

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | August 16, 2016

Board approves goals

Literacy and math academic achievement gains target areas



Wade Smith

The Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors set its sights on academic achievement gains in literacy and math through its unanimous approval of the 2016-2017 school year goals.

The push for improvement in these areas falls on the heels of Tuesday's release of state assessment results where the district is witnessing double digit dips below state averages in grades 3-8 literacy and math. The district will also seek continued improvement of its already commendable high school retention trends by further lowering drop-out

rates. Superintendent Wade Smith said the goals will hinge on student, superintendent and school board performance targets focusing on the learning needs of all students.

"Each elementary and middle school campus will incorporate best-practice instructional strategies, targeted interventions, and challenging enrichment opportunities, in order to deliver robust individualized improvement for all students in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics," said Superintendent Smith.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the July 19, 2016 public work session and board meeting and July 19, 2016 special board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular athletic contracts, August 2 accounts payable and July payroll, August 16 accounts payable, July financial report, issuance of 2016-17 contracts to classified administrators and non-represented staff, 2016-17 state transitional bilingual instructional program grant application, 2016-17 student handbooks, agreement for school resource officer services (Deputy Allen Thonney), WWPS school board operating protocol, district goals, and board committee and school assignments.

Budget approved . . .

School board members approved a \$72,439,603 General fund budget for the 2016-2017 school year during last night's meeting. The balanced budget maintains approximately 8% unrestricted fund balance and is based on 5760 FTE students, up 50 from last year's target.

Facilities Committee update . . .

Community Facilities Task Force co-chair Paul Schneidmiller reported the committee will continue to meet this school year with a goal of having recommendations to the district in 14 to 16 months. He said more community members will be added this year and school site teams will be formed.

Parent & staff involvement key features of revised Bilingual Committee

The school board has tasked Superintendent Wade Smith to continue studying the district's Bilingual Education program through the formation of a new Stakeholder Recommendation Committee. This was approved last night. This new committee consists of parents from each bilingual program campus and both middle schools, bilingual and English-only strand teachers, select district staff, superintendent and school board representatives. The superintendent and school board representatives are charged with submitting program recommendations to the school board by February 2017.

The study process includes a historical review of past and current district bilingual programs, examination of laws and mandates, findings from the 2015-16 Bilingual study, deliberate parent and staff feedback opportunities and additional research as needed. The committee will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the District Office. Interested parents are asked to fill out an application and submit no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6. Application forms are available at Sharpstein, Edison, Green Park and Blue Ridge Elementary Schools, the district office and on the district web page – Bilingual Programs.

Excellence in Every Classroom

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

JEANETTE ALVAREZ | SHARPSTEIN (1ST GRADE)
 JEFF BARTLOW | PIONEER MS (COUNSELOR)
 JOSE BELECHE | GARRISON MS (.5 FTE MATH)
 JESSIKA CHAPMAN | GARRISON MS (SCIENCE)
 ALINA DELAROSA | PROSPECT PT (LEARNING SPEC.)
 VANESSA GLOGOWER | WA-HI & OPPORTUNITY
 KASEY HUMBERT | SHARPSTEIN (2ND GRADE DUAL)
 ERIC MATSON | SEA-TECH (CONSTRUCTION TRADES)
 JORDON POYNOR | GREEN PARK (SPECIAL ED)

Classified:

DONNA ABRAMS | BLUE RIDGE (HEALTH ROOM ASST)
 THOMAS BEEBE | WA-HI (PARA)
 YESENIA CAMPOS | TRANSPORTATION (BUS ASST)
 ESTHER DUTTON | WA-HI (ASST SECRETARY)
 NATHAN GIBB | GARRISON MS (PARA)
 EMANUEL GUERRERO | WA-HI (PARA)
 MARY JOHNSON | TRANSPORTATION (BUS ASST)
 JENNIFER LANTZ | EDISON (PARA)
 JESUS LEON | WA-HI (CUSTODIAN)
 ALICIA MARTINEZ | GARRISON MS (MUSIC SEC.)
 LEANN NELSON | WA-HI (PARA)
 JAMIE NOFFSINGER | TRANSPORTATION (BUS ASST)
 INGRID OLSEN-YOUNG | GREEN PARK (PARA TEMP)
 JAMIE OLSON | TRANSPORTATION (BUS ASST TEMP)
 BAHIA PARRISH | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL (PARA)
 TYLER PESTER | TRANSPORTATION (BUS ASST)
 DANELLY SALGADO | SPECIAL EDUCATION (PARA)
 MIRIAM TORRES | BLUE RIDGE (PARA)
 ARIANA VALVERDE | EDISON (PARA TEMP)

Wa-Hi air conditioning project gets green light

The days of 90 degree temperatures in many of Walla Walla High School's classrooms during warm days seek some reprieve following unanimous support by the school board to install window air conditioning units in the school's Academic and Science buildings. Visit the district website for more details.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Certificated

DAVID TEGTMEIER | PIONEER MS - 17 YEARS

Classified

CATHERINE BARRANCO | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL - 1 YEAR
 DIANE CHERRY | WA-HI - 12.5 YEARS
 GUADALUPE FRAIRE | BLUE RIDGE - 24 YEARS
 ROSALVA VAZQUEZ | SHARPSTEIN - 5 YEARS

Coaching

HOLLIS ERIKSON | WA-HI BOYS HEAD SOCCER - 1 YEAR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Classified

LAURIE FERRARO | TRANSPORTATION (6 YEARS)
 - For the 2016-2017 school year
 WILLIAM HEISER | FACILITIES SUPPORT (26 YEARS)
 - July 2016 to March 2017

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

• Kerri Coffman to attend SWIS Facilitator Certification in Eugene, OR (Funding: Assessment)

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

2016-2017 District Goals Summary

- Goal 1: Student Performance Targets
- Increase Elementary and Middle School Literacy and Math Achievement
 - Improve High School Retention Rates
- Goal 2: Superintendent Performance Targets
- Successful Implementation of Entry Plan
 - Lead Inclusive Strategic Planning Process
 - Demonstrated Excellence in Relationship Building
- Goal 3: School Board Performance Targets
- Improve Community Involvement
 - Establish Best Practices for Leadership
 - Ensure Fiscal Accountability and Transparency
 - Support Strategic Planning Process