

Superintendent Miller to take ESD 101 position in Spokane

Interim superintendent to lead district next year

Walla Walla Public Schools Superintendent Mick Miller is resigning his position effective June 30 to accept an assistant superintendent position with Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101 in Spokane. Miller is in his fourth school year with Walla Walla Public Schools. Miller's last working day with the district will be Friday, June 20.



The school board will seek an interim superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year. The position is posted on the district web site (www.wwps.org) and all applications must be returned by 4 p.m. Friday, June 13. The interim superintendent employment posting is available on the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) and Washington Association of School Administrators' (WASA) websites. Applications will be reviewed in executive session by the school board Tuesday, June 17. Interviews will be scheduled following the school board review of the candidates.

"We thank Superintendent Miller for his four years of service and wish him well in his next career move," said School Board President Anne Golden, "Our focus now is finding a highly qualified interim superintendent to continue to lead our outstanding school district during this leadership transition."

Miller was the superintendent of the Deer Park School District in Deer Park WA for six years prior to coming to Walla Walla Public Schools.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with students and staff in Walla Walla Public Schools," Miller said. "This is a wonderful community and we have so much of which to be proud in our district. However, I believe the district will be better served with a different superintendent to move us forward. I know the best days of the district are in its future."

Graduates honored

Last night the district celebrated this year's honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program. They are: Thomas L. Copeland, Class of 1942; Daniel J. Hess, Class of 1968; Paul H. Schneidmiller, Class of 1970; David Wagner, Class of 1993.

Thomas L. Copeland

- Decorated WWII Veteran
- 16th Legislative District representative
- Farmer and ag innovator
- Inspirational staff: Harold Mazon

Daniel J. Hess

- Founding partner of Hess Law Office
- Active in local organizations
- School board member
- Inspirational staff: Dave Klicker

Paul H. Schneidmiller

- Owner of World Wide Travel Service
- Port of Walla Walla Commissioner
- Exchange Club leader
- Inspirational staff: Eleanor Burgess

David Wagner

- Wheelchair tennis player ranked #1
- Tennis youth camp coordinator
- Inspirational speaker
- Inspirational staff: Gary Peasley

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the May 20, 2014 regular board meeting, personnel report, June 3 accounts payable and May payroll, and executive session minutes of May 27, 2014.
- approved Board Policy 3416 Medication at School (revision)
- approved Board Policy 3243 Telecommunications/Electronic Devices (revision)

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated)

Julianne Anderson, Learning Specialist (.5 FTE), Sharpstein Elementary

Lacey Nerdig, Special Education Teacher, Edison Elementary

Lindsay Rondeau, Elementary teacher, Sharpstein Elementary

(Classified)

Jennifer Matson, Intervention Specialist, Sharpstein Elementary

(Coaching)

Chris Ferenz, Head Girls' Basketball, Walla Walla High School

Ashley Georgia, Dance Coach, Walla Walla High School

Retirement/Resignation

(Administrative)

Mick Miller, Superintendent, District Office

(Certificated)

Georgi Delgadillo, Homelink Teacher, Homelink Program, 3 years

- Georgi was on a leave of absence for the 2013-2014 school year. She is resigning .1 FTE of her position and will continue as a .5 FTE Homelink Teacher.

Cindy Palmer, Homelink Teacher, Homelink Program, 9 years

- Cindy was on a leave of absence for the 2013-2014 school year

Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

Casey Monahan, English teacher, Walla Walla High School, 10 years

- Casey will serve as K-12 ELA/Tier II Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year

(Classified)

Cesar Hernandez, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School, 3 years

- For the 2014-2015 school year

Quote of the Week

"No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings."

William Blake

Celebration of Life planned for Wa-Hi students

Athena Bentley

Saturday, June 7

11 a.m.

Pioneer Park (near pond)

Uziel Bermoy

Sunday, June 8

2 p.m.

Rooks Park

Aiden Boede's service was Saturday.

Congratulations to our Graduates of Distinction!



Port of Walla Walla Director Jim Kuntz celebrates with Paul H. Schneidmiller.



School board president Anne Golden presents Tom Copeland with his award.

District eyes limiting chocolate milk

Katy Sanlis of the WW County Health Dept. and Nutrition Services Director **Pamela Milleson** reported to school board members on the School Health Advisory Committee report. This report was based on using the School Health Index developed by the Centers for Disease control. The district scored 56%. Several recommendations surfaced, including reducing the amount of chocolate milk served to students. Other recommendations include more time for students to eat, promoting healthy food choices and collaboration.

Special Education annual report

Special Education Director **Dr. Karen Lehman** provided a comprehensive report to board members. The program offers a variety of services for the 810 students it serves.