

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | December 19, 2017

2018 Bond Planning

Two options being considered for November 2018 bond election



Paul Schneidmiller

Last night, Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors accepted for further community input two bond package options prepared by the Community Facilities Task Force. These options will be discussed with the community over the next three months before the school board makes a final decision in May on which bond package option is placed on the November 2018 ballot.

Both options include renovations of Walla Walla High School, Pioneer MS and Lincoln HS. These package options also address select school infrastructure needs across the district such as roofing, HVAC and school safety improvements. Both options apply all

of the \$52.6M eligible state match dollars to the school renovation projects identified to fully fund improvements at Walla Walla High School, Pioneer MS and Lincoln HS. All existing bond debt will be paid off in December 2018. A survey will be posted on the district webpage in January. Several community presentations, school tours and public meetings are also planned.

“We are developing a practical plan for community consideration which focuses on renovation rather than replacing schools.”

Paul Schneidmiller

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 21, 2017 regular business meeting, personnel report, non-athletic extracurricular & co-curricular contracts, Dec. 5 accounts payable and November payroll, Dec. 19 accounts payable, November financial report and revised 2017-2018 board meeting schedule.

Enrollment Report . . .

Current enrollment is at 5715 (FTE). Monthly counts are closely monitored.

Election of Board Officers . . .

School board members elected Derek Sarley President of the Board of Directors. Sam Wells was elected Vice President.

Winter Break Schedule . . .

District Office Winter Break Hours

• 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 to 4 p.m.
(closed for lunch)

Office closed Dec. 25 & 26 and Jan. 1 & 2

Report It! . . .

SafeSchools Alert Tip Line. Report bullying, harassment, threats, suicide and other safety concerns.

1. Phone: 1-855-4ALERT1, ext. 1057
2. Text: Text #1057 @tip + your tip to ALERT1 (253781)
3. Email: 1057@alert1.us
4. Web: <http://1057.alert1.us>

Option 1 - \$65.6M Bond Package (no bond tax rate increase)

- Renovations of Wa-Hi, Pioneer Middle School and Lincoln High School
- Select school infrastructure improvements - roofing, HVAC and school safety
- State Match: Eligible for \$52.6M State Match which will all be applied to the school renovation projects
- Tax Rate: approximately \$1.23/\$1,000 tax rate (Replaces current bond tax rate)

Option 2 - \$73.9M Bond Package (15 cent bond tax rate increase)

- Same school renovations as Option 1 (Wa-Hi, Pioneer MS and Lincoln HS)
- Approximately \$8.3M of additional school infrastructure projects
- State Match: Eligible for \$52.6M State Match which will all be applied to the school renovation projects
- Tax Rate: approximately \$1.38/\$1,000 tax rate (15 cent increase above current bond tax rate)

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Administrative:

PATRICIA JOHNSTON | INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER | D.O.

Certificated:

J. NICOLE BUNKER | SPECIAL ED | DISTRICT SPECIAL ED

Classified:

CHERYL BLOOM | PARA-ED (TEMP) | GREEN PARK

TERA HOOKER | PARA-ED | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL

BRANDY LAFFERTY | KITCHEN ASST. | WA-HI

CHANTAL RAMIREZ | PARA-ED | PROSPECT POINT

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Administrative:

TED COHAN | EXE. DIR. BUSINESS SRVS | D.O., 5 YEARS

Classified:

DAWN DRENNEN | PARA-ED | GARRISON MS, 4.5 YEARS

Quote of the Week

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

Plutarch

Oath of Office

School board members sworn into office

Last night, new school board member Jaenemy Perez de Luengas and incumbent Sam Wells were sworn into office by Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge John Lohrmann. Perez de Luengas has lived in Walla Walla her entire life. She is employed by Educational Service District 123 and Walla Walla Community College. Wells is beginning his second term on the school board.



Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge John Lohrmann performs Oath of Office duties as Jaenemy Perez de Luengas and Sam Wells are sworn into office.

OPTION 1 Bond Package

\$65.6M (local cost)

(Replacement Bond - No bond tax rate increase)

Approx. \$1.23/\$1,000

School Infrastructure - **\$6.68M**

Lincoln Renovation - **\$5.71M**

Pioneer Renovation - **\$16.05M**

Wa-Hi Renovation - **\$37.18M**

OPTION 2 Bond Package

\$73.9M (local cost)

(15 cent increase to current bond rate)

Approx. \$1.38/\$1,000

School Infrastructure - **\$15.05M**

Lincoln Renovation - **\$5.71M**

Pioneer Renovation - **\$16.05M**

Wa-Hi Renovation - **\$37.18M**

State Match Funds

Both Bond Package Options listed above are eligible for \$52.6M State Match which will all be applied to the school renovation projects.