start/ECEAP
Nominators: Cresencia Gutierrez-Duran and Denise Fraire

Linda Clark – Prospect Point
Nominators: Susan Prudente, Kara Shulke, Chris Gardea, Amy Nielson and Melissa Gardner

Volunteers of the Year were selected based on exceptional service, unusual dedication and compassion.

PHOTO L-R: Sam Wells, Jean Gibbs, Donna Chapin, Linda Arms, Linda Clark and Dr. Bill Jordan. Not present: Darrell and Von Gomsrud.



Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the March 30 and April 6, 2015 special board meetings, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, issuance of certificated contracts and notifications of reasonable assurance, April 7 accounts payable and March payroll, April 21 accounts payable, March financial report, surplus equipment and materials and PayFlow Pro imprest fund.

School board members also approved Revised Policy 3200 Students' Rights and Responsibilities.

Budget Status Report . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported the district remains on target to finish the year with healthy reserves despite a drop in enrollment. He said the district will budget for fewer students next year, but is anticipating additional revenue from the state.

Work Session - TPEP . . .

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Laure Quaresma and Blue Ridge Teacher and TPEP trainer Tina Brennan updated the school board on the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Process (TPEP). Quaresma said the new process is a growth model and the transition is going well in our district.

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Classified:

KAREN TELLO | PARA-EDUCATOR
Special Programs

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Certificated:

JULIANNE ANDERSON | 5 YEARS | SHARPSTEIN
Learning Specialist

Classified:

YVON BARBER | 33 YEARS | PIONEER MS
Head Secretary

CARRIE BROWN | 2 YEARS | PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
Para-Educator (Blue Ridge program)

PAT GRIFFITH | 14 YEARS | TECHNOLOGY
Head Secretary

CESAR HERNANDEZ | 4 YEARS | GARRISON MS
Para-Educator (was on leave of absence 2014-15)

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS ...

Classified: (continued)

JULIA LEAVITT | 1 YEAR | BLUE RIDGE
Intervention Specialist

MARIA MEZA | DID NOT START | SPECIAL EDUCATION
Para-Educator

STEVE STIMMEL | 15 YEARS | PROSPECT POINT
Head Custodian

EDDIE WALKER | 18 YEARS | GARRISON MS
Music Secretary

Leave of Absence:

JULIE COX | 5 YEARS | ENGLISH TEACHER
Wa-Hi (For the 2015-2016 school year)

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

CASEY MONAHAN to attend National Core Advocates Conference in Denver, CO (Funding: Core Advocates/Title II)

CHRIS NEESE-BLACKMAN to attend AAUW National Leadership Convention in San Diego, CA (Funding: Professional Development, Personal)

CLAIRE JAMES, GINA MCDONNELL, SOFIA PARSONS, LINDSAY RONDEAU, CLAUDIA SALDIVAR to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Diego, CA (Funding: Focus Grant)

Curriculum Review
Middle School English

Last night, Garrison Middle School Principal Robert Elizondo, Pioneer Middle School Principal Mira Gobel, Garrison teacher Shelly Crump and Pioneer teacher Stephanie Kytola briefed the school board on the middle school English/Language Arts curriculum. Consistency and collaboration were themes last night as the two schools work closely on this content area. They are adjusting to the Common Core State Standards, using technology more frequently and providing a variety of assessments to track gains. Most recently they have spent time preparing students for the pending Smarter Balanced assessments.

“ We have developed common assessments and this has been a milestone in education.”

Mira Gobel



PHOTO: Robert Elizondo, Shelly Crump, Mira Gobel and Stephanie Kytola.

Quote of the Week

“I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.”

Maya Angelou

Calzaretta directs local film festival

Approximately 40 films from throughout the world made by filmmakers under 21 years of age, including several from Walla Walla students, will be shown during the SPIFFY (Student Produced Independent Films For Youth) festival Saturday, May 9 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the GESA Power House Theatre. Cost is \$12 and those 14 and under are in for free. Pioneer Middle School teacher Dan Calzaretta is the festival director.

Snow Make-Up Day

- Friday, May 8
- All schools will be in session