

## Board praises Prospect Point Choir



Members of the Prospect Point Choir and dance group performed for school board members during last night's school board meeting. The meeting was held at Prospect Point as part of the school board's new outreach program to visit more schools.

Prospect Point Music teacher **Denise Hurst** coordinated the performance. Hurst is the daughter of former district Music Director **Glen Mitchell**. Her mother **Meredith** was a long-time Walla Walla Public Schools music educator.

Principal **Chris Gardea** praised Hurst for her professionalism, creativity and dedication.

## No School Friday, March 14

Spring Professional Day

Classes resume Monday, March 17

## Board to vote on Wa-Hi bond Thursday

The Board of Directors will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. at the district office (364 S. Park St.) to vote on a proposal to place a \$10.2 million bond on the April 22, 2014 Special Election ballot.

This measure would fund a new, stand alone, science building at Walla Walla High School. No other work on campus would be completed at this time.

Cost for the project is an increase of .30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This measure would require a 60 percent supermajority for approval. Should there be any excess funds, they would be returned to Walla Walla taxpayers by paying down the bond debt.

Last night school board members listened to public input during a work session at Prospect Point. The dominant message of the night from those in attendance was a push for placing the measure on the ballot. School board member Ruth Ladderud said the proposal would do what the community has been asking for which addresses the school's greatest needs, phases the project and lowers the bond costs.



**All Wa-Hi students are required to take two years of lab science. This may increase to three. Current facilities are outdated, undersized and lack necessary lab equipment.**

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes from the Feb. 18, 2014 regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular contracts, March 4 accounts payable and February payroll.

Our Core Values  
are more than mere words;

they're our business!

Quality | Integrity | Accountability | Respect

Courtesy | Innovation | Diversity

## Personnel Report

### Employment

(Coaching)

**Caroline Lujan**, High School Cheer Coach, Walla Walla High School

**Kim McDaniels**, Head Volleyball Coach, Walla Walla High School

### Retirement/Resignation

(Certificated)

**Donna Austin**, Title I/Bilingual Coordinator, Sharpstein, 22 years

**Ambra Bryant**, English, Wa-Hi, 2 years

**Maria Fondahn**, Science, Berney, 26 years

**Luke Hamada**, Science, Garrison Middle School, 7 years

**Karan Jamieson**, Special Education, Garrison Middle School, 6 years

**Scott Reardon**, Business Education, Wa-Hi, 9 years

**Gayle See**, Physical Education, Wa-Hi, 33 years

**Margaret Yount**, Music & PE, Lincoln High School, 38 years

(Classified)

**Karen Hermeston**, District Athletic Secretary, Wa-Hi, 27 years

**Connie Hernandez**, Intervention Specialist, Pioneer Middle School, 3 years

### Out of State Travel

**Cindy Nass** to attend Teaching and Learning Conference in Washington, DC (Funding: Staff Achievement/Personal)

**Karen Lehman** to attend ACRES Conference in Tucson, AZ (Funding: Special Education, Personal)

**Julia Woods** to experience Cultural Enrichment opportunities in New York City (Funding: Staff Achievement/Personal)

Quote of the Week

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

Confucius

## High Tech Prospect Point students demonstrate skills

*5th grade teacher and computer expert team to create dynamic program*



School board members visited the Prospect Point computer lab last night to learn more about an exciting computer program for 5th graders in Kate Van Cleve's class.

Van Cleve has teamed with school computer expert Richard Barlow for a code activity which teaches students computer programming. Barlow said he has enjoyed working with the students and seeing them develop their technical skills.

The students participate in the activity once a week. Van Cleve says her students are always excited to get started and drag their feet to leave.

**PHOTO:** School board members **Sam Wells** (L) and **Dr. David Hampson** (R) check out the program.