

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | August 21, 2018

SAFETY FIRST

*See Something, Hear Something,
Say Something - REPORT IT!*

Last night Communications Director Mark Higgins and Facilities and Operations Director Mike Kay updated the school board on the district's Emergency Preparedness plans. Higgins oversees district Emergency Preparedness requirements and Kay provides operational and technical support.

The district is required to meet the requirements of RCW 28A.320.124. The district's Emergency Preparedness plan is based on three pillars:

- Crisis Prevention
- Crisis Management
- Crisis Recovery

District prevention efforts focus on bullying prevention, threat assessment, and reporting concerns to district officials.



Mark Higgins

"Our 2018-2019 Safety Awareness Campaign stresses the importance of students and parents reporting concerns to the school district"

Mark Higgins, Communications Director

The key to crisis management is effective emergency plans, communication with first responders and support systems. Crisis recovery plans help school staff and students return to normal operations following a crisis. Higgins and Kay thanked Superintendent Smith and the school board for their support.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the July 17, 2018 regular business mtg, personnel report, issuance of 2018-2019 contracts to classified administrators & non-represented staff, out of endorsement teacher assignments, August 7 accounts payable and July payroll, August 21 accounts payable, July financial report, 2018-2019 student handbooks, lobbyist services, and excused absence for Director Mr. Wells.

Policy 2nd Readings/Approval . . .

School board members approved the following policy updates:

- 2000: Student Learning Goals
- 3520: Student Fees, Fines, Charges
- 4130: Title I Family Engagement

School Zone Safety . . .

Please observe posted speed limits and use extreme caution when traveling in school zones. Additional police presence will be noticed in school zones to start the new school year.

Student Leadership

Walla Walla High School senior Allison Wanichek and her brother Jack, an 8th grader at Garrison Middle School, are teaming with the district to serve as student ambassadors for the WWPS Safety Awareness Campaign.

They are producing flyers, radio spots, videos and social media content to help promote school safety. Allison and Jack will also help plan activities for National School Safety week October 22-26.

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REPORT IT! ▶

Anonymously report bullying, harassment, threats of violence, suicide, drugs, weapons and other safety concerns. For more school safety information visit: WWPS.ORG

4 EASY WAYS TO REPORT:

- » 1. PHONE
855.976.8772
- » 2. TEXT
855.976.8772
- » 3. EMAIL
1057@ALERT1.US
- » 4. WEB
1057.ALERT1.US

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PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

SYDNEY KIMBALL | MATH | GARRISON MS
 CHANTELL LOPEZ (TEMP) | MUSIC | BLUE RIDGE
 MICHAEL PATTERSON | PE (TEMP) | PIONEER MS
 CHRISTOPHER SHIRLEY | THIRD GRADE | EDISON
 SARAH VILLANUEVA | HEAD ST./ECEAP | BR PRESCH
 BART WUEST | CONST. TECH/ENGINEERING | WA-HI

Classified:

ASHLEY CESENA | ASST SECRETARY | GARRISON MS
 MEGAN DAVIN | PARA-ED | BERNEY
 GINGER GATEWOOD | PARA-ED | PROSPECT POINT
 ALEAH GIBB | PARA-ED | PROSPECT POINT
 ANNALIESE SHAFER | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK
 SERENA VICARI | PARA-ED (TEMP) | BLUE RIDGE

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Certificated:

CHRISTINE AREVALO | HS/ECEAP | PRESCHOOL, 5 YRS
 JO ANNA GOGL | THIRD GRADE | EDISON, 21 YRS
 PAT GRAHAM | MATH | WA-HI, 11 YRS
 TYRONNE MCEUEN | MATH | WA-HI, 27 YRS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified:

JONIE CLARK | PARA-ED | WA-HI, 8 YRS
 MARK CLARK | LEAD MECH | TRANS, 10 YRS
 ELAINE FLORES | KIT ASST | WA-HI, 1 MONTH
 YESENIA GUTIERREZ | FAM ADV | BR PRESCHOOL, 6 YRS
 JULIO JIMENEZ | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK, 5 YRS
 MARCI JO LANNING | PARA-ED | PROS PT, 1 YR
 RUTH LARSON | FAM ADV | BR PRESCHOOL, 6 YRS
 MICHAEL LEMKE | GROUNDS | FAC & OP, 1 YR
 ESTRELLA RAMIREZ | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK, 1 YR
 ANNA SANDNESS | ADMIN ASST | BUSINESS OFC, 16 YRS
 LAURA SNOWBERGER | KIT ASST | WA-HI, 1 MONTH

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...

Classified:

NATHAN FERRARO | PARA-ED | GARRISON MS, 11 YRS
 - AUGUST-DECEMBER 2018 FOR STUDENT TEACHING
 MONICA JIMENEZ | FAMILY ADV | BR PRESCHOOL, 3 YRS
 - FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Quote of the Week

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

Helen Keller

2018-2019 Budget

District tightens belt to adjust for post McCleary funding

Last night school board members approved a \$78.3 million 2018-2019 General Fund budget following months of study and input. Board members used district savings reserves to help balance the budget as a result of the levy funding reductions realized by the McCleary “levy swap” impact. Budget revenues for 2018-2019 are based on an FTE enrollment count of 5600. The budget includes negotiated salary agreements with PSE and WWVEA, and other cost-saving and efficiency measures.

Walla Walla Public Schools will see its levy funding drop from \$11.3 million last year, to \$7.8 million in the 2018-2019 budget, down to \$5 million in 2019-20, as the McCleary levy cap of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation requirements takes hold. The McCleary decision centered on easing the burden on local taxpayers to fund basic education, placing greater reliance on state funding sources.

Although a win for local taxpayers who will see a \$500 a year property tax reduction on a median-priced home in 2019 and moving forward, school district operations will need to adjust to this new funding reality. The Board discussed the district’s need to align expenditures over time to align with new revenue projections if funding adjustments are not addressed by the legislature. In an effort to stave off such reductions, Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors chose to partner with a professional lobbyist this school year. The lobbyist will work with state lawmakers in Olympia to put in place adjustments in the McCleary decision to benefit districts like Walla Walla where new state revenues are not keeping pace with local levy reductions.

All Staff Back to School Meeting

- Monday, August 27 / Wa-Hi Main Gym
- 7:15 a.m. (treats) / 8 a.m. (program begins)

First Day of School

- Tuesday, August 28
- NO SCHOOL - Friday, August 31 (Kids Day at Fair)

November 6 Replacement Bond - No Tax Rate Increase Proposal

- Election Day - November 6, 2018
- Ballots mailed to voters - October 17, 2018
- \$65.6M Bond (local - any excess funds returned)
- \$52.6M State Match (for voter-approved projects)
- \$1.23 per \$1,000 (same as current bond rate)
- Proposal renovates Wa-Hi, Pioneer MS, Lincoln HS, and funds districtwide safety improvements/infrastructure
- Learn more: www.wwps.org/2018bond