

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | December 18, 2018

Special Education Update

Integrated delivery model promotes collaboration and shared strategies

Special Education Director Libby Thompson and Behavior Coordinator Barbara Casey provided the school board with an annual update on the department. In her state of special education within the school district report, Thompson summarized all of the programs offered in the district to support students with special needs.

She highlighted the STEP program for 18 to 21-year-old students. Now in its third year, STEP provides students the opportunity to develop vocational skills, learn about services available in the community through real world experiences and build camaraderie through recreational activities.

Thompson also briefed the school board on the district's inclusion model. This instructional approach provides students with disabilities the opportunity to learn alongside their peers. Casey and Thompson thanked the staff and school board for their support.



Libby Thompson

“Research has shown that in order to move students in special education toward standards, access to and instruction in Core curriculum is needed. All learners receive Core instruction, students in special education receive small group reteaching of identified standards, and are provided with remediation to address individual learning needs.”

Libby Thompson
Special Education Director

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 20, 2018 regular business meeting and special meetings Nov. 15, 16, 20, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, Dec. 4 accounts payable and November payroll, Dec. 18 accounts payable, November financial report, 2019-2020 school year calendar, and professional services agreement.

Board Officers named . . .

Board of Director Ruth Ladderud was elected School Board President. Dr. David Hampson was elected Vice President.



Enrollment update . . .

Superintendent Smith reported the district's enrollment count for Dec. 2018 is 5704 FTE and on target with district budget projections.

Winter Holiday break . . .

- No school: Dec. 24 to Jan. 4
- Classes resume Jan. 7, 2019

Special Education Department at a Glance

Approximately 870 Students are served through Special Education (Birth through 21):

- 0-2 Years Old: 40 Students (provided by ESD through contract)
- 3-5 Years Old: 55 Students
- K-Age 21: 775 Students (13% of the district's student population)

Elementary: 350 Students

Middle School: 160 Students

Wa- Hi/Lincoln HS/Opportunity: 265 Students

• Ages K-21: 474 Males, 264 Females

• Ages 6-21: - 52% White, 42% Hispanic, 4% two or more races, 2% other

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Classified:

KAY COSGROVE | BUS ASST | TRANSPORTATION
 LASHENAE STEAGALL | BUS ASST | TRANSPORTATION
 LILIIA ZINNEROVA | PARA-ED | BILINGUAL ED

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Certificated:

CANDANCE ANDERSON | BR PRESCHOOL | 36 YEARS
 KATHY KELLIE | BERNEY | 26 YEARS
 CHERYL PETERS | WALLA WALLA HS | 12 YEARS
 KATHY PRITCHER | WALLA WALLA HS | 43 YEARS
 LINDA SEIBOLD | SHARPSTEIN | 35 YEARS
 RICHELLE VANDIVER | PIONEER MS | 13 YEARS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified:

MARY ELLEN FARR | BR PRESCHOOL | 26 YEARS
 WILLIAM FULLEN | GARRISON MS | 23 YEARS
 AURALEE GRUBB | BUSINESS OFFICE | 2.5 YEARS
 JORGE GUTIERREZ | EDISON | 5 YEARS
 SUSAN JAUHIAINEN | SHARPSTEIN | 26 YEARS
 GAIL SERVEN | SHARPSTEIN | 23 YEARS
 LINDA SCHAUB | WALLA WALLA HS | 17 YEARS

Quote of the Week

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

Walter Cronkite

Bond Sale Success

Successful bond sale saves Walla Walla taxpayers millions

Walla Walla Public Schools sold bonds from the successful November 6 General Election last Thursday in Seattle that resulted in millions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Favorable market conditions, coupled with the district’s strong Aa3 underlying credit rating, generated robust interest from investors. The competitive 3.2% overall rate, nearly 1% less than preliminary estimates, represents an extremely low borrowing amount, shaving over two years off of bond payments, saving taxpayers over \$13.4M in interest payments over the life of the bonds.

“This was a real win for our community,” said Smith. “Not only will we be able to pay these bonds off years earlier, the projected bond rate taxpayers will be paying will be the lowest in 10 years.”



Bond Oversight Committee Chair Scott Morasch, Superintendent Wade Smith and School Board Vice President Sam Wells were all smiles following the successful bond sale.

High School Update

Student Representative Zoe Gannon reported the Walla Walla High School Winter Ball was a tremendous success as approximately 300 students attended. She said they have a budget of \$3,300 this year for the Winter Wish program. Planning continues for the Conspiracy of Hope concerts and Every 15 Minutes DUI prevention program. Both events are in February. She also said Wa-Hi students will be dropping off donations to the Christian Aid Center Friday.

1999 State Hoops Champs Return

The Walla Walla High School Hall of Fame Association will be recognizing the 1999 State Boys Basketball Champions Saturday, Jan. 5 during halftime of the boys game that night versus Kennewick. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. Coach Jim Thacker and several members of the championship team will be in attendance.

Coaches

- Jim Thacker (Head Coach)
- Earl Streufert (Assistant Coach)
- John Golden (Assistant/JV Coach)

Team Members

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| - Kyle Bankhead | - Jeff Bennett |
| - Jon DeWolfe | - Bryan Erlebach |
| - Jeremy Harper | - Matt Hamlin |
| - Thomas Kelati | - Pat Kjack |
| - Pat McConnell | - Shawn Reese |
| - Andy Thompson | - Joe Wilkins |