

Skills Center to offer Digital Media Technology

Walla Walla Public Schools announces the Southeast Washington Technical Skills Center will offer a Digital Media Technology program when the facility opens in September 2014. Construction Technology will not be offered as originally planned. The decision to add Digital Media Technology was made by the SEA-Tech Partner Board, consisting of the superintendents of the six districts along with consultation from the Community College.

“Walla Walla Community College is considering the reinstatement of its Construction Technology Program in 2014 if the job market improves so high school students who are interested in this career field might be able to enroll directly into the WWCC program,” Superintendent Mick Miller said. “The demand for digital media skills continues to grow and we want to offer area high school students the opportunity to compete for these jobs in the new creative economy.”

It is expected the Digital Media Technology program will be offered in the morning session when the Southeast Washington Technical Center opens for business. It could expand to an afternoon session as demand warrants. Walla Walla Public Schools will conduct a survey of students in the partner districts in the fall of 2013 to determine the level of interest for planning and scheduling purposes.

Students will acquire the skills and knowledge to seek employment or further education in Digital Media Technology fields. Students will learn to work in 3D space and to manipulate visual content to produce a wide range of visual products for various markets.

Zahl named State FFA officer

Last night, Walla Walla High School senior Andy Zahl reported to school board members he was elected to serve on the 2013-2014 Washington State Future Farmers of America state officer team.

Zahl, son of Jerry and Kathy Zahl, will serve as an ambassador for Washington agriculture and promote Future Farmers of America programs and issues. He has a scholarship to attend Oklahoma State University but will delay college entry until 2014 to complete his assignment.

He reported he will travel more than 250 days during his tenure, including trips to Washington DC and Spain.



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In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the May 7, 2013 regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, May 21 accounts payable, Resolution No. 09-2013 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants, use of equipment for summer sports camps, and correction of Superintendent's contract.
- approved Board Policy 3122 - Excused & Unexcused Absences
- approved Board Policy 3210 - Nondiscrimination - students
- approved Board Policy 5010 - Nondiscrimination & Affirmative Action
- approved Board Policy 5011 - Sexual Harassment
- approved 2013-14 Head Start grant
- approved No. 07-2013 General Fund Transfer to Debt Service Fund
- approved No. 08-2013 Budget Extension/Transportation Vehicle Fund

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated)

Christina Leonetti, Head Start/ECEAP, Blue Ridge

Gina McDonnell, Bilingual second grade, Edison

Josh Wheatley, Math/Science Credit Retrieval (temp.), Wa-Hi

Resignation/Retirement

(Administrative)

Kirk Jameson, Director of CTE & Technology, District Office, (10 years)

(Certificated)

Brandy Martinez, Third Grade, Sharpstein, (3 years)

Saul Martinez, Art, Pioneer Middle School, 2 years

(Classified)

Timothy Palmer, Assistant Custodian, Edison Elementary, (7 years)

Martha Reyes, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Elementary, (5 years)

Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

Audrey Schmid, Speech Language Pathologist

** Audrey will be on a .5FTE leave of absence 2013-2014 school year*

Out-of-State Travel

Heather Abajian, Marcia Follett, Grace Ogoshi, Michael Braddock and **Kristen Graber** to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: LAP/GEAR UP)

Ginger Calvario and **Denise Ongers** to attend WIPFLI in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: Head Start/ECEAP)

David Blocklinger, Linda Boggs, Laural Bohnet, Matt Bona, Dan Coffey, Julie Cox, Terri Gilbert, Vivian Glaeser, Mike Gobel, Mira Gobel, Kim Gradwohl, Ron Higgins, Clayton Hudiburg, Lynn Junke, Kim Kelsay, Lani Kiefel, Caroline Lujan, Mindy Meyer, Keith Michels, Casey Monahan, Susan Nakonieczny, Peggy Payne, Luz Phillips, Claudia Salazar, Julie Schisler, Anne Schulz, Carina Stillman, Ben Ugaldea, Ben VanDonge, and Ben Woiblet to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Diego, CA (Funding: LAP/Title I, GEAR UP, CIA)

Quote of the Week

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

Malcolm Forbes

Speech and Debate champion performs for board

Walla Walla High School sophomore **Anna Apostoldis-Morefield** performed her 4A state title winning Expository speech. Anna's speech is about the origins of the English language and has received rave reviews all year.

This is Anna's second year in finals at state as last year she was also in the finals in the same event. Expository speaking is similar to Original Oratory in that students must write and memorize an 8 minute informative speech.



School End-of-Year Celebrations

Lincoln High School Graduation

- Thursday, June 6 @ 6 p.m.
- WW Fairgrounds

Walla Walla High School Commencement

- Friday, June 7 @ 7 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Commons area (gym if raining)

Pioneer Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

- Tuesday, June 11 @ 7 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Gym

Homelink 8th Grade Graduation

- Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Auditorium

Garrison Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

- Wednesday, June 12 @ 7 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Gym