

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | December 13, 2016

## Board Sets Direction *New Vision, Mission and Beliefs statements approved*



Dr. Hampson

An important milestone in the district's year-long Strategic Plan development process was reached Tuesday night as School Board members approved new Vision, Mission and Belief Statements for the district.

This decision followed months of listening, data collecting and discussion as part of the district's Strategic Planning initiative. Walla Walla Public Schools new vision is

"Developing Washington's most sought-after graduates."

School Board President Dr. David Hampson said the new statements represent the community feedback received over the past several years.

"This is an exciting time for the school district as we continue our strategic planning process," Dr. Hampson said. "Our new mission provides clarity and direction."

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 15, 2016 special board meeting and regular board meeting and Nov. 17-18, 2016 special meeting, personnel report, out of state travel, extra-curricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, Dec. 13 accounts payable and November payroll, October Financial Report, Revised January-August 2017 Board Meeting Schedule, Instructional Materials Committee, CTE Program evaluation plan, and Green Park bus lane easement.

### Budget/Enrollment Update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported enrollment remains 12 FTE above the 5760 budget target. General Fund spending is on par with past practice at approximately eight percent a month. Budget planning for 2017-2018 will ramp up after the holidays.

### New track named Klicker . . .

School board members approved naming the new new track at Walla Walla High School the Dave Klicker Memorial Track and Field. Last month, board members were presented with two options from a pool of eight to consider. Approximately 72 percent of the 637 survey participants voted to name it after Klicker. Walla Walla High School Principal Pete Peterson facilitated the nomination process. A ceremony will be conducted in the spring to honor Klicker.

## Approved new Vision, Mission and Beliefs Statements

**Vision** - Developing Washington's most sought-after graduates

### Mission

Walla Walla Public Schools ensures all students receive high quality instruction in an aligned and coherent system while addressing their social and emotional needs in a safe and engaging environment.

### Beliefs Statement

We believe,

- in challenging and supporting all students
- quality instruction is critical to student success
- in investing in staff to ensure excellence
- in maximizing the impact of our resources
- in collaborative and transparent operation
- in the importance of family and community
- diversity is a strength



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**EMPLOYMENT . . .**

**Classified:**

- JENNY HEPWORTH | PROSPECT PT. (PARA-TEMP)
- JOSEPH NORBY | BERNEY (PARA-EDUCATOR)
- MICHELLE PAINE | BR PRESCHOOL (TEMP PARA-EDUCATOR)
- ALICIA WALKER | ADMIN SEC. (TEACHING & LEARNING)

**Resignation (Classified):**

BONNIE PEARSON | PROSPECT PT, 16 YEARS (EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)

**Quote of the Week**

“Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and let him know that you trust him.

Booker T. Washington  
*American educator, author, orator*

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL . . .**

- Kerri Coffman, Shelly Crump, Robert Elizondo, Maria Garcia, Ashley Goss, Mira Gobel, Corey Hobbs, Genie Huntemann, Marci Knauff, Kim Locken, Jennifer Matson, Richelle Palmer, Angelica Pedroza and Alicia Quakenbush to attend Title I National Conference in Long Beach, CA (Funding: Title I)
- Ginger Calvario and Christine Ludwig to attend ChildPlus Training in Atlanta, GA (Funding: Head Start and Classified PD)
- Kim Doepker, Mindy Meyer, Casey Monahan, Pete Peterson, Keith Swanson, Wade Smith and Gina Yonts to attend PLC at Work Summit in Phoenix, AZ (Funding: HR Travel, Superintendent Travel, Principal PD, Teaching and Learning Travel)
- Amy Ford and Carrie LaRoy to attend Instructional Coaching Workshop in Centennial, CO (Funding: Title I)
- Vivian Glaeser and Kathy Pritcher to attend 2017 NCTM Winter Institute in San Diego, CA (Funding: WWVEA PD and Title II)
- Keith Swanson to attend NCUEA Conference in San Antonio, TX (Funding: WEA-SE)
- Connie Goude to attend Excel Workshop in Long Beach, CA (Funding: Staff Achievement Grant)
- Vivian Glaeser and Kathy Pritcher to attend 2017 NCTM Winter Institute in San Diego, CA (Funding: WWVEA PD and Title II)

**Good Citizenship Awards**  
*District honors those assisting with local fire*

Walla Walla Public Schools and the City of Walla Walla Fire Department presented Brian and Jennifer Fullen and Brian Richard with Good Citizenship Awards for their efforts to ensure safety and protect property during an Alder Street residential fire earlier this month. On the morning of Friday, December 2, parents Brian and Jennifer Fullen and Richard went to the building to help alert any occupants that may still be inside the apartment complex.

Fire Chief Bob Yancey said he believes the action of both of these men possibly helped save lives and made it safer for responding firefighters.

Superintendent Smith said these heroes serve as good role models for our students as we strive to promote good citizenship each day in our schools.



**School to begin week of the fair**

School Board members approved the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school year calendars last night. The decision comes after feedback from staff and stakeholders. Feedback supported starting school the last week in August and ending the year prior to June 15. Both calendars represent this input.

**Highly Capable Committee update**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea reported the Highly Capable Program Recommendation Committee has met three times. The group has reviewed the program’s history, state law and background information. Strengths include program rigor, outstanding teachers and quality instructions. Concerns include lack of diversity in the program. The next step is reviewing other districts’ programs. Recommendations coming this spring.

**Parenting Wisely program update**

W2 for Drug Free Youth coordinator Peggy Needham reported more than 100 parents have attended the three Parenting Wisely sessions at Sharpstein this year. The focus is to engage parents and provide them support.