

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | June 6, 2017

## Strategic Plan

*New five-year plans focuses on themes heard throughout the year*



Wade Smith

Last night, School Board members finalized a year-long journey by approving the 2017-2022 long-range Strategic Plan. Focus areas: High Quality Instruction; Aligned and Coherent Systems; Social and Emotional Needs and a Safe and Engaging Environment. Superintendent Wade Smith facilitated this inclusive process which involved multiple layers of dialogue with students, staff, parents and community members.

The Strategic Planning process resulted in new Vision, Mission and Belief statements for the school district as well as measurable goals and detailed initiatives to support today's learning needs. The new plan serves as a framework for focusing efforts, allocating resources, and prioritizing initiatives in the years to come.

### Strategic Plan Goal Summaries:

Goal 1: Supporting a districtwide culture where all instructional staff reflect on their practice, collaborate with their peers, and incorporate best-practice teaching strategies to ensure high levels of learning for all students.

Goal 2: Ensuring articulated programs and systems to support a comprehensive, consistent, and responsive learning environment for all students.

Goal 3: Implementing high-quality behavioral models and interventions to support the social and emotional needs of all students.

Goal 4: Ensuring all students are engaged and connected to their school, peers, and community in a safe and secure educational setting.

The Strategic Plan will utilize several success indicators to measure progress and guide decisions.

### Success Indicator Examples:

- Perception survey data
- Assessment results
- Graduation rates
- Postsecondary enrollment rates
- Healthy Youth data
- Absenteeism rates
- Extra & co-curricular club participation

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the May 16, 2017 regular board meeting and special meeting, May 30 special meeting and May 30 special meeting/work session, personnel report, out of state travel, extracurricular athletic contracts, issuance of July 1 contracts, out of endorsement assignments, June 6 Accounts Payable and May payroll, and 2017-2018 meal price increase.

### Meal price increase covers costs . . .

School board members approved increasing elementary and secondary lunches and breakfast meal costs by 10 cents to keep pace with expenditures. Breakfast rates have not been adjusted to meet rising costs in five years. The price increase also keeps the district in compliance with federal rules regarding the paid lunch equity requirement.

### 21st Century Program . . .

21st Century Program Director Brent Cummings reported to school board members last night how afterschool programs at Blue Ridge, Pioneer, Garrison, Lincoln and Wa-Hi are having a positive impact on students. He said a full slate of exciting summer programs are scheduled.

See more online: <http://www.wwps.org/programs/21st-cclc>

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT . . .**

*Certificated:*

BRITTANY ANDERSON | ENGLISH (4.FTE). (WA-HI)  
 KEITH ANGOTTI | SP ED BEHAVIOR RM (PROSPECT PT)  
 KELLIE HUMBERT | ELL COORDINATOR (SHARPSTEIN)  
 ANNE MARIE JONES | KINDERGARTEN (GREEN PARK)  
 LACEY MENDOZA | 4TH GRADE (SHARPSTEIN)  
 JAZMIN ORNELAS | 1ST GRADE - TEMP (EDISON)  
 LOLA RAMOS VERGARA | 1ST GRADE (EDISON)  
 CARINA STILLMAN | K-12 ELA/ED TECH TOSA (DIST. OFFICE)

*Classified:*

ERIN BREN | PARA-ED (GREEN PARK)  
 SYLVIA ESPARZA | ASST. SEC. (PIONEER MS)  
 CHAVIS HARRIS | CAMPUS SECURITY ASST. (LINCOLN HS)  
 LEANN NELSON | PARA-ED (WA-HI)  
 YOLANDA HERRERA-SANCHEZ | ASST. SEC. (WA-HI)  
 AMY SEYMER | PARA-ED (SPECIAL EDUCATION)

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .**

*Certificated:*

GAY BUISSINK | BUSINESS / WA-HI, 13 YEARS  
 JOHN BUISSINK | MATH / GARRISON MS, 36 YEARS

CERTIFICATED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT CONTINUED

REBECCA KEENE | KINDERGARTEN / EDISON, 8 YEARS  
 CHRISTOPHER PLUCKER | SOC. STUDIES / PIONEER, 10 YRS

*Classified:*

BRITTNEY KUBIK | PARA-ED / WA-HI, 3 YEARS  
 BAHIA PARRISH | PARA-ED / BR PRESCHOOL, 1 YEAR  
 IRIS SALAZAR | PARA-ED / BR PRESCHOOL, 1 YEAR  
 HENRY SAMSON | PARA-ED / PIONEER MS, 1 YEAR  
 OLGA TKACHEV | PARA-ED / PIONEER MS, 7 YEARS

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

- Jennifer Cowgill to attend World Language/Dual TPRS Workshop in Phoenix, AZ (Funding: Principal PD)
- Jodi Grove to attend Trauma Informed School Conference in St. Louis, MO (Funding: Professional Dev., personal)
- Brent Cummings to attend Out of School Time Initiative Conference in San Antonio, TX (Funding: 21st Century Conference Sponsorship)
- Kris Duncan, Nicole Duncan, Kimberly Gradwohl, Jen Hein, Ron Higgins, Brad Ludwig, Nathan McClure, Jill Meliah and Susan Nakonieczny to attend AVID Summer Institute in Denver, CO (Funding: Title I, Title II, Principal travel, AVID)

**Graduates of Distinction**  
*2017 recipients role models for today's students*



Walla Walla Public Schools honored Bruce Hunt - Class of 1974 (his mother Roberta is in the photo), Dr. Richard Simon - Class of 1968 and Jeanne Eggart Helfer - Class of 1977 as Graduates of Distinction for the 2016-2017 school year. Superintendent Wade Smith served as Master of Ceremonies during last night's Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to our new recipients!

**Quote of the Week**

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Pele

**Student Representative Honored**

School board member Sam Wells and President Dr. David Hampson presented Walla Walla High School Junior Chloe Williams with a recognition plaque for serving as the Wa-Hi student representative to the school board. Chloe provided

monthly, informative updates to the school board to help them stay connected to high school issues. Thank you for a job well done!

