

Wa-Hi survey findings now available for public view

Walla Walla Public Schools partnered with Washington State University Social and Economic Sciences Research Center to conduct a telephone survey to determine opinions about facility improvement priorities for Walla Walla High School.

These results are now posted on the district web site: www.wwps.org. WSU representatives made calls in June and connected with 308 community members as part of this scientific survey process. The district also conducted an online survey in June to obtain additional community input.

The February 12, 2013 bond proposal to modernize Walla Walla High School failed garnering a 53.30 percent YES vote. The proposal required a 60 percent "Supermajority" for approval. The bond proposal was for \$48 million. The total project cost was \$69.6 million.

District Office Summer Hours

- 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 to 4 p.m.
- WWPS District Office: 364 S. Park St.

School Board Application Process

(To fill remainder of Max Carrera's term)

August 2-16

- Applications will be accepted Thursday, August 2 through Friday, August 16, 4 p.m.

August 20

- Executive session at 3 p.m. prior to regular board meeting to screen applications
- Regular board meeting at 4 p.m. to announce finalists

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- Special board meeting/9:30 to noon (*tentative) to interview finalists and select new board member.

September 3

- Regular board meeting/6:30 p.m. - New board member sworn in fills remainder of the term through Nov. 2015

General Fund Budget Update

The school board held a public work session Tuesday afternoon to review the district's preliminary 2013-14 General Fund budget. The \$66 million budget maintains a 10 percent fund balance reserve. The budget is based on enrollment of 6117 K-12 FTE students. This number is up from last year since the state is funding a full FTE for all day kindergarten at Edison and Sharpstein this year. Look for highlights of the 2013-14 budget in Friday's Week in Review.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the June 25, 2013 regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, July 2 accounts payable and June payroll, July 16 accounts payable, June Financial report, minutes of June 17, 2013 Executive Session, minutes of June 18, 2013 board meeting, student accident insurance, surplus equipment and materials, Resolution No. 10-2013 Authorization of Signatures SEA-Tech Skills Center, highly capable grant, and out-of-state tuition / 2013-14.
- received for first reading Policy 2409 Credit for Competency/Proficiency
- received for first reading Policy 2413 Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education courses
- approved a five cent increase for school meals. The district will subsidize \$2,362 to the Nutrition Services program to minimize the increase for families.
- approved a \$10,000 expenditure for the Orchard St. improvement project to help fund street lights.

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated)

Bethany Brown, Third/Fourth grade, Blue Ridge Elementary

E. Claire James, Second/Third Grade, Sharpstein

Christen Davidson-Juhnke, Occupational/Physical Therapist, Special Programs

Stephanie Kytola, Language Arts/Social Studies .5 Temp, Pioneer Middle School

Amy Reed, Title I, .5 FTE, Blue Ridge Elementary

(Classified) **Vanessa Ruiz**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Community Preschool

Resignations/Retirements

(Certificated) **Janis Barton**, Library Media Specialist, Pioneer Middle School, 16 years

Silvia Rascon, Bilingual Fourth Grade, Edison Elementary

(Classified) **Guadalupe Mendez**, Kitchen Assistant, Blue Ridge Elementary, 4 months

Melanie Richards, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary, 5 years

Leave of Absence

(Classified) **Carrie Presler**, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School, 4 years (*for the 2013-14 school year*)

Out-of-State Travel

Robert Elizondo to attend the AVID Summer Institute in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Professional Development)

Quote of the Week

“Change is the end result of all true learning.”

Leo Buscaglia

Board member Carrera praised for service



Superintendent **Mick Miller** presents School Board member **Max Carrera** with a Golden Apple for his service on the school board since 2008.

Carrera announced this spring he was resigning from the school board to allow more time for his family. School board members will accept applications for his replacement August 2-16.

Forms will be available on the district website. School board members expect to appoint a new board member in September.

Thanks to Max Carrera for all he has done to support WWPS.

District helps fund Orchard Street lighting project

School board members unanimously voted to fund \$10,000 to Walla Walla County for street light as part of the Orchard Street improvement project.



Anne Golden

The district funds will help pay for nine LED street lights. School Board president Anne Golden said the Orchard St. project is operating on a tight budget and funds were not available for the street light phase.

School board members said the safety of students getting to and from school justified the expenditure. The district has a long-standing partnership with the City of Walla Walla and Walla Walla County on school zone safety projects. The Orchard St. project will be completed in August.

JROTC Rifle Team wins Jr. Olympics National title

The Walla Walla High School JROTC Wa-Hi Rifle Team topped 37 teams from around the country to win the Junior Olympic Three Position Air Rifle National Title.

The Walla Walla High School team of Cadet Captain Caitlyn Lasseigne, Cadet Staff Sergeant Sarah Jameson, Cadet Staff Sergeant Allison Juergensen and Cadet Staff Sergeant Andrew Jenkins defeated last year's national championship team Sutter Union High School of California in the competition's final round. The event was held in Anniston, AL.

See the entire story on the district web site at: www.wwps.org