

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | May 17, 2016

Budget Planning

District receives state revenue formulas as 2016-17 budget preparations continue



Ted Cohan

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan provided an update to the school board Tuesday night on the development of the 2016-2017 General Fund budget. State funding information arrived to the district earlier this month following end of the 2016 legislative session.

The district will receive approximately \$821,000 in new revenue for its \$70 plus million General Fund budget. Cohan said providing the same program in the coming year will cost more than last year as operating

costs including salaries and benefits, supplies and materials, utilities, insurance and contractual services are on the rise. The district is looking at increasing spending for curriculum adoptions, technology advances and busing for preschool students which was suspended a few years ago.

No final decisions regarding spending have been made. The school board will conduct another public work session next month to continue the discussion with final budget approval coming in August.

Summer school plans take shape

Blue Ridge Principal Kim Doepker and 21st Century Program Director Brent Cummings updated the school board on summer school offerings. Cummings reported federally funded programs will be offered for Blue Ridge and Edison students at Blue Ridge with a focus on literacy and math. Garrison, Pioneer and Wa-Hi have a joint program at Garrison. They will focus on literacy, STEM activities and the ethical use of drones. Doepker said elementary programs will focus on literacy skill development for targeted students. Wa-Hi, Lincoln and SEA-TECH will also offer summer programs. The district is investing approximately \$164,000 in summer programs.

Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools

The district received a \$9,226 Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grant for water bottle filling stations at elementary and middle schools. This update will allow students to easily refill their water bottles while at school.

The Legislature appropriated \$5 million dollars in the 2015-17 capital budget for OSPI to administer the new grant program. OSPI received 150 grant applications from school districts across the state. Nutrition Services Director Pamela Milleson is leading the project.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the May 3, 5 and 11, 2016 board meetings, personnel report, out-of-state travel, May 17 accounts payable, April financial report, Resolution #06-2016 Cancellation of Outstanding warrants, 2016-2017 student insurance, and surplus equipment and materials.

Action Items approved . . .

1. Resolution #04-2016 General Fund Budget Extension.
2. Resolution #05-2016 Transportation Vehicle Fund Budget Extension.
3. Revision to Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements.
4. Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grant Application Letter of Board support.

First Readings . . .

1. Revision to Policy 2145 Suicide Prevention.
2. Revision to Policy 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students.
3. Revision to Policy 3246 Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force.

Last day of school . . .

June 8 will now be a full day of school (snow make-up) and Thursday, June 9 will be a half day and the last day of school.

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Coaching:

TRACY ROTERT | HEAD GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
Walla Walla High School

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Administrative

STEVE OLSON | TRANSPORTATION - 9 YEARS

Certificated

CINDY GOMEZ | EDISON - 4 YEARS

JARROD EVENSEN | SEA-TECH - 2 YEARS

Classified

GEORGIA ALEXANDER | TRANSPORTATION - 22 YRS

HENRY ALLEN | WA-HI - 5 MONTHS

JONATHAN ARTHUR | GREEN PARK - 3 YEARS

YOLANDA MAYCUMBER | GARRISON - 1 YEAR

MARVIN MUSSELMAN | TRANSPORTATION - 5 MONTHS

RACHAEL NEUSCHWANDER | SPECIAL ED - 1 YEAR

JUAN VILLEGAS | GREEN PARK - 1 YEAR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE . . .

Certificated

ROB AHRENS | WA-HI, 18 YRS

• To serve as .4 FTE TOSA Science Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year and will continue as .6 FTE science teacher.

WILLIAM CALHOUN | WA-HI, 13.5 YRS

• Will continue as .8 FTE math teacher - .2 FTE LOA for the 2016-2017 school year.

MICHELLE CARPENTER | GREEN PARK, 14 YRS

• To serve as Dean of Students at Green Park for the 2016-2017 school year.

MONICA NELSON | WA-HI, 12 YRS

• To serve as .4 FTE TOSA Math Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year and will continue as .6 FTE math teacher.

Classified

TAMI SHELTON | EDISON, 18 YRS

• For the 2016-2017 school year.

OLGA TKACHEV | PIONEER MS, 6 YRS

• For the 2016-2017 school year.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

• Christy Krutulis to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in Denver, CO (Funding: AVID)

• Brian Casey and Sergio Hernandez to attend 2016 AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Title I)

• Anne Bickelhaupt to attend AP US History/College Board Reader in Louisville, KY (Funding: College Board Professional Development)

• Clayton Hudiburg to attend AP Grading in Cincinnati, OH (Funding: College Board Professional Development)

Quote of the Week

“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.”

James Baldwin

Save the date! Graduation Ceremonies

Lincoln High School Graduation
- Wednesday, June 1
- 6 to 8 p.m.
- Cordiner Hall (Whitman College)

Walla Walla High School Commencement
- Friday, June 3
- 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Campus (Commons area)

Pioneer MS 8th Grade Recognition
- Tuesday, June 7
- 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Main Gym

Garrison MS 8th Grade Recognition
- Wednesday, June 8
- 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Main Gym

Lockdown Wednesday; student in custody

Wa-Hi and SEA-TECH started the school day in a modified lockdown following a tip to police of a potential threat to the schools. Local law enforcement notified district leaders a Wa-Hi student had reportedly come to school with a weapon May 17, which prompted the district to activate its emergency procedures Wednesday.

The lockdown lasted approximately 45 minutes until law enforcement deemed the threat was under control. A Walla Walla High School student was placed into custody Wednesday morning. School safety remains a top priority of the school district. Any potential threats should be reported to law enforcement, school officials and/or the SafeSchools Alert Tipline: <http://1057.alert1.us>; 1057@alert1.us; 855.976.8772.