

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



## School Board Meeting Recap | November 20, 2018

### Bond Update

*Board approves resolution for bond sale*

Walla Walla Public Schools' Board of Directors unanimously approved Resolution 09-2018 during last night's school board meeting authorizing Superintendent Wade Smith to set in motion the voter-approved sale of \$65.6M in bonds.

"The comprehensive, 65-page resolution spells out the process, and reaffirms our district's commitment to deliver on our promises made; to replace our current debt with a no tax rate increase, to only spend bond proceeds on voter approved projects, and to return any remaining dollars remaining back to the taxpayers by buying down outstanding debt," said Smith.

The next step for Superintendent Smith is to finalize and publically submit the Preliminary Official Statement to the market. The sale of the bonds has been tentatively set for December 13 on the trading floor in Seattle.



Wade Smith

"This \$118M investment will impact the lives of thousands of students and hundreds of staff for decades to come. We listened to the community by prioritizing educational, safety and facility preservation needs in our bond planning and they responded with overwhelming support."

Wade Smith  
Superintendent

### Board Meeting Highlights

#### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 6, 2018 regular study meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, November 20 accounts payable and October financial report, Head Start application for duration funding, Resolution 10-2018: Walla Walla County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan renewal, Resolution 11-2018: Certification of 2019 excess property taxes.

#### Enrollment Report update . . .

Superintendent Smith reported the district's enrollment count for Nov. 2018 is 5711 FTE and on target with district budget projections.

#### Ending Fund Balance update . . .

Director of Fiscal Services Nancy Taylor reported the district is on target to meet Ending Fund Balance school board requirements.

#### Thanksgiving Holiday break . . .

- Early dismissal: Nov. 21
- No school: Nov. 22-23



Garrison MS Sources of Strength schoolwide project.

### PROJECT TIMELINES

#### PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Const. planning begins ..... Winter 2019  
Bidding & permitting ..... Summer 2020  
Groundbreaking ..... Fall 2020

#### LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Const. planning begins ..... Summer 2019  
Groundbreaking ..... Spring 2021

#### WA-HI

Const. planning begins ... December 2018  
Bidding & permitting ..... Fall 2019  
Groundbreaking ..... Late Fall 2019

### Bond Oversight Committee

This group will carefully monitor the delivery of the approved bond program to ensure accountability, fiscal transparency, and community trust.

#### Membership

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| » Scott Morasch, Chair  | » Kim McDaniels  |
| » Mark Hess, Vice Chair | » Jennifer Mouat |
| » Bonnie Bowton         | » Dick Moeller   |
| » Yolanda Esquivel      | » Ken Seibold    |
| » Lawson Knight         | » Tony Wenham    |
| » Terry McConn          |                  |

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**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Classified:**

LYNN PORTER BINGHAM | HEALTH CLIN | HEALTH SRVS

JESSELYN RIEKE | HEALTH NUTR COORD | BR PRS

SAYDEL WOLD | PARA-ED (TEMP) | EDISON

**Quote of the Week**

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.”

St. Augustine

## Board of Distinction

### School board honored at state conference for excellence

School board members were honored last week at the Washington State School Directors' Association annual conference in Spokane for receiving the Board of Distinction Award. The Board of Distinction award program recognizes school boards that show evidence of applying best practice standards endorsed by the Washington State School Directors' Association. Their nomination packet documented they met rigorous accountability and leadership practices through evidence-based actions.

L-R: Sam Wells, Dr. David Hampson, Derek Sarley, Ruth Ladderud and Terri Trick.



### National FFA update

Wa-Hi teacher and FFA Advisor Jessica Johnson and Chapter President Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn updated the school board on their trip to the FFA National Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, IN. This year's event drew a record 69,944 attendees, including President Donald Trump who addressed the students. Students attended breakout sessions, networked with other students and interacted with hundreds of agriculture vendors in attendance.

### High School update

School Board Student Representative Zoe Gannon reported Trunk-or-Treat drew 1000 children and 200 canned food donations. She said the Hamlet Drama production was successful and the JROTC Veterans Day was one to remember. Planning continues for Winter Wish Week, Conspiracy of Hope and Every 15 Minutes.

### Golden Onion Award

Edison Elementary Dual Language teacher Carey Knifong and Pioneer Middle School Library-Media Specialist Sara Strickland were named recipients of the 2018 Golden Onion grant award and received \$500 for use in their programs. Carey's nominator was Sara Van Donge and Sara was nominated by Pam Spence. Longtime Walla Walla resident and one-time teacher Sue Gillespie and her husband Mike established the "Golden Onion Award" to provide school supplies, equipment and professional development funds to Walla Walla educators.

### Custodial program Going Green

Last night Facilities and Operations Director Mike Kay and Custodial Supervisor John Pemberton reported the district has set goals to reduce the amount of chemicals being used to clean school facilities and improve attendance by providing cleaner learning spaces. Instead of using harsh general purpose cleaners and disinfectants, they are turning to GenEon environmentally friendly cleaning solutions. The GenEon cleaning product electrolyzes saline to create antiseptics or a disinfectant to attack bacteria. It is safe to use and easy to apply. Kay and Pemberton say this product reduces health effects to staff and students, cuts chemical costs and is more effective.