

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | February 6, 2018

## Strategic Plan Goal 3

*Board discusses efforts to support social & emotional needs of students*



Christy Krutulis

School board members held a regular study meeting last night to provide them a progress report on Goal 3 of the new Strategic Plan which focuses on the social and emotional supports for students.

Board members heard a report from The Health Center Director Stan Ledington who oversees clinics at Lincoln High School, Pioneer Middle School, Blue Ridge Elementary and Walla Walla High School. They also received an update on a three year partnership with Community Resilience Initiative (CRI) to provide training for all employees to develop a common understanding of how brain structure and childhood experiences impact readiness to learn. Behavior Coordinator Barb Casey shared information on how her team is supporting principals and teachers.

“We heard from stakeholders last spring during the development of our Strategic Plan the need for additional support to address the social and emotional needs of our students.”

Christy Krutulis

*Executive Director of Teaching & Learning*

Last spring, school board members approved strategic investments to support these needs. Specially-trained staff were hired this school year to support student social, emotional and behavioral needs. This significant investment allows the district to be in a better position to provide acute prevention, student crises response, staff training, and access to critical school-based health centers and resources.

*District administrators received an overview of trauma-informed practices and research from the Community Resilience Initiative team.*

*All staff will receive training by CRI over the next year.*



## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Jan. 16, 2018 regular business meeting and Jan. 18, 2018 executive session, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, out of endorsement teacher assignment, Feb. 6 accounts payable and January payroll.

### February No School Dates . . .

#### Friday, Feb. 9

- Early dismissal for K-5 (*conf. prep*)

#### Thursday, Feb. 15

- No School - Parent Conferences

#### Friday, Feb. 16

- No School - Parent Conferences

#### Monday, Feb. 19

- No School - Presidents Day Holiday

### Remember to Vote . . .

Please remember to vote in the special election. Ballots are due Feb. 13, 2018.

### School Counselors Week . . .

National School Counseling Week - “School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars,” is being celebrated Feb. 5 to 9. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students. Thanks to all district school counselors for your contributions!

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PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Certificate:**

DONNETTA ELSASSER | ALT MS (TEMP) | OPPORTUNITY  
 KAITLYN EVERSON | OCCUPATION THER. | SPECIAL ED  
 HALLEY MCCORMICK | MATH (TEMP) | GARRISON MS  
 JOELLE POMRANING | MS (TEMP) | PIONEER MS

**Classified:**

KAREN TELLO | PARA-ED | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Certificated:** All certificated resignation/retirements are effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year

DEBORAH BAILEY | SPECIAL ED | PIONEER MS, 23.5 YRS  
 MARLENE CASTOLDI | FAM & CON. SC. | GARRISON, 22 YRS  
 CHARLES CROUTER | 5TH GRADE | EDISON, 30 YRS  
 DONNA CURRIER | PSYCHOLOGIST | SPECIAL ED, 3 YRS  
 GLORIA DE LA O-PARKS | PSYCHOLOGIST | SP ED, 6 YRS  
 ALINA DELAROSA | 1ST GRADE | PROSPECT PT, 2 YRS

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Certificated continued:**

BARBARA DOHERTY | SPECIAL ED | GARRISON MS, 28 YRS  
 VIVIAN GLAESER | MATH | WA-HI, 12 YRS  
 LESLIE PETERSON | 3RD GRADE | GREEN PARK, 28 YRS  
 SHARRON PLUCKER | PRESCHOOL | PRESCHOOL, 24 YRS  
 BRENDA PRINS | READING SP | PROSPECT PT, 20 YRS

**Classified:**

ERIN BREN | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK, 1.5 YRS  
 JERRY KNUDSON | BUS DRIVER | TRANS., 18.5 YRS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Classified:**

HALLEY MCCORMICK | PARA-ED | GARRISON MS, 5 MONS.  
 • FOR REMAINDER OF 17-18 TO SERVE AS MATH TEACHER

**Quote of the Week**

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Bond Planning Open House**  
*Public invited to learn more about bond options*

Join members of the Community Facilities Task Force, School Board representatives and Superintendent Wade Smith for an informational update on the district’s 2018 Bond Planning work. Task Force members and Superintendent Smith will discuss the process to develop a long-range facilities plan, the facilities improvement options being studied for consideration on the November 2018 ballot, answer questions and take input.

**Bond Planning Open House**

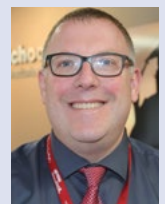
- Thursday, March 1
- Walla Walla High School Commons
- Program: 6 to 7 p.m. (food and beverages provided)
- Bond Planning Information: <http://www.wwps.org/2018bondplanning>

**Community Facilities Task Force Membership**

Paul Schneidmiller (Chair) - Business	Tony Cabasco - Higher Education
Jim Dumont - City WW	Roger Esparza - Realtor
Darcey Fugman-Small - Business	Chris Garratt - Health Services
Randy Glaeser - County WW	Don Holbrook - Corrections
John Keifel - Classified Rep	Dean Lodmell - Local Engineer
Dick Moeller - Local Contractor	Linda Newcomb - Local Architect
Jim Peterson - Higher Education	Kara Schulke - Parent
Phil Shively - Local Contractor	Craig Sievertsen - Finance
Keith Swanson - Certificated Rep	Peter Swant - Port Commissioner

**Ahrens promoted to permanent position**

Longtime Walla Walla High School science teacher Rob Ahrens has been serving as Interim Assistant Principal at Pioneer Middle School this year. Tuesday morning, Principal Kristina Duncan announced to her staff Ahrens has been promoted to the position permanently. Ahrens says he is thrilled to continue supporting staff and students in his new role.



**Superintendent’s Patron Tour - March 14**

Superintendent Wade Smith will lead a tour of Wa-Hi, Pioneer MS and Lincoln HS to provide an update on the district’s 2018 Bond Planning work. This is an excellent opportunity to meet Superintendent Smith and learn more about Walla Walla Public Schools.

- Wednesday, March 14 / 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)
- RSVP by Friday, March 9 -- [sgolden@wwps.org](mailto:sgolden@wwps.org)