

Walla Walla Public Schools

# 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | March 15, 2016

## Facility Preservation

District maintenance program helps extend school facilities operational span



Dan Johnson

Facilities Support Director Dan Johnson briefed the school board on the Asset Preservation and High Performance School Program during last night's meeting.

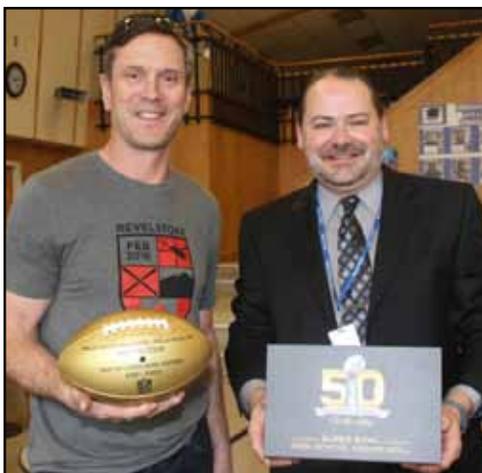
School districts are required to report to OSPI annually by April 1 on the condition of school facilities. The review includes physical condition of the sites and educational suitability. Johnson updates an electronic spreadsheet for each school facility, including any maintenance projects and improvements.

The software produces a rating number based on the overall condition of the facility. Schools older than 30 years typically score in the 60 range out of a total of 100. Johnson

also reported the district is in the process of a more extensive Study and Survey review this year.

This state requirement is mandated every six years to more closely study school facilities. Architects West is assisting with this process.

SEA-TECH also falls under state review this year through the High Performance School program. State funded facilities must report for five years on maintenance and facility improvement efforts. Johnson is reviewing utility usage as well. He said the facility is working well and serving the needs of staff and students.



Walla Walla High School graduate Drew Bledsoe visited his former school in celebration of the Super Bowl 50 Honor Roll program. The NFL provided a gold football to every high school in the world that's produced a player or coach who's appeared in a Super Bowl. Bledsoe presented his football to Principal Pete Peterson in front of the staff during a faculty meeting. Bledsoe was a letterman in football, basketball and track at Wa-Hi.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the March 3, 2016 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular athletic contracts, March 15 accounts payable and February financial report.

### Superintendent Contract . . .

School board members unanimously approved a three year contract for new Superintendent Mr. Wade Smith. Smith begins July 1, 2016.

### Wa-Hi track naming . . .

Walla Walla High School Principal Pete Peterson announced the school will begin a formal process to name the new track. Nominations will be accepted beginning in April and conclude in October. A broad-based selection committee will be formed to review the nominations and make a recommendation. Peterson says he expects to take a recommendation to the school board in December.

### Budget work session . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan facilitated a school board public work session focused on the 2016-2017 budget. Cohan reviewed the Citizens Guide to the Budget publication and discussed priorities from the district administrative team and school board.

Excellence in Every Classroom

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Certificated:**

ANGELA BONA | THIRD GRADE

*Berney Elementary*

JACOB BUTENHOFF | SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Special Education Department*

JENNIFER BUTENHOFF | SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Walla Walla High School*

HEATHER MICHELS | SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Garrison Middle School*

SHEILAH PAYNE | KINDERGARTEN

*Sharpstein Elementary*

**Classified:**

CATHERINE BLETHEN | HEALTH ROOM ASST.

*Pioneer Middle School*

LUZ CUELLAR | HEALTH ROOM ASST.

*Blue Ridge Elementary*

**EMPLOYMENT**

AURALEE GRUBB | PAYROLL OFFICER

*Business Office*

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

**Administrative**

LAURE QUARESMA | TEACHING & LEARNING - 27 YEARS

**Certificated**

SHANNON HAND | BERNEY - 14 YEARS

\* RESIGNING .2FTE. CONTINUES AS .8 FTE LAP TEACHER

**Classified**

EILIN BOWERMAN | LINCOLN HS - 11 YEARS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Certificated**

CANDICE TAN | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL, 4 YRS

- Oct. 2016 to June 2017

**Classified**

GEORGIA ALEXANDER | TRANSPORTATION, 22 YRS

- For remainder of 2015-2016 school year

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

- David Blocklinger, Angie Pedroza, Nichole Riggs and Anne Schulz to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in Denver, CO (Funding: Title I/Title II)
- Grace Ogoshi to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Title I)
- Russell Carroll, and Vanessa Prull to attend CAFE in San Francisco, CA (Funding: Ad Match, Title I/LAP, LEP)
- Karen Bumgarner to attend Alternative Science Education Programs in Monterey Bay, CA (Funding: Staff Achievement Grant)
- Jimmy Hill to attend NCTM Conference in San Francisco, CA (Funding: Title II)

**Highly Capable Program**

*New law studied during program review*

Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma is leading a study of the district's Highly Capable program. A committee was formed this fall following changes to the Washington state law which requires all school districts to identify their "most highly capable" students and provide a continuum of services to those students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

One area the group is focusing on is expanding the group identified to be tested for these programs. Quaresma says research indicated parent and teacher referrals should be factored into these decisions as well. Quaresma reported the current highly capable student enrollment doesn't reflect the district's student population. This is especially true for students living in poverty and Hispanic students. She said the group is looking at strategies to provide more balance. The group will address programming in the next phase.



Laure Quaresma  
Asst. Superintendent

**Classified Employees Week - March 14-18**

Governor Jay Inslee declared March 14-18, 2016 Classified Public School Employee Week to specifically recognize the contributions of educational support staff in public schools.

Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan asked everyone to join him in thanking all of our classified employees for their hard work and dedication to Walla Walla Public Schools. He stressed the importance of their service to the educational system.

**Quote of the Week**

"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't."

Pete Seeger