



Leadership changes

Dr. Jordan reorganizes administrative team



Dr. Bill Jordan

After serving five years as Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, Laure Quaresma is transferring to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning in a reorganization move directed by Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan. Quaresma will direct the district's Teacher/Principal Evaluation Project, new teacher induction programs and principal support functions.



Laure Quaresma

Quaresma will also be responsible for researching, developing and implementing innovative programs to support academic achievement. No decisions have been made regarding a replacement for Quaresma in the Personnel Department.

In another district office leadership move, Jordan announced Dr. Tracy Williams will assume the permanent position of Director of Curriculum. Williams replaces Dr. Linda Boggs who resigned her position in Febru-



Dr. Tracy Williams

ary. Williams has been serving as Interim Director of Special Education following the resignation of Special Education Director Dr. Karen Lehman earlier this school year.

Williams, who will report to Quaresma, will also direct the district's Bilingual, Title One and Learning Assisted Programs (LAP) and other grant programs. Williams has been in education for 32 years, including 20 years in various teaching and leadership positions. She spent six years as Director of Special Programs in the Department of Teaching and Learning in the Spokane Public School District, two years as Director of Curriculum for ESD 123 and four years as Assistant Professor and Department Chair for Curriculum and Instruction at Seattle Pacific University.

The district will begin a search for a new director to lead the Special Education Department. The Special Education Director will also report to Quaresma.

Jordan has appointed Business Office Administrative Assistant Susie Golden to assume the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant position which is open June 1 following the retirement of longtime assistant Elizabeth "Betsy" Adkins. Golden has served as Adkins' backup for several years. No decisions have been made regarding a replacement for Golden in the Business Office.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Feb. 17, 2015 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, March 3 accounts payable and February payroll, revision: Policy 2320 Field Trips, board meeting schedule July to December 2015 and executive session minutes: Feb. 24, 2015.

■ Board First Reading . . .

- Revision Policy 4040 Public Access
- Revision Policy 3200 Students's Rights
- Revision Policy 2410 HS Graduation
(work session possible for Policy 2410)

■ Educational Excellence . . .

Walla Walla High School Principal Pete Peterson reviewed results from the Center for Educational Effectiveness. A plan will be set in motion soon to build on strengths and address areas in need of improvement.

■ Asset Preservation . . .

Facilities and Operations Director Dan Johnson presented the state required Asset Preservation plan. He reported maintenance remains a top priority.

■ Open Enrollment Policy . . .

Board members approved a revision to Policy 3130: District Attendance & Open Enrollment.

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Administrative:

LAURE QUARESMA | ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
Teaching and Learning, District Office

DR. TRACY WILLIAMS | DIRECTOR
Curriculum Department, District Office

Classified:

JANICE BRAY | KITCHEN ASSISTANT
Berney Elementary

SUSIE GOLDEN | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Superintendent's Office

ERICA MARTINEZ | HEAD SECRETARY
SE Transportation Co-Op

ANGELA QUEEN | KITCHEN ASSISTANT
Prospect Point

YESICA VILLEGAS | ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Walla Walla High School

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS . . .

Certificated:

GRETCHEN BAKER | 25 YEARS | CTE TEACHER
Wa-Hi (effective 11/01/15) / Leave until effective date

ANGIE BUTLER | 14.5 YEARS | SCIENCE TEACHER
Pioneer (resigning .4 will continue as .6 FTE)

AUDRA CUMMINGS | 11 YEARS | PE SPECIALIST
Garrison MS (effective 06/12/15) was on leave 2014/15

KATHY EMMERT | 36 YEARS | 1ST GRADE TEACHER
Sharpstein (effective 06/12/15)

LESLIE HANSON-ANDERSON | 17 YEARS | 4TH GR. TEACHER
Edison (effective 06/12/15)

LINDSEY PARKINS | 6 YEARS | PS SPECIALIST
Garrison (effective 06/12/15) was on leave 2014/15

CAROLYN SMITH | 13 YEARS | 1ST GRADE TEACHER
Sharpstein (effective 06/12/15)

TERRY WILLCUTS | 24 YEARS | ENG/LANG ARTS
Wa-Hi (effective 06/12/15)

Classified:

SAM BARKER | 9 YEARS | PARA-EDUCATOR
Berney (effective 03/11/15)

KARIN BOWMAN | 23 YEARS | KITCHEN MANAGER
Sharpstein (effective 03/01/15 - was on leave 2014-15)

JANICE DAVISSON | 5 YEARS | PARA-EDUCATOR
Wa-Hi (effective 06/12/15 - was on leave 2014-15)

SUSAN ECHTENKAMP | 14 YEARS | COOK
Pioneer (effective 02/19/15 - was on leave 2014-15)

STEPHANIE GUZMAN | 3 YEARS | SPECIAL EDUCATION
(effective 03/05/15)

SUE WEBER | 5 MONTHS | AVID COORDINATOR
Wa-Hi (effective 02/28/15)

Leave of Absence:

AURTHUR CURRY | 15 YEARS | SCIENCE TEACHER
Wa-Hi (For the 2015-2016 school year)

KAREN SCOTT | 26 YEARS | SPECIAL EDUCATION
Wa-Hi (For the remainder of 2014-2015 school year)

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

KAREN BUMGARNER, RON HIGGINS, BRAD LUDWIG, DONNA MORRIS, AND ELISSA TENDER to attend *Teaching Children in Poverty workshop in San Antonio, TX (Funding: Focus Grant)*

CORRINE FERRARO, TRACY ROTERT AND KIM MCDANIELS to attend *Art of Coaching Clinic Volleyball in Vancouver, BC (Funding: Coach's Professional Growth)*

Board supports track

Funding helps put project on starting block

Funding for Phase One of a new track at Walla Walla High School cleared an important hurdle last night as the school board approved a request to use \$150,000 from the district's reserve for the project and another \$100,000 for placement in a contingency fund. The total cost of Phase One, track only, is estimated at \$850,000. Big Blue Boosters, led by Class of 1983 graduate Scott Krivoshein, has organized a fundraising effort to replace the 50-year-old cinder Wa-Hi track which is no longer suitable for physical education classes or the school's successful Track & Field program. Currently, Track & Field practice and events are held at the aging Martin Field facility at the Borleske Stadium site.

Krivoshein said the plan is for funds to come from private donors, local trusts, Walla Walla Public Schools and the Big Blue Boosters. The goal is to break ground this summer and be completed this fall.



Scott Krivoshein

Track Donations still needed

- Big Blue Boosters is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization
- Donations are tax deductible
- For information, contact Scott Krivoshein at 509.301.6620.