

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | January 17, 2017

## Preventative Maintenance

*District invests nearly \$6 million annually on Facilities and Operations*



Ted Cohan

Walla Walla Public Schools takes great pride in maintaining its facilities and strives to ensure every pupil has adequate learning spaces to receive the highest quality education possible, according to Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan during a report to the school board.

This school year the district is investing nearly \$6 million or 8 percent of the General Fund budget on facilities and operations, maintenance, custodial, grounds and warehouse services. These funds cover capital projects, preventative maintenance, salaries and benefits, supplies, materials, contractual services and utilities.

Cohan stressed the district is committed to good stewardship, fiscal management, historical preservation and maintaining and improving its facilities and infrastructure.

Cohan's report was linked to a comprehensive Long-range Facilities Planning initiative the district is currently conducting in coordination with the Community Facilities Task Force chaired by local businessman Paul Schneidmiller.

The Long-range Facilities Planning process is currently focused on gathering input and analysis. Next year, the focus is on community outreach and refinement with a potential November 2018 election.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Dec. 13, 2016 special board meeting, regular board meeting and executive session, personnel report, out of state travel, extra-curricular athletic contracts, Jan. 3 accounts payable and December payroll, Jan. 17 accounts payable, November Financial Report, and December Financial Report.

### Budget/Enrollment Update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported enrollment dipped six FTE below the 5760 budget target. He said the December 2016 FTE count was 5772, but now rests at 5754 for January. Cohan said he will closely monitor enrollment in the coming months to determine the financial impact on the 2016-2017 budget. Cohan said the Administrative Finance Committee is planning for the 2017-2018 budget and will pay close attention to legislative decisions.

### Policy First Reading . . .

School board members conducted first readings for the following policy revisions:

- 2107: Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan
- 2162: Education of Students with Disabilities
- 2418: Waiver of High School Graduation Credits and Resolution
- 3115: Homeless Students - Enrollment Rights and Services.

## Bilingual Program Committee studies consolidation options

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis provided the school board a progress report from the Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee. The group is looking at consolidation options from the current four school Bilingual program models to maximize available resources, enhance learning opportunities for English learners and improve academic performance.

Krutulis reported the committee is also reviewing options for introducing cultural

and language acquisition options for students who aren't in a dual language program. She said this expansion of services would provide lifelong benefits. There is a push to offer Spanish exploratory classes in middle school for students seeking to learn a World Language at a younger age.

The group is planning to take a recommendation to the board in March. Several more meetings are planned. No decisions were made last night.

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Classified:**

ITZEL CUEVAS VASQUEZ | BR PRESCHOOL (PARA-ED)  
STEPHANIE EDWARDS | PROSPECT PT (HEALTH RM ASST.)  
HENRY SAMSON | PIONEER MS (BILINGUAL PARA-ED)

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Certificated:**

SANDRA BUSHNELL | SPECIAL EDUCATION, 13 YEARS  
(EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)  
DEBRA FIELD | PIONEER MS, 31 YEARS (EFFECTIVE AT THE  
END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)  
MARCIA FOLLETT | GARRISON MS, 16 YEARS (EFFECTIVE AT  
THE END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)  
MONICA FRANK | GARRISON MS, 1 YEAR (EFFECTIVE AT THE  
END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)  
MELANIE RICHARDSON | SPECIAL EDUCATION, 1.5 YEARS  
(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2017)

**Quote of the Week**

“Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

PATRICIA WEEKS | SPECIAL EDUCATION, 21 YEARS (EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)

**Classified:**

ANNE MARIE JONES | PIONEER MS, 1 YEAR  
HILDA MORALES | EDISON ELEMENTARY, 2 YEARS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...**

**Certificated:**

ERIN MORENO | 1ST GRADE, EDISON ELEMENTARY (FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR)

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ...**

- Bill Bialozor and Mark Mebes to attend National Rifle Championship in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: Army, CTE)
- Erin Dorso to attend Realize Conference in San Francisco, CA (Funding: Teaching and Learning)
- Monica Nelson to attend PLC at Work Summit in Phoenix, AZ (Funding: Superintendent Travel)
- Angelica Pedroza and Sara Van Donge to attend ELL Development in Phoenix, AZ (Funding: Bilingual)
- Mark Pickel to attend Title I National Conference in Long Beach, CA (Funding: Title I)

**Superintendent’s Patron Tour**

Staff are encouraged to invite family and friends to the Superintendent’s Patron Tour. Superintendent Wade Smith hosts a behind the scenes look at district schools. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the new superintendent and learn more about our local schools.

- Wednesday, February 1
- 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)
- RSVP by Jan. 27 - sgolden@wwps.org / 526-6715
- Event begins at WWPS Anne Golden Boardroom
- Tour Sites: Blue Ridge Elementary, Lincoln High School and Garrison Middle School

**Snow make-up days approved**

School board members approved a revision to the 2016-2017 calendar to make up for three of the five canceled days due to this winter’s extreme weather conditions. Students will now attend school March 2, May 12 and a half day June 9. No decision has been made regarding the fourth and fifth canceled days. The district will wait another few weeks to see if additional cancellations this winter will further complicate the 2016-2017 calendar.

Secondary Education

*District options offer vast choices for students*

School board members held a public work session last night to review secondary school options. The focus of the meeting was to detail the numerous options Walla Walla Public Schools offers high school students based on their individual needs.

Superintendent Wade Smith and Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea facilitated the discussion. Superintendent Smith reported the district has two high school options for district students. Walla Walla High School is a large comprehensive high school with vast academic program offerings, numerous electives and afterschool activities. Lincoln High School is a small high school with fewer program offerings, but a heightened awareness of Trauma Smart practices, onsite childcare and direct connections to social services agencies.

High school program options include the Opportunity Program and the district’s new Re Engagement program. Both of these programs are located at 1917 E. Isaacs Ave. These are off-site alternative learning programs created to offer area high school students more choices for earning credits en route to graduation. SEA-TECH is located at Walla Walla Community College. It was established to provide advanced-level Career and Technical Education programs in technology, welding, construction and health sciences. The Alternative Education Program is at WWCC for another alternative choice.