

Board unanimously approves 2014-15 budget

The district remains on solid fiscal ground following the Board of Directors' unanimous approval of the \$67.5 million 2014-2015 General Fund Budget. The General Fund maintains a \$5.8 million reserve or approximately 8.7 percent.

Executive Director of Business Services **Ted Cohan** says a fund balance in excess of eight percent is considered outstanding. He also reported the approved General Fund Budget contains no recurring expenses from the fund balance. Superintendent **Dr. Bill Jordan** insisted on this budgeting strategy. Jordan said taking recurring expenses from reserves is not sustainable.



Ted Cohan

The 2014-2015 General Fund Budget is based on student enrollment of 5975 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students. Last year the district set its enrollment budget target at 6117 FTEs, but the actual school year average came in at 6040. The scaled back enrollment estimate for this year is a conservative target, according to Cohan. He stated he anticipates it coming in slightly higher, but wanted to build in a cushion in light of last year's missed estimate. Each FTE student generates nearly \$6000 in state revenue.

2014-2015 Approved Budgets

General Fund	\$67,555,250
ASB Fund	\$1,217,118
Debt Service Fund	\$3,566,244
Capital Projects Fund	\$788,303
Transportation Fund	\$272,914

Enrollment Targets for 2014-15

5975 FTEs	14-15 Budget target
6117 FTEs	13-14 Budget target
6040 FTEs	13-15 actual average

Subject to Change: Currently, 45 College Place 9th grade students have elected to attend Wa-Hi this school year. Approximately 18 Wa-Hi 9th grade students to date have "choiced" to attend College Place High School. This is presently a net 27 FTE for WWPS.

Schol board studies SAT data

Yesterday afternoon, Pioneer Middle School Principal **Mira Gobel** facilitated a school board work session focusing on nationwide data from SAT results. The exercise was designed to challenge district leaders to reflect on what the school system can implement to improve outcomes. Gobel conducted a similar activity with district administrators last school year. Gobel expressed her passion for this work and said data should guide district decisions and programs.



Mira Gobel

SEA-TECH Dedication

- Thursday, Sept. 18
- 9:30 to 10 a.m. (Program)
- 10 to 11 a.m. (Tours)
- SEA-TECH (Skills Center facility) (525 Campus Loop -- WWCC)
- Event open to the public

See you at the Fair!

Education Building, FFA, 4H, music, art and more.
August 27-31

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the July 15, 2014 board meeting, minutes from the July 25, 2014 board meeting, minutes from the July 28, 2014 public work session, personnel report, out-of-state travel, August 5 accounts payable and July Payroll, August 19 accounts payable, July financial report, extra-curricular contracts, issuance of 2014-2015 contracts: Classified Administrators and Off-Schedule staff, 2014-15 student handbooks, Public School Employees (PSE) contract, and WSU superintendent/principal intern agreement.
- approved minutes from the July 28, 2014 School Board Executive Session.
- approved 2014-2015 Walla Walla Public Schools Budget Resolution No. 06-2014.

Personnel Report

EMPLOYMENT

Certificated:

Megan Blair-Cabasco, State & Federal Program Accountability Coordinator, CIA
Ashley Collins, Science (temporary), Garrison Middle School
Diana Erickson, Bilingual Literacy Specialist (retire/rehire .25 FTE), CIA
Sarah Foster, Social Studies, Walla Walla High School
Nicholas Genereux, Science (temporary), Walla Walla High School
Lindsey James, English, Walla Walla High School
Kelsie Loree, Special Education, Edison Elementary
Nathan McClure, English (temporary .8 FTE), Walla Walla High School
Vanessa Prull, LAP Teacher, Blue Ridge Elementary

Classified:

Charles Broughton, Assistant Secretary, CIA
Gretchen Foertsch, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Elementary
Brittney Kubik, Para-Educator (temporary), Walla Walla High School
Karen Larson, Sign Language Para-Educator, Sharpstein Elementary
Jordon Poynor, Para-Educator, Pioneer Middle School
Nicole Redman, Homelink Program Assistant Secretary, Berney Elementary
Stacy Shake, Substitute Coordinator, Personnel Department
Lindy Tibbling, Para-Educator (temporary), Lincoln High School
Susan Weber, AVID Coordinator, Walla Walla High School

Coaching:

Hollis Erikson, Head Boys' Soccer Coach, Walla Walla High School
Nancy Rose, Head Boys' and Girls' Swimming Coach, Walla Walla High School

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION

Certificated:

Andrew Blumel, Social Studies, Walla Walla High School, 4 years
Makena Busch, English Language Arts/CTE, Walla Walla High School (did not begin)
Colleen Chamberlain Biddle, Learning Specialist, Green Park Elementary, 10 years
Michelle Enriquez, Bilingual First Grade, Sharpstein Elementary, 2 years
Eva Hanson, Counselor, Walla Walla High School, 14 years

Classified:

Kathy Gifford, Substitute Coordinator, Personnel Department, 17 years
Dean Harman, Custodian, Facilities & Operations/Transportation, 3 years
Elizabeth Hernandez, Bilingual Assistant Secretary, Edison Elementary, 4 months
Tina McCrae, Health Clinician, Blue Ridge Elementary, 1 year
Karen Watson, Cook, Berney Elementary, 15 years

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Certificated:

Georgiann Delgadillo, Homelink, Berney Elementary, 4 years (September – December 2014)
Chad Hulett, Math/Science, Garrison Middle School, 22 years
(Chad is taking an LOA from his math/science position to teach industrial arts)
Lindsey Parkins, Physical Education, Garrison Middle School, 5 years (For the 2014-2015 school year)
Sean Reid, Garrison Middle School, 11 years (Sean is taking an LOA from his ELA position to teach physical education)

Classified:

Brooke Bouchey, Intervention Specialist, Lincoln High School, 7.5 years (For the 2014-2015 school year)
Susan Echtenkamp, Cook, Pioneer Middle School, 13 years (September – December 2014)
Sarah Spiess, Para-Educator, Lincoln High School, 4 years (For the 2014-2015 school year)

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Brent Cummings to attend the After School Ambassador Leadership Training in Washington, DC (Funding: After School Alliance Corp)

Quote of the Week

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish as fools.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.