

10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

July 20, 2021

We All Belong Here

Proven framework to address new legislation

During the most recent legislative session, the Washington Legislature passed SB 5044 requiring all Washington State school district employees and their school boards participate in one day of professional development training every other year beginning next fall.

Last night Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith shared Walla Walla Public Schools' intent to mold its required professional development around the already-established "We All Belong Here" framework.

"Focusing our efforts around our ongoing work will serve to continue promoting what we have collectively embraced and widely supported for the past five years," said Superintendent Smith. "WWPS recognizes that our differences help drive our greatness, and will continue our efforts promoting our diverse campus and classroom environments that are tolerant, respectful, and inclusive for all."

Below is the SB 2044 training outline for the upcoming school year.



Dr. Wade Smith
Superintendent

"Since 2017, the Walla Walla Public Schools community has focused on nurturing a culture of belonging through our 'We All Belong Here' efforts. Values and beliefs identified in the visual have supported our collective progress towards promoting and ensuring an inclusive, welcoming, safe and engaging environment for all."

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED »

Minutes from June 15 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, July 6 & 20 accounts payable and June payroll, June Financial report, 2021-2022 out of state tuition, 2021-2022 dairy bid renewal, Resolution 06-2021 (Lincoln HS intent to construct project), Resolution 07-2021 (Lincoln HS 5-year use/30-year life), Resolution 08-2021 (Lincoln HS modernization project intent to award), Lincoln HS constructability review & Policy 3220.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE »

School board members approved the 2021-2022 meeting schedule. This year they will hold three study meetings at schools.

Sep 7, 2021 5:30 p.m. Study Mtg

Sep 21, 2021 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Oct 5, 2021 1:30 p.m. Study Mtg (GP)

Oct 19, 2021 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Nov 2, 2021 1:30 p.m. Study Mtg (Edison Ele)

Nov 16, 2021 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Dec 14, 2021 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Jan 18, 2022 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Feb 1, 2022 5:30 p.m. Study Mtg

Feb 15, 2022 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Mar 1, 2022 1:30 p.m. Study Mtg (Garrison)

Mar 15, 2022 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Apr 19, 2022 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

May 3, 2022 5:30 p.m. Study Mtg

May 17, 2022 5:30 p.m. Business Mtg

Jun 7, 2022 5:30 p.m. Study Mtg

Jun 21, 2022 4:00 p.m. Business Mtg

Jul 19, 2022 4:00 p.m. Business Mtg

Aug 16, 2022 4:00 p.m. Business Mtg



EMPLOYMENT . . .**Certificated:**

JONATHAN ARTHUR | STEM, PIONEER MS
 KATHARINE CURLES | COUNSELOR, SHARPSTEIN
 BECKY JO GIFFORD | COUNSELOR, GARRISON MS
 SHAYNA HUTCHENS | ASB/LEADERSHIP/ACT, WA-HI
 CHRISTINA KUHLMAN | MATH, GARRISON MS
 VICTORIA LIDZBARSKI | COUNSELOR, LINCOLN HS
 COURTNEY MAAS | COUNSELOR, BERNEY
 SARAH MOORE | CTE CONSUMER SCIENCE, WA-HI
 TREVOR NIX | SPECIAL EDUCATION, WA-HI
 DEANNA REAL | 2ND GRADE, GREEN PARK
 SUSAN STEGE | COUNSELOR, PIONEER MS

Classified:

ROCIO ANAYA | ADMIN ASST/GRANTS, T&L
 JARED ALBRIGHT | SPECIAL ED PARA, BERNEY
 FRANCE BERTRAM | LIBRARY PARA, BERNEY/SHARP
 ANA BRITO-SALGADO | BIL HEALTH RM ASST, GP
 ASHLEY BUENO | BIL INT SP/HOME LIAISON, EDISON
 DAKOTA BUMAN | HEALTH RM ASST, BERNEY
 AYLIN CONTRERAS | BIL INTERVENTION SP, WA-HI
 YESENIA ESCALANTE | BIL INT SP/HOME LIAISON, WA-HI
 JENNIFER HERNANDEZ | BIL INT SP/HOME LIAISON, GP
 MARTHA IBARRA | HEAD ST ASSOC TEACHER, WWCCF
 TARA JASPER | ELEM LIBRARY TECHNICIAN, ALL
 ESMERALDA PEDROZA | BIL INT SP/HM LIAISON, WA-HI
 ALEJANDRA QUINTERO | BIL ASST SEC, WA-HI
 SONIA TOEWS | SECRETARY, WALLA WALLA ONLINE
 JESSICA VICARI | PARA-EDUCATOR, SHARPSTEIN

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS . . .**Certificated:**

THERESA DOYLE, PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 6 YEARS
 SETH GLOGOWER, OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, 5 YEARS
 KATHARINE INGRAM, GREEN PARK, 3 YEARS
 ALISON KIMBALL, WALLA WALLA ONLINE, 7 YEARS

Classified:

STACEY CHAVEZ, GREEN PARK, 5 YEARS
 BJ COLVIN, TECHNOLOGY, 8 YEARS
 SHARIS COLVIN, WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL, 5 YEARS
 CLAUDIA CUMMINS, EDISON, 31 YEARS
 SHARI GEHRETT, SHARPSTEIN, 23 YEARS
 ISAAC HATCH, WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL, 2 YEARS
 MARY JOHNSON, TRANSPORTATION CO-OP, 5 YEARS
 JOYCE LARSON, EDISON, 17 YEARS
 ANNETTE MATLOCK, BERNEY, 13 YEARS
 JOSEPH NORBY, LOA FOR 2020-21, 4 YEARS
 IVAN SOTO, GREEN PARK, 2 YEARS
 AMY TREJO, PROSPECT POINT, 13 YEARS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Classified:**

KARLI CORTEZ, PROSPECT POINT, 4 YEARS
 • FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
 JAVIER HERNANDEZ, PIONEER MS, 13 YEARS
 • SEPTEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

Spring 2021 iReady Data Review

Assistant Superintendent Gardea and Director Krutulis provided school board members an overview of Spring 2021 iReady Diagnostic assessment results. This spring's data benchmarks were compared to results from Spring 2019 since that was the last time students took the assessments in person due to COVID impacts. Last night's detailed report included historical norms, state data comparisons and subgroup performance breakouts.

Gardea reported he was encouraged to see the percentage of students on-grade level or above in Math and Reading exceeded Washington in-school population tested. There were more promising results in Reading as students on-grade level or above met or exceeded 2019 results in grades 3, 4 and 7. He noted more support is needed for Hispanic/Latino and Economically Disadvantaged students who are significantly less likely to be on track to meet grade level expectations. He also said the number of students 3 or more grade levels behind in Math and Reading increased.

Budget Update

Next month board members will approve the 2021-2022 General Fund budget based on enrollment of 5575 FTE. The budget includes new staffing and programs linked to federal pandemic recovery funds. Despite the new federal dollars, the district will spend down reserves to ensure programs are in place to address student needs. The budget meets the board mandated ending fund balance range of 6 to 8 percent.

Bond Update

Construction work at Pioneer Middle School and Walla Walla High School is in full swing and both projects remain on budget and on schedule. Wa-Hi Phase One will be completed by the start of the 2021-22 school year, with Phase One projects at Pioneer MS completed by winter break. Bids for the Lincoln High School renovation will be opened July 22 with construction beginning this fall.