

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 15, 2016

Strategic Planning *New Vision, Mission and Beliefs statements revealed*



Wade Smith

School board members are focused on the end game of the public school experience with its proposed new vision statement linked to producing well prepared graduates. Following months of listening, data collecting and discussion as part of the district's Strategic Planning initiative, school board members unveiled their new proposed vision statement "Developing Washington's most sought-after graduates" during Tuesday's

public special meeting.

School board members drafted the new vision, mission and beliefs statements during their recent retreat following this fall's public survey, five listening sessions, comprehensive review of quantitative and qualitative data, book studies and review of summary statements from Superintendent Wade Smith's more than 200 meetings with district stakeholders.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 1, 2016 special board meeting and regular board meeting and Nov. 3, 2016 Special Meeting/School Board retreat, personnel report, extra-curricular athletic contracts, Nov. 15 accounts payable, College Readiness Math Initiative Grant Application and second reading and approval of Policies: 3115, 3122, 3205, 3241, 4210, 4215, and 6970.

Enrollment Update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported enrollment remains slightly above 2016-2017 projections.

Willow Charter School Resolution . . .

School board members approved a Resolution of Understanding for an Inter-Agency Relationship with Willow Charter School. The resolution directs the superintendent to cooperate with the proposed Willow Charter School in the same manner it has historically partnered with regional school districts. Willow Charter School Director Dan Calzaretta reported in October the school is set to open next August with an enrollment target of 120, 6th and 7th grade students in its first year. Calzaretta said he expects Willow to grow to 220 students by year five once fully enrolled with grades 6-8. The potential financial impact to WWPS is approximately \$2 million annually if 220 FTE district students enroll at Willow Charter School.

Proposed new Vision, Mission and Beliefs Statements

Vision - Developing Washington's most sought-after graduates

Mission

Walla Walla Public Schools ensures all students receive high quality instruction in an aligned and coherent system while addressing their social/emotional needs in a safe and engaging environment.

Beliefs Statement

We believe,

- in challenging and supporting all students
- that quality instruction is critical to student success
- in investing in staff to ensure excellence
- in maximizing the impact of our resources
- in collaborative and transparent operation
- in the importance of family and community
- that diversity is a strength

Comments

If you have any input regarding these statements you would like to share with the School Board, please email Communications Director Mark Higgins at mhiggins@wwps.org, who will collate and present to the Board prior to adoption of the statements in December.

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Classified:

- SHERRI DOTSON | PROSPECT PT. (PARA-EDUCATOR)
- SONIA HANTKE | GARRISON MS (PARA-EDUCATOR)
- LIZETH ESPANA | EDISON (TEMP PARA-EDUCATOR)
- RANDY GINTER | ELECTRICIAN (FACILITIES)
- JAMIE OLSON | WA-HI (PARA-EDUCATOR)

Resignation (Classified):

- ANA AGUILAR | BLUE RIDGE PRESCHOOL, 4 YEARS
- MONICA SIMMONS | PIONEER MS, 1.5 YEARS

Leave of Absence:

- DYAN NELSON | SP. ED (SPEECH PATHOLOGIST), 1 YEAR
- FOR REMAINDER OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you staff!
American Education Week
November 14-18

Quote of the Week

“If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

*Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790) American statesman,
scientist and philosopher.*

Dr. Hampson named School Board President

Dr. David Hampson has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2013 and served as Vice President for the past year. He is a physician at the Urgent Care Clinic, Providence St. Mary Medical Center. He and his wife Theresa have three grown children, all graduates of Walla Walla High School. He is assigned to Garrison Middle School, the Opportunity Program and Sharpstein Elementary through the school board’s Adopt-A-School program.



Sarley named School Board Vice President

Derek Sarley has been named Vice President of the school board. Sarley was elected to the board in 2015. He is a communications consultant who for 20 years has worked with clients in many industries, including education. He and his wife Erin, a professor in Psychology at Whitman College, have two young daughters.



He is assigned to Edison and Green Park Elementary schools through the school board’s Adopt-A-School program.

Superintendent Smith entry plan update

Superintendent Wade Smith reported to school board members last night he is in the final phase of his entry plan. He will focus on engagement and planning now through the end of December. Thus far, he has met with 237 stakeholders, joined Rotary Club, met with all student leadership groups and participated in a variety of community outreach including C2C and service clubs.

Wa-Hi Track Naming
School board seeks stakeholder input

School board members were presented with two options to consider regarding the naming of the new Walla Walla High School track. The nomination process began this spring following the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new track and continued through October.

Walla Walla High School Principal Pete Peterson facilitated the nomination process. A total of eight nominations were presented to Principal Peterson and the reviewing committee. The list was narrowed to two options for consideration. A brief survey is now open through Dec. 2 to share your input regarding the name options.

Track Name Options:

- David Klicker Memorial Track & Field
- Blue Devil Track & Field



Stakeholder Survey

- Please visit the district webpage to take the brief survey.
- Direct survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6CK9FQV>