

Walla Walla Public Schools

# 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | July 19, 2016

## Board reviews budget

2016-2107 Budget balances revenues and expenditures with 8 percent reserve



Ted Cohan

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan briefed the school board on the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget yesterday afternoon during a public work session. The proposed budget reflects a balance of revenue and expenditures while maintaining an 8% fund balance. Cohan reported the district received approximately \$1.9 million dollars in new state revenue over the previous year's allocation, but noted rising operational costs in personnel, utilities and other services exhaust most of these funds. The Teaching and Learning Department will receive an

additional \$350,000 this year to address curriculum adoption and professional development needs. This year's budget is based on a student enrollment target of 5760 FTE, up from the 5710 mark last year. Cohan said preliminary kindergarten registration numbers are strong, prompting the district to hire an additional kindergarten teacher.

The budget is presently under review by ESD 123 as required by state law and will be presented to the school board August 16 for approval consideration.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the June 21, 2016 board meeting and July 7-8, 2016 special board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, July 5 accounts payable and June payroll, July 19 accounts payable, June financial report, 2016-2017 out-of-state tuition, and 2016-2017 PSE contract.

- Approved Resolution #07-2016 Transfer of Funds.

### Preschool busing returns . . .

School board members approved \$138,500 transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Transportation Vehicle Fund to purchase a new school bus outfitted with special seats and seat belts for preschool-aged children. Busing services will resume this school year following a three year hiatus put in place due to the federal sequestration which caused the program to cut \$65,000. Former Preschool Director Kerri Coffman said after careful consideration and with input from parents and staff, it was determined three years ago to cut busing rather than staff or services to children. The federal sequestration dollars have since returned to the program. Parents have been requesting bus service. This year the district will operate two school buses to serve in the morning, mid-day and afternoon routes in support of approximately 74 students' transportation needs, thus limiting access barriers.

## Health Center expands services to Pioneer MS

The Health Center is expanding services to Pioneer Middle School this school year to address healthcare needs in support of reducing barriers to a quality education. Presently The Health Center operates clinics for Lincoln High School and Blue Ridge Elementary students.

Director Stan Ledington reported to school board members the expansion to Pioneer Middle School will serve students at a critical stage in their development. Services will include primary medical care, behavioral health, health education and care coordination. This expansion will double the number of students The Health Center serves. The Health Center is a locally operated nonprofit and does not receive direct funding from the school district.



*The Health Center Director Stan Ledington says the expansion to Pioneer Middle School helps meet a critical community need.*

Excellence in Every Classroom

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Administrative:**

DIANA EVENSON | DIRECTOR, PRESCHOOL

**Certificated:**

- KIMBERLY CASSETTO | WA-HI (LIBRARY)
- ALITA CHAMBERLAIN | EDISON (KINDERGARTEN)
- SARAH DAVIS SIMON | PIONEER MS (MATH)
- MARY FLYNN | BLUE RIDGE PS (SPECIAL ED)
- KIMBERLY GOLLES | EDISON (2ND GRADE)
- MELINDA MAGNAGHI | BLUE RIDGE (3RD GRADE)
- COLLEEN OCHOCINSKI | WA-HI (CHOIR)
- JUSTIN VERNON | GREEN PARK (DEAN, TITLE I MATH)
- JOSH WHEATLEY | .4 WA-HI OPPORTUNITY (MATH)

**Classified:**

- STACEY CHAVEZ | BERNEY (KITCHEN ASST.)
- MINDY GONZALES | BR PRESCHOOL (PARA)
- JACQUELINE HELLIE | WA-HI (PARA)
- ELIZABETH JAIMEZ | GREEN PARK (PARA)
- IVONNE RIOS | BLUE RIDGE (ASST. SECRETARY)
- DYLAN THOMAS | LINCOLN HS (PARA)
- YESENIA TRUJILLO | GREEN PARK (PARA)
- JENNIFER WARNER | EDISON (PARA)

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Certificated**

- JACKELINE GARANZUAY | GARRISON MS - 2 YEARS
- TERRY OLSON | GARRISON/PIONEER MS - 10 YEARS

**Classified**

- LAURA DUNCAN | GARRISON MS - 1 YEAR
- DENISE FRAIRE | BR PRESCHOOL - 11 YEARS
- JENNIFER LOPEZ | WA-HI - 5 MONTHS
- KAREN MCDANIELS | BERNEY - 9 YEARS
- MIREYA PEREZ | TRANSPORTATION - 1 YEAR
- SCOTT POTTER | FACILITIES & OPERATIONS - 9 MONTHS
- JEANNA QUISTBERG | LINCOLN HS - 14 YEARS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Certificated**

- KEITH SWANSON | WA-HI, ENGLISH
- Keith will teach .4 FTE and requests a .6 FTE leave of absence to serve as WWVEA president

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

- Dennis Matson to attend STEM Program/Curriculum Development in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: CTE)
- Amy Serra to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Title I)

# Borleske Stadium

## Football programs adjust to pool construction

As construction continues on the new city pool at the Borleske Stadium site, Walla Walla High School officials are facing more than \$11,000 in costs to keep Wa-Hi varsity football games at the stadium this season due to lack of locker rooms and restrooms. In prior years, Blue Devil and visiting football players used the existing swimming pool changing rooms during football games and these spaces are presently under construction.

The game solution for this year is pitching large rental tents on both sides of the visitors' grandstands for the teams to meet before games and during halftime. Additional portable restrooms will also be brought in for players and coaches to use. Prior to the games, visiting teams will travel to Walla Walla High School to change into their uniforms, receive trainer support and take care of other pre-game needs before being bused back to Borleske Stadium for games.

Walla Walla High School Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams will relocate to Wa-Hi from Martin Field at the Borleske Stadium as a result of construction impacts and coach requests. The track and field program will move to Wa-Hi this spring following construction of the new track, leaving varsity football as the only remaining Wa-Hi program still housed at Borleske Stadium.

**Quote of the Week**

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

Aristotle

**Superintendent reveals Entry Plan**

New Superintendent Wade Smith says he is excited to "hit the ground learning" as he begins his tenure as the district's 16th superintendent. He has laid out a detailed Entry Plan focused on listening and learning.

**Entry Plan Timeline**

- Phase 1: Introduction (July – August)
- Phase 2: Listening to Understand (September-October)
- Phase 3: Making Sense (October – November)
- Phase 4: Engagement and Planning (November – December)

Following Phase 4: Strategic Plan Development (January – June)

Visit the revised Superintendent's webpage for details:  
<http://www.wwps.org/departments/superintendent>