

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | May 3, 2016

Partners in Learning

The month of May is a time to thank district partners for supporting schools



Cindy Meyer

Last night the district kicked off Partners in Learning Month by naming this year's Partners of the Year. These partners were selected based on their roles in supporting children and improving the community.

2015-2016 Partners of the Year

- AMVETS Post 1111
- World Wide Travel Services
- WW County Traffic Safety Task Force
- Children's Resiliency Initiative

The School District established Partners in Learning Month in May 2010. This month the district will send more than 130 proclamations and letters to partners.

"We appreciate the individuals, businesses, organizations and agencies who partner with the district throughout the year to support our students," said School Board President Cindy Meyer. "Each of these partners offer unique experiences and opportunities for our district."



Cast members of Little Mermaid give school board members a sneak preview of the family-friendly spring musical.

Little Mermaid comes to Wa-Hi

The Wa-Hi Drama Department is pleased to present Disney's The Little Mermaid with performances at 7 p.m. May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 and 2 p.m. Saturday matinees May 14 and 21.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the ASB office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or at the box office located in the Wa-Hi auditorium foyer one hour prior to curtain, or online at intouch.wwps.org. Last night, students Katy Payne, Brisa Reyes, Madison Garrett, Cassie Dixon, Jordan Calhoun, Hallyn Boggs and Ryland Hopkins performed a scene for school board members.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the April 19, 2016 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular athletic contracts, May 3 accounts payable and April payroll, and Resolution 03-2016 Delegating Authority to WIAA 2016-17.

Budget/Enrollment update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported state revenue formulas are in as work continues on the 2016-2017 budget. Enrollment is 105 FTE over targets.

Energy Management Program . . .

Energy Management Coordinator John Butenhoff provided an update last night. The program is in its 16th year and has helped the district save \$5 million. Utility costs continue to rise, but usage is down.

High School Graduation . . .

School board members held a public work session to discuss Policy 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements. This year's 7th graders will need 24 credits to graduate.

Trauma Informed Practices . . .

Board members held a public work session to discuss the implementation of trauma informed practices. Relationships are critical to improved behavior and student achievement, according to the panel.

Excellence in Every Classroom

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

EMPLOYMENT ...

Administrative:

DIRK HANSEN | ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Walla Walla High School

Certificated:

TRACY GERBINO | FOURTH GRADE DUAL
Edison Elementary School
ABIGAIL LUCKSTEAD | SCIENCE
Pioneer Middle School

Classified:

RODNEY OUTLAW | PARA-EDUCATOR
Lincoln High School

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Administrative

MATT BONA | SHARPSTEIN PRINCIPAL - 10 YEARS

Certificated

RACHEL DEE | GARRISON - 1 YEAR
VALERIE MIMMS | BLUE RIDGE - 1 YEAR
LACEY NERDIG | GREEN PARK - 3 YEARS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified

SEAN HEALY | LINCOLN HS - 3 MONTHS
SHERRY HEINRICH | GREEN PARK - 7 YEARS
PEDRO HERNANDEZ | EDISON - 21 YEARS
JUDITH MEIER | PROSPECT POINT - 11 YEARS
SANDRA PFEIFER | BERNEY - 9 YEARS
MIREYA VARGAS | WA-HI OPPORTUNITY - 15 YEARS

Coaching

ASHLEY GEORGIA | DANCE, WA-HI - 2 YEARS

LAY OFF

Classified

LINDA BARKER | LINCOLN HS, 25.5 YRS

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

- Heidi Cohan and Stacey Klingenberg to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in Denver, CO (Funding: LAP)
- Jackeline Garanzuay to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Title I)

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6



It's Teacher Appreciation Week and a time to say thank you to our dedicated educators. Last night Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan reported to school board members Walla Walla Public Schools has the best teachers in the state and he is proud to call Walla Walla his home.

Today, Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea and Assistant Human Resources Director Liz Campeau delivered tokens of appreciation to teachers. Thanks for all you do!

Assessment and Achievement Review

Last night night, Assessment Coordinator Maria Garcia briefed the school board on a districtwide assessment audit and the achievement index results. There are 19 formal assessments required by the district, nine which are required by law or policy. Principals are reviewing the audit results as well and will be discussing this with staff. April and May are the months with the most testing. Look for more on this topic in the future.



New Wa-Hi Assistant Principal named

Dirk Hansen was hired as assistant principal of Walla Walla High School. Hansen replaces current Walla Walla High School Principal on Special Assignment Connie Taylor-Randall who is retiring. Hansen is currently the Associate Principal and Athletic Director at Fort Vancouver High School in Vancouver, WA. He has held this position for four years.

Hansen has 23 years of experience in the field of education, including 19 years as a physical education teacher and coach in the Wenatchee, Snoqualmie Valley and Vancouver School Districts. He also has vast experience in school safety and security. Hansen was named the 2016 3A Greater St. Helens Athletic Director of the Year. He also has extensive high school coaching experience in football, softball and basketball. Hansen earned his Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Eastern Washington, where he was named Student of the Year in 1992.

