

Walla Walla Public Schools

# 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | October 21, 2014

## Anti-Bullying

*Mark Thompson provides training to address issue*



Mark Thompson

Longtime expert Mark Thompson reported to school board members during the public work session on his efforts to educate administrators, staff and students on laws and policies related to harassment, intimidation, or bullying. His trainings are comprehensive but his message is simple -- this behavior is not tolerated in Walla Walla schools. Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma is the district's primary contact for bullying and harassment issues. Under their leadership, the district has developed the following Steps to Stop Bullying/Harassment.

1. Review policy and procedures annually
2. Encourage students to report incidents
3. Staff consistently intervene and report
4. Investigate reports
5. Protect the complainant
6. Keep appropriate records
7. Raise awareness of seriousness
8. Recruit student leaders for prevention
9. Develop a positive school culture

- WA State Law: RCW 28A.300.285
- WWPS Bullying Policy: No. 3207
- Bullying Reporting forms at all district schools and online at: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org)

## Board Meeting Highlights

### ■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Oct. 7, 2014 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, October 21 accounts payable and September Financial Report.

### ■ Board meeting discussions . . .

School board members discussed during the public work session options for school board meeting formats to allow more in-depth discussion on various issues.

Last year, the school board experimented with this model at some of the board meetings. Board members used last night's public work session to reflect on the effectiveness and value of these discussions during this meeting style.

School board members said they are in favor of more opportunities to discuss issues and would consider using this meeting model again. No decisions were made last night.

### ■ Remember to vote . . .

Ballots for the November 4, 2014 General Election have been mailed to registered voters. For more information contact the Walla Walla County Auditor's Office. Please remember to vote!



## Care n' Share

### *District supports food drive*

The district continues to do its part to support the Realtors "Care and Share" Food Drive. All donated items support the local BMAC Food Bank. Last Saturday, more than 3500 lbs of food items were collected during the Fill the Bus activity at area grocery stores. Thanks to Lincoln High School teacher Lori Finn for organizing this event.

Food collection barrels will be at all schools and the district office until Oct. 31. The goal for each school is 1000 lbs.

Berney students receive a cup of cider or cocoa for donating food. The barrels are overflowing thanks to this fun activity.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

NEW HIRES . . .

Classified:

LUCERO CASTILLO  
Bilingual Para-Educator (Temp) - Edison

HILDA MORALES  
Bilingual Para-Educator - Edison

Coaching:

JASON POSTLEWAIT  
Girls' Bowling Coach - Wa-Hi

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS . . .

Administrative:

DR. KAREN LEHMAN | 3.5 YEARS | SPECIAL ED.  
Director

LEAVES OF ABSENCE . . .

Classified:

KAREN BOWMAN | KITCHEN MANAGER| SHARPSTEIN  
For the remainder of the 2014-15 school year

MAGALI HERNANDEZ | FAMILY ADVOCATE| BR PRESCHOOL  
Magali will serve as Intervention Specialist at Sharpstein

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL . . .

LINDA BOGGS, CASEY MONAHAN, ANNE SWANT, AND TRACY WILLIAMS to attend Instructional Materials Task Force Convention in Long Beach, CA (Funding: Title II)

PEDER FRETHEIM to AVID School-wide High School visit and observation in San Diego, CA (Funding: Staff Achievement)

JASON PARSONS to National Baseball Coaches Convention in Orlando, FL (Funding: Coaches Professional Growth)

# Special Education

Director Lehman says good-bye

Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors accepted the resignation Dr. Karen Lehman, Director of Special Education during the Oct. 21 regular school board meeting.

Lehman was hired in July 2011. Her last working day is Oct. 31. Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan said an interim director for the 2014-15 school year will be named soon.



DR. KAREN LEHMAN

"We appreciate Dr. Lehman's service to the district and wish her well in the future," said Jordan.

Lehman majored in education leadership with an emphasis in special education. She also holds a program administrator endorsement. Prior to her tenure in Walla Walla, Lehman was assistant professor at New Mexico Highlands University for three years. She was also a Speech Language Pathologist and Special Education Teacher in the Camas School District for 10 years.

"It has been a privilege to serve the students with identified disabilities and their families these past 3.5 years," said Lehman.

### Quote of the Week

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young."

Henry Ford

### Veterans Day Assembly

Wa-Hi invites veterans to campus

Walla Walla High School is planning its annual Veterans Day Assembly Monday, Nov. 10 at 9:20 a.m. in the large gym. Veterans of all branches of service, and their spouses and relatives, are encouraged to attend. This year's theme: "Veterans helping Veterans." Programs including "Wounded Warriors", Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will be featured and recognized.

Retired Air Force service member Don Schack is the event's keynote speaker. All veterans are invited to the Wa-Hi Commons immediately following the assembly for coffee and fresh cinnamon rolls.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Bill Bialozor at 527-3020 ext. 3035 or bbialozor@wwps.org.