

## District hires new Technology Director

Walla Walla Public Schools has named **Forrest Baker** as the district's new Technology Department Director. Baker replaces **Kirk Jameson** who recently accepted the principal position for the new College Place High School.



Baker has worked the past 16 years at Walla Walla Community College in various technology related positions, including the past four years as Assistant Director of Technology Services. Baker will lead the district in developing a new technology plan and assist with developing strategies to improve technology in classroom settings.

Baker and his wife Kristi have three children. He and his wife are actively involved in the schools and community organizations. He currently serves on the Camp Fire USA Board of Trustees.

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"I'm excited about serving as the Director of Technology for the Walla Walla Public Schools where I am committed to the overall success of the district's academic & administrative technology and supporting the future of our children through our vision of Excellence in Every Classroom."

**Forrest Baker**

## School board finalists named

The WWPS Board of Directors named all three candidates for **Max Carrera's** vacant school board position as finalists.

School board members will publically interview **Todd Brandenburg, David Hampson** and **Pamela McBride** Tuesday, August 27 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the district office. The new board member will be named after the interviews on August 27 and sworn in Sept. 3. The new board member will stand for election in November 2015.

## School Board approves budget

School board members approved the district's 2013-2014 General Fund budget. The General Fund budget is based on revenues of \$65,378,848 and expenditures of \$65,299,820.

The General Fund budget maintains a \$6.5 million total fund balance reserve or 10%. The district received approximately \$4.5 million in additional revenue as a result of legislative action spurred by the McCleary Decision. All but approximately \$100,000 of this funding is targeted for specific areas.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### *Board members:*

- approved minutes from the July 16, 2013 work session and regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, issuances of 2013-14 contracts: classified administrators, off schedule staff; August 6 accounts payable & July payroll, August 20 accounts payable, July financial report, 2013-14 student handbooks, WWVEA contract, revision to 2013-14 school year calendar.
- approved Board Policy 2409 Credit for Competency/Proficiency
- approved Board Policy 2413 Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education courses
- approved Board Policy 2414 / Community Service
- approved Teacher/Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP)
- approved 2012-13 General Fund Budget Extension/Resolution No. 12-2013
- approved 2013-14 Budget/Resolution No. 11-2013
- named finalists for vacant school board position: Todd Brandenburg, David Hampson and Pamela McBride

# Personnel Report

## Employment

(Administrator)

**Forrest Baker**, Director of Technology, Technology Department

(Certificated)

**Lynne Burnham**, Art (.2 FTE), Homelink

**Mary Burt**, Science, Walla Walla High School

**Jody Busby**, Special Education (.5FTE), Blue Ridge Preschool Program and American Sign Language (temp. .5 FTE), Wa-Hi

**Brian Casey**, Math/Science, Garrison Middle School

**Nicole Duncan**, Math/LAP, Pioneer Middle School

**Kyle Eggers**, Math (.667 FTE), Garrison Middle School

**Hollis Erikson**, Language Arts, Pioneer Middle School

**Robert Graham**, School Psychologist, Special Program

**Jeffrey Irland**, Library Media Specialist (.5FTE), Prospect Point Elementary

**Malinda Magnaghi**, Math/Science (temp. .5FTE), Homelink Program

**Kimberlee Ramsey**, English/Language Arts/ESL, Garrison Middle School

**Elissa Tinder**, Special Education (temp.), Pioneer Middle School

**Ronni Tobin**, Special Education, Lincoln High School

(Classified)

**Jacqueline Alonso**, Para-Educator (temp), Pioneer Middle School

**Jonathan Arthur**, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary

**Carrie Brown**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Preschool Program

**Christopher Bryant**, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School

**Tomas Cortez**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Preschool Program

**Andrea Continas**, Para-Educator, Edison Elementary

**Federico Diaz**, Elementary Intervention Specialist, Walla Walla Public Schools

**Jazmin Gonzalez**, Assistant Secretary, Blue Ridge Elementary

**Yesenia Guevara**, Elementary Intervention Specialist, Walla Walla Public Schools

**Michelle Gwinn**, Para-Educator, Edison Elementary

**Ruben Hernandez**, Intervention Specialist, Blue Ridge Elementary

**Elizabeth Hopkins**, Para-Educator, Prospect Point Elementary

**Julio Jimenez**, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary

**Gail Lutton**, Health Clinician, Edison Elementary

**Felix Marquez**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Elementary

**Tina McCrae**, Health Clinician, Blue Ridge Elementary

**Alexandra Murillo**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Head Start/ECEAP Program

**Lacey Nerdig**, Para-Educator, Edison Elementary

**Analizeth Pesqueira**, Elementary Intervention Specialist, WWPS

**Kaylie Piver**, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School

**Laurie Schuetze**, Para-Educator, Prospect Point Elementary

**Barbara Thatcher**, Intervention Specialist, Green Park Elementary

**Monica Torres**, Para-Educator, Edison Elementary

## Resignation/Retirement

(Certificated) **Kristen Harvey**, Math, Garrison Middle School, 21 years

(Classified) **Alex Andary**, Para-Educator, Edison, 2 years

**Lorena Garcia**, Assistant Secretary, Blue Ridge, 3 years

**Bridget Jacobson**, Assistant Secretary, Wa-Hi, 3 years

**Megan Odom**, Para-Educator, Berney Elementary, 4 years

**Amity Priore**, Para-Educator, Edison, 1 year

**John Underwood**, Custodian, District Office/Garrison Middle School, 11 years

**Rebecca Wilson**, Para-Educator, Green Park Head Start/ECEAP, 18 years

## Quote of the Week

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.”

*Carl Rogers*

## Out-of-State Travel

**Linda Boggs** to attend the AVID in San Diego, CA (Funding: Professional Development)

## Leave of Absence

Certificated:

**Karan Jamieson**, Special Ed. Garrison, 5 years (For 2013-14 school year)

**Connie Hernandez**, Intervention Specialist, Pioneer Middle School, 2 years (For 2013-14 school year)

**Javier Hernandez**, Para-Educator, Pioneer Middle School, 5 years (Javier will serve as Intervention Specialist for 2013-14 school year)

**Gregory May**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, 2 years (Sept. through Nov. 2013 to complete co-teaching internship)

**Vanessa Prull**, Para-Educator, Green Park, 6 years (For the 2013-14 school year)

## Calendar change approved

School board members approved revising the 2013-14 school year calendar to adjust the February conference dates. Conference dates are now Feb. 27 and 28 (*original dates were Feb. 13 and 14*).

The Elementary report card preparation date is now Feb. 21 (*original date was Feb. 7*). WWVEA leadership and district administrators believe these changes will better support teachers, students and parents.

## Link Crew to welcome Freshmen

Wa-Hi teachers **Matt Shaw** and **Julie Cox** and Link Crew student leaders reported to board members on this year's Freshmen Orientation. Link Crew training is August 26 and 27 and the orientation is August 28 from 1 to 5 p.m.