

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | August 15, 2017

## Superintendent Goals

*Student academic performance and engagement highlight focus areas*



Wade Smith

Last night, School Board members approved the 2017-2022 Superintendent Performance Goals directing Superintendent Wade Smith to focus on high levels of learning for all students. These School Board developed goals have established high expectations for increased student performance as identified by the Strategic Plan Indicator Targets. See more online: [www.wwps.org/strategicplan](http://www.wwps.org/strategicplan)

### Superintendent Performance Goals at a Glance:

#### Goal 1 - Increased Student Learning & Performance

- Provide training, leadership and accountability
- Improve 3-8 grade reading and math performance
- Improve Special Ed and ELL academic performance
- Decrease 9th grade course failures
- Increase ACT performance
- Increase 4 and 5 year graduation rates



#### Goal 2 - Increase Board Engagement with Student Learning and Performance

- School board to regularly review school academic performance reports; monitor/assess improvement

#### Goal 3 - Increase Student Engagement

- Increase student engagement (measure for accountability)
- Enhance Hispanic student/family involvement
- Student social and emotional well-being
- Decrease chronic absenteeism



## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the July 18, 2017 regular board meeting and special meeting, July 27, 2017 special meeting, personnel report, August 1 Accounts Payable and July payroll, August 15 Accounts Payable, July Financial Report, issuance of 2017-2018 contracts to classified administrators and non-represented staff, out of endorsement teacher assignment, and 2017-2018 student handbooks.

### Policy Second Readings/Approval . . .

1400 - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business & Quorum  
2410 - High School Graduation Requirements  
3210 - Non-discrimination – Students  
3226 - Interviews & Interrogations of Students on School Premises (new)  
3230 - Student Privacy & Searches  
3245 - Students and Telecommunication Devices  
4310 - District Relationship w/Law Enforcement & other Gov't Agencies  
5004 - Anti-Nepotism  
5010 - Non-discrimination & Affirmative Action  
5011 - Sexual Harassment of Staff Prohibited  
5242 - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media – Staff (new)  
6101 - Federal Cash & Financial Management (new)  
6106 - Allowable Costs for Federal Programs (new)  
6213 – Reimbursement for Travel Expenses  
6215 - Voucher Certification and Approval

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**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Administrative:**

AMY RUFF | DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES (WWPS)

**Certificated:**

- MICHAEL BERTRAM | STEM (.5 FTE) (GARRISON)
- LORI GILLIN | HEAD START/ECEAP TEMP (PRESCHOOL)
- NICOLE HUDSON | COUNSELOR (WA-HI)
- EMILY WARD | SPECIAL EDUCATION (SHARPSTEIN)
- C. ELIZABETH YAW | 1ST GRADE - TEMP (EDISON)

**Classified:**

- REGINALD BYRD | PARA-ED (GARRISON)
- ANDREA GOFF | KITCHEN ASST. (BERNEY)
- PETER HIXSON | PARA-ED TEMP (WA-HI)
- STEVE NOBLE | PARA-ED (GARRISON)

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Certificated:**

JOSH WHEATLEY | SCIENCE/MATH / WA-HI, 4 YEARS

**Classified:**

- JOAQUIN AVALOS | PARA-ED / PIONEER, 7 YEARS
- LESLIE COLLINS | CERT PT ASST / SP ED, 1.5 YEARS
- FELIX MARQUEZ | PARA-ED / BLUE RIDGE, 4 YEARS
- JANICE NUNEZ | ASST. SEC. / GREEN PARK, 2 YEARS
- JUANA RAMIREZ DE CERVANTES | KIT ASST / GP, 1 YEAR
- KIMBERLY TOMCZEK | PARA-ED / WA-HI, 7 YEARS

**All Staff Back to School Meeting**

**Monday, August 28**

Wa-Hi Main Gym

7:15 to 8 a.m. (Treats)

8 to 9 a.m. (Program)

## Board Goals

### Student learning core focus

Last night, the Board of Directors approved the 2017-2022 Board Performance Goals to prioritize and focus their efforts over the next five years. Ensuring high levels of learning for all students is cited as the School Board's core mission. The School Board has established high expectations for increased student performance and has detailed numerous targets to measure success.

#### 2017-2022 Board Performance Goals Summary

- Goal 1 - Increased Student Learning and Performance
- Goal 2 - High Functioning Board Team
- Goal 3 - Excellent Stakeholder and Community Involvement
- Goal 4 - Sound Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

School board members also approved operating protocols during last night's meeting. The purpose of establishing protocols is to enhance teamwork among members of the School Board and administration. The protocols reinforce the School Board's primary duty is to govern and the Superintendent's focus is to lead the organization. School Board members also announced committee assignments for the 2017-2018 school year. These assignments are posted on the district webpage under the School Board tab.

### Hispanic college-going rates soar

Data released August 10 from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the class of 2015 revealed 66.1% of graduating Hispanic/Latino seniors attended a post-secondary institution, 16% above the state average of 50.1%.

This represents the 12th highest college-going rate for Hispanic students in Washington state, and the highest in the state when comparing Walla Walla's data to similar demographic schools with modest levels of poverty and language diversity as defined by 30% or more poverty and 10% or more English Language Learners.

This result represents three consecutive years of increase where Hispanic/Latino students' college attendance has risen steadily from 47.5% in 2012.

Data for the graduating seniors representing all district students from the Class of 2015 was also impressive as a total of 66.5% of graduates enrolled in either a two or four-year public college, or private college, in or outside of Washington state, following high school. This recent data continues Walla Walla's historic trend of outpacing the state's college-going average, currently at 59.9%.

"This recently-released data continues to affirm the exceptional performance from our graduating seniors," said Superintendent Wade Smith. "Our School Board's continued emphasis towards our diverse populations, partnerships with regional higher education schools and universities, and exceptional staff, will ensure we continue our vision towards developing Washington's most sought-after graduates."