

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | June 18, 2019

Levy funding targets programs not funded under basic education model

2019 legislation requires new levy expenditure coding

Last night Superintendent Wade Smith and Director of Fiscal Services Nancy Taylor briefed school board members on progress being made to meet new legislative requirements approved in Olympia in April.

School districts across the state are now required to create budget codes for Enrichment Levy expenditures as another layer of transparency.

Superintendent Smith and Taylor have identified \$16.5M of expenditures not covered by the state's basic education prototypical funding model developed by the legislature to meet the "McCleary Decision" state Supreme Court ruling.

Smith noted programs funded by the Enrichment Levy provide a comprehensive school experience. He reported 12 music staff members, 11 intervention specialists, 13 physical education teachers, 5.6 Advanced Placement teachers and 4.4 safety and security officers are funded



Wade Smith

"The state's prototypical funding model does not fund many of the programs our students, families and community have come to expect in their public schools."

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

by the levy. Nearly \$1M in levy funds cover athletic coaches contracts. The levy also funds 4 art teachers, 2 Highly Capable teachers, 6 Health Clinicians and nearly 4 Library technicians. The list, developed to capture levy expenditures, also included several maintenance, custodial and technology staff positions.

School board members will continue studying levy needs as they prepare for a February 2020 Enrichment Levy proposal.

District Office Summer Hours

- Open Monday to Friday
- 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 to 4 p.m.

Board Meeting Highlights

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL . . .

Minutes from the June 4, 2019 regular study meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, June 18 accounts payable, May financial report, Resolution 05-2019 - General Fund Budget Extension, 2019-2020 State Transitional Bilingual Instructional program grant application, 2019-2022 WWVEA contract ratification and 2019-2020 board meeting schedule.

Enrollment Update . . .

The district's FTE enrollment count for June was 5647. This figure is slightly above budget projections.

Annual Report . . .

Superintendent Smith reported the district is preparing an Annual Report publication to send to stakeholders detailing the district's operations. He stated the publication will direct community members to the district's Strategic Plan webpage and the new online Washington State Report Card for additional information.

Elementary and Early Learning . . .

School board members continued their Elementary Consolidation Review and Early Learning Expansion study. They reviewed data on ideal sizes for elementary schools, school diversity and demographics and their work to date. Visit the district's website to follow the study.

Historical and Projected Levy and LEA Revenue

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| 2016-17 | \$14.88M |
| 2017-18 | \$14.87M |
| 2018-19 | \$11.95M |
| 2019-20 | \$10.61M |
| 2020-21 | \$12.38M |

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Administrative:

CARINA STILLMAN | ASST PRINCIPAL, GARRISON MS

Certificated:

BAILEY CARLSON | 5TH GRADE, BLUE RIDGE

GRETCHEN FOERTSCH | TITLE 1, BLUE RIDGE

MELISSA OAKLAND | 4TH DUAL (ENG), EDISON

CAROLYN PEMBERTON | MATH (TEMP), WA-HI

NICHOLAS REESE | 3RD GRADE, EDISON

Classified:

YANETH HERNANDEZ | K-12 MIGRANT SP, BILINGUAL

GIESSELL MARTINEZ | HEALTH RM ASST, BLUE RIDGE

Quote of the Week

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Aristotle

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified:

NADIA CHAVEZ | PARA-ED, PRESCHOOL, 2 YRS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...

Classified:

KAREN TELLO | PARA-ED, PRESCHOOL, 1.5 YRS

- FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Wa-Hi schematic designs ready for public view

Design work continues on the Walla Walla High School renovation project. Last night Superintendent Wade Smith reviewed schematic designs with school board members. The preliminary design plans are posted on the district's webpage under Bond Updates. Superintendent Smith reported the district will seek bids for the new Science building later this summer with plans to break ground in early October.

Improved learning spaces, efficient operating systems, enhanced access controls and safety updates, improved traffic flow and parking and an expanded Commons were all reviewed during the report. The projects will be completed in stages over a three year period.

Gossett receives regional leadership award

Last week Superintendent Wade Smith presented the 2019 Southeast Washington Association of School Administrators Community Leadership award to Gene Gossett. Gene was born and raised in Walla Walla. Gene served in the US Navy and was detached to Marine Air Operations combat in South Vietnam from 1968-1970. Gene remains an active volunteer with the 100 year old Walla Walla High School JROTC program. In 2013, he founded the JROTC Boosters to financially support JROTC and promote the program.

Board honors state finalists

Last night school board members started a new tradition of honoring students/teams and coaches/advisors who finished in the top three at state. Josh Rose was honored for his 3rd place finish in Debate. Girls track Ella Nelson (2nd 1600m run and 3rd place 3200m run) and Noelani Helm (3rd high jump) and boys track Jared McAlvey (1st 300m hurdles) and Patrick Utschinski (1st discus and 2nd shot put). Track head coach Eric Hisaw and his assistants were also honored for excellence.

