

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | February 28, 2017

Edison dual school choice

Recommendation centers on creating model program for students and staff



Christy Krutulis

Following a year and a half of committee work, a dozen parent meetings in English and Spanish, hundreds of survey responses from staff, parents and community members, and multiple classroom visits, the Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee (BERC) came to consensus on a final recommendation for the school board to consider.

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis led the committee and reported the recommendation provides the best bilingual program for Walla Walla Public Schools.

Model Recommendation

- The One School Model was selected to be part of the recommendation.
- The One School Model includes the opportunity to focus on success at one wall-to-wall dual program while maintaining current programming at Blue Ridge Elementary.
- One of the caveats of the committee's recommendation is that future expansion be considered at Blue Ridge for a two school model if student enrollment and learning outcomes warrant such enhancement.

School Recommendation

- Edison was selected as the site for wall-to-wall dual programming. Edison has a higher Latino population, additional physical space and technology for supporting the success of acquiring a second language, and should Blue Ridge be added will provide a two way dual program on each end of our district.

Roll Out Recommendation

- A final decision about the speed of the roll out has not been finalized. However, the committee will be further discussing the slow and moderate roll out at their final meeting on March 6.

The school board is expected to make a final decision on the recommendation during its March 7 meeting.

Middle School Spanish Classes

Krutulis also reported Spanish language classes will be offered to Garrison and Pioneer Middle School students in grades 6-8 beginning next school year. She says these new classes will enhance opportunities for more students to acquire a second language.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Feb. 7, 2017 special board meeting, regular board meeting and executive session, personnel report, out of state travel, extra-curricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, Feb. 21 accounts payable, January financial report, and superintendent's contract.

- Middle School Math Curriculum adoption
- Resolution 03-2017 - Establishing Commitment to Serve all Students
- Resolution 04-2017 - Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (McCleary Decision Awareness)
- Superintendent's evaluation

Budget/Enrollment update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported the district is expected to end the 2016-2017 budget year with approximately an 8 percent fund balance. This meets the board policy of a 6 to 8 percent reserve. Enrollment was down three students in February from the January count and still remains on pace with the district's budget target of 5760 FTE. He reported budget planning for 2017-2018 is underway despite an unclear state legislature funding picture. Cohan reported the district will budget for fewer students next school year as the senior class of College Place students makes its transition to College Place High School and Willow Charter School begins operations in the fall.

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Classified:

KEITH ANGOTTI | PROSPECT POINT (PARA-ED - TEMP)
LARRY WHITE | TRANSPORTATION (BUS DRIVER)

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

Certificated:

TERRI KLUNDT | PIONEER MS, 3 YEARS
MIKAYLA MCFETRIDGE | EDISON, 7 YEARS
DAN OJCIUS | WA-HI, 24 YEARS
ANNE SWANT | WA-HI, 25 YEARS
CANDICE TAN | BLUE RIDGE PRE-SCHOOL, 4 YEARS

Classified:

ERICA MARTINEZ | TRANSPORTATION, 2 YEARS
NANCY MUNOZ | BLUE RIDGE PRE-SCHOOL, 5 MONTHS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Certificated:

WILLIAM CALHOUN | WA-HI, 14.5 YEARS
(WILL CONTINUE AS .8 FTE MATH TEACHER)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE . . .

Classified:

JESUS ALONSO | PROSPECT POINT, 1.5 YEARS
(JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2017)
BILL HEISER | FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS, 27 YEARS
(MARCH 8, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2018)

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

- Forrest Baker and Rick Pummel to attend 2017 ACPE Conference in Welches, OR (Funding: Director Professional Growth Technology)
- Martin Fortney to attend Youth and Government in Washington, DC (Funding: YMCA)
- Brent Cummings to attend Through My Window Training (STEM) in Indianapolis, IN (Funding: 21st Century Grant Girls Inc.)
- Brent Cummings to attend World Social Marketing Conference in Washington, DC (Funding: 21st Century Grant OSPI)
- Ray Davis to attend Coaching Clinic - Bowling in Lawrence, KS (Funding: Coaches Professional Growth)

Quote of the Week

“To teach is to learn twice.”

Joseph Joubert

Counselor of the Year
Angela Gardea honored for excellence

Tuesday night Garrison Middle School Counselor Angela Gardea was honored by the Board of Directors for receiving the Washington School Counselor Association School Counselor of the Year award for 2016. Each year school counselors are nominated by their peers based on their high standards of personal conduct, their demonstrated leadership, advocacy and collaboration.

“I am so honored to be nominated and selected for this award,” Gardea said. “I truly feel lucky to love what I do. Everything I have been able to accomplish during my 18 years with the Walla Walla Public Schools has been due to the support I have received from my family as well as from the staff, community members and families in the Walla Walla Valley.”

Gardea began her career with Walla Walla Public Schools in 1999 as teacher at Pioneer Middle School before transitioning to school counselor in 2007. She will be recognized at the WSCA annual conference Thursday.



School Board President Dr. David Hampson and Superintendent Wade Smith honor Angela Gardea.

Principals provide mid-year progress report

Tuesday night district principals and teachers provided the school board a performance goals mid-year report. The update focused on high yield instructional strategies in place across the district to support English/Language Arts and Math academic achievement.

School board approves Resolution to serve all

Tuesday night school board members unanimously approved Resolution #03-2017 - Establishing Commitment to Serve All Students. The resolution reinforces the district's commitment to serve all students, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status.

English Language Arts & Spanish Language Arts

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis reported 20 teachers are piloting Elementary English Language Arts and Spanish Language Arts Curriculum. The Teaching and Learning Department is targeting a May 2017 adoption for this content area which is the first in nearly a decade.