

10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

May 19, 2020

20-21 Budget Planning

School board approves spending \$1.5M in reserves to ensure stability

Last night school board members continued planning for the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget by approving parameters for Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith and his administrative team to use for finalizing the document. Among many planning assumptions (See below), the Board authorized the Superintendent to access \$1.5M of reserves to help maintain staff and student programs next school year.

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith praised the school board for its sound past budgeting practices which put the district in strong



Dr. Wade Smith
Superintendent

financial standing with adequate reserves to help soften anticipated budget shortfalls.

Superintendent Smith says that OSPI estimates and legislative contacts forecast state funding dips will like be less drastic next school year but are expected to be more significant in 2021-2022. By statute a draft budget must be completed by July and must be approved by the Board in August.

Assumptions	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 (Preliminary Outlook)
Student Enrollment	"Roll Up"	Flat
Preventive Maintenance Program	Maintain	Maintain
State-level Reduction Planning	Less \$500K	Less \$1.0M
Deficit Spending	\$1.50M	\$3.78M
Beginning Fund Balance	\$10.16M	\$8.66M
Ending Fund Balance	\$8.66M	\$4.88M
Ending Fund Balance %	9.7%	5.3%

New Social Studies curriculum aligned to state standards

Last night school board members unanimously adopted new social studies materials for grades 6-12.

The approved materials are aligned with the state's newly adopted standards and helps ensure students and teachers have access to the best materials to meet these standards, according to Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis.

The process for adopting materials started in the Spring of 2019 and included the identification of WWPS essential social

studies standards and a narrowing of materials to pilot to two sets. District teachers unanimously recommended Gibbs Smith materials for Washington State History and McGraw Hill materials for all other classes.

"Teachers were in the middle of piloting materials when schools closed. Their commitment to finishing the pilot and making a final recommendation while moving their instruction online was impressive," said Krutulis.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED »

Minutes from the May 5, 2020 regular business meeting and May 7, 2020 special meeting, personnel report, May 19 accounts payable, April financial report, 2020-2021 student insurance, Resolution 08-2020 Continuous Learning Plan Adoption and Instruction Hours Waiver, Resolution 09-2020 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants and Head Start grant renewal.

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE »

Monday, May 25 is the Memorial Day Holiday. There is no school, no meal service, no childcare and no elementary learning packet pick up. Monday's meal will be provided during the Friday, May 22 meal pick up. Distance Learning, meal services and childcare resume Tuesday, May 26.

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING »

Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors is conducting board meetings online. The Zoom meetings are open to the public via telephone for audio only listening.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN »

Online registration for kindergarten and families new to Walla Walla Public Schools, and Open Enrollment for students who reside outside of our school district is now open. The registration link is located on the district's home webpage.

Early learning programs registration

WWPS is now accepting applications for the early learning programs at the new Walla Walla Center for Children & Families. For more information call 509-526-1774 or visit www.wwps.org/ccf

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Administrative:

SAMANTHA BOWEN | DIRECTOR OF EARLY LEARNING & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

(WALLA WALLA CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES)

Certificated:

GONZALO FERNANDEZ PINILLOS | SPANISH, GARRISON

ANTHONY MARRERO | JROTC SR ARMY INSTR, WA-HI

JOSE MAYA DE JESUS | 4TH GRADE, GREEN PARK

MARILYN MELGOZA | STUDENT EQUITY AND ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST, DISTRICT OFFICE/WA-HI

SAMUEL MIRKOVICH | ART, GARRISON MS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/NON-RENEWAL . . .

Certificated:

BRITTANY ANDERSON | WA-HI, 3 YEARS

Classified:

DEBORAH DOUGLAS | BERNEY, 23 YEARS

ELIZABETH OSBORN | SHARPSTEIN, 3 YEARS

Commencement Ceremonies

COVID-19 impact on school ceremonies

Walla Walla High School

Virtual Video Ceremony

- Friday, June 5, 7 p.m.
- WWPS Facebook & Spectrum cable channel 191. Special thanks to the City of Walla Walla for allowing us use of their cable channel.

Drive-Through Diplomas and Photos

- Friday Afternoon, June 5
- Wa-Hi - Students have a socially distanced option of a drive-through diploma pickup and photo the day of graduation.

Family Drive-In Showing

- Tues & Wed June 9-10, 8:45 p.m.
- M-F Drive-In Theater - Private showing of the commencement video for students and families.

Lincoln High School

- Thursday, June 4, dusk
- M-F Drive-In Theater - Private event for students and families.

Opportunity Program

- Friday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Virtual (video link on wwps.org)

May 2020 Bond Program Update

Walla Walla High School

- Jackson Contractor Group's framers completed the majority of the framing of the interior walls and ceilings in the new Science Building.
- Insulation was installed on the interior walls.
- Electrical & mechanical systems largely completed.
- The interior walls had drywall finishes installed and the exterior fascia was completed.
- The infrastructure package was started with new sewer lines being installed.
- New electrical service trenches were dug, the conduit was installed and trenches were backfilled.
- The design team and contractor successfully worked through several on-site issues arising from old sewer/water/irrigation piping being abandoned in place and not having been recorded.

Pioneer Middle School

- The Temporary Modular and Temporary Multipurpose projects were put out to bid to several contractors on the district's small works roster and bids were accepted April 30. Both were local Walla Walla firms (Nelson and Royce)
- Architects West and their design team continued working towards a permit set of construction documents.

Blue Ridge Elementary

- Wellens General Contractors (formerly Wellens Farwell) and local subcontractor Allan Key completed removing the dirt and insulation from the roof.
- Wine Country(roofer) mobilized on site. They prepared and cleaned the existing roof and began to install the new insulation.

COVID-19 Update

- Throughout April, Wenaha Group and the school district worked with our construction and design partners to ensure health and safety of all while continuing to perform essential work as responsible custodians of public funds. At every interval the team met or exceeded governmental requirements for health and safety.
- The team is dedicated to continually evaluate the situation and balance work and health requirements.