

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | June 20, 2017

## Facilities Planning

*Local law enforcement officials*

*provide safety recommendations*



Wade Smith

Superintendent Wade Smith provided an update to the school board on work of the Community Facilities Task Force which is chaired by local businessman and Graduate of Distinction recipient Paul Schneidmiller. Smith briefed board members on highlights of a recent district-wide safety and security review conducted by Sheriff John Turner and Chief of Police Scott Bieber. This local review supports a comprehensive safety audit the district conducted last spring. Sheriff Turner and Chief Bieber offered practical solutions to safety concerns including better signage, standardized visitor

check-in systems, cameras, tinted glass, improved communications systems and staff training. Superintendent Smith said the report will be helpful as the Task Force proceeds.

The group met last Wednesday to continue its work on a long-range facilities improvement plan. Members also toured Pioneer Middle School, Walla Walla High School and Lincoln High School before reconvening to review preliminary conceptual designs. Task Force members will continue their work in July. The district has targeted November 2018 for a bond.

“We are looking at pragmatic solutions to improving our facilities,” said Superintendent Smith. “The core of our facilities improvement plan will be to preserve our heritage in preparation for our bright future.”



### Task Force Membership

Paul Schneidmiller (Chair)	Tony Cabasco
Jim Dumont	Roger Esparza
Darcy Fugman-Small	Chris Garratt
Don Holbrook	Dean Lodmell
Linda Newcomb	Jim Peterson
Phil Shivell	Craig Sievertsen
Casey Waddell	Jerry Zahl
Keith Swanson	John Kiefel
Peter Swant	Randy Glaeser
Dick Moeller	Kara Schulke

### Non-Voting Members

- Derek Sarley, School Board
- Ruth Ladderud, School Board
- Wade Smith Superintendent
- Mark Higgins, Communications Director

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Approved . . .

Minutes from the June 6, 2017 regular board meeting, personnel report, June 20 Accounts Payable, May Financial Report, Head Start Grant Supplemental Application and Head Start/ECEAP Policy Council By-Laws Revision.

### Budget/Enrollment Report . . .

Superintendent Wade Smith reported district spending for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is on pace with previous years. Currently the district has spent about 72 percent of its General Fund budget. The 2016-2017 fiscal year ends August 31.

Superintendent Smith reported FTE enrollment for 2016-2017 is expected to be close to the beginning year target of 5760.

### District Office Summer Hours . . .

- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed for lunch)
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Governor Jay Inslee visited Sharpstein Elementary last Thursday to discuss adequate funding for public education.

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REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Administrative:**

ROB AHRENS | INTERIM ASST. PRINCIPAL (PIONEER)

RON HIGGINS | INTERIM PRINCIPAL (WA-HI)

**Certificated:**

JUSTIN ADAMS | BUSINESS EDUCATION (WA-HI)

KRISTEN DUEDE | MENTAL HEALTH SPEC (SPECIAL ED)

JENNIFER GOLDEN | SCIENCE (GARRISON)

**Classified:**

CARRIE CRAMER | PARA-ED (BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL)

MOLLIE LEQUE | PARA-ED (BERNEY)

MARILYN MELGOZA | INTERVENTION SPECIALIST/LATINO  
OUTREACH COORDINATOR (DISTRICT OFFICE)

ERICA SALGADO | PARA-ED (PIONEER)

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

**Administrative:**

JENNIFER DOUGLAS | DIR. HEALTH SRVCS / 15.5 YEARS

**Certificated:**

JESSIKA CHAPMAN BANNERMAN | SCI / GARRISON, 1 YR

SHELLY CRUMP | ELA / GARRISON MS, 8 YEARS

PAM HUNDLEY | PHYS THERAPIST / SPECIAL ED, 6 YEARS

**Classified:**

TERESA HENRY | KITCHEN ASST / PROSPECT PT, 4 MONTHS

JUAN HERNANDEZ | BUS DRIVER / TRANS. CO-OP, 1.5 YEARS

AMITY PRIORE | PARA-ED / BR PRESCHOOL, 3 YEARS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Certificated:**

ROB AHRENS | SCIENCE / WA-HI, 19 YEARS

- TO SERVE AS INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PIONEER

TAMI PLUCKER | PRESCHOOL / BLUE RIDGE, 10 YEARS

**Quote of the Week**

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

Benjamin Franklin

**Thanks to this year’s retirees!**

Special thanks to the 2016-2017 retirees for their outstanding service and professionalism. These amazing staff members have dedicated their careers to supporting students and families. Good luck in retirement!

Dan Johnson, Facilities Support

Bonnie Pearson, Prospect Point

Brenda Crumpacker, Green Park

Brenda Kirk, Green Park

Toni Lynn-Palmer, Edison

Sandra Bushnell, Special Education

Judy O’Brien, Special Education

Patty Weeks, Special Education

Al Fullen, Lincoln HS

Mickey Weber, Sharpstein

John Carter, Pioneer MS

Debra Field, Pioneer MS

Terri Klundt, Pioneer MS

Doug Venneri, Pioneer MS

Gay Buissink, Wa-Hi

Cheryl Drumheller, Wa-Hi

Sherry McConn, Wa-Hi

Daniel Ojcius, Wa-Hi

Debra Reeves, Wa-Hi

Michael Baker, Garrison MS

John Buissink, Garrison MS

Marcia Follett, Garrison MS

**Community Leadership**

*Needham honored for public service*



Superintendent Wade Smith presented the 2017 Southeast Washington Association of School Administrators Community Leadership award to Peggy Needham June 15 in Richland. Needham is the coordinator of W2 for Drug Free Youth and has been a citizen activist for many years.