

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



## School Board Meeting Recap | June 5, 2018

### BEST Program

*New teacher mentoring program offers support for beginning educators*



Erin Dorso

The Beginning Educator Support Team or BEST is helping new teachers make a successful transition to their new careers, according to a report last night from Erin Dorso, program coordinator for Teacher Induction and Mentoring. Dorso said teacher induction at Walla Walla Public Schools strives to provide a comprehensive, coherent, and sustained support system for beginning educators and guide them into a lifetime of teaching and learning.

#### Teacher Induction Program Goals:

1. Reduce teacher turnover
2. Improve teacher quality for student learning
3. Ensure equity of learning opportunity for all students
4. Help build a diverse teaching force

A key element of the program is linking beginning teachers with experienced mentor

“The BEST program supports our newest teachers to ensure they provide high-quality learning opportunities for all students.”

*Erin Dorso, Mentor Teacher Coordinator*

teachers.

“Having a trustworthy, non-evaluative relationship with a mentor who is specially trained in mentoring skills and committed to supporting our newest faculty is an important part of supporting new teachers and their students in feeling successful,” said Dorso.

First year teacher Jennifer Golden praised the program. She also thanked her mentor Lance Longmire for his support and guidance as she begins her teaching career.

### Board Meeting Highlights

#### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the May 15, 2018 regular business mtg, executive session and May 29, 2018 special meeting and executive session, personnel report, issuance of July 1 contracts, June 5 accounts payable and May payroll, Resolution 05-2018 - Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants, surplus equipment and materials, Wenaha Group for Project and Construction Management Services pursuant to May 4, 2018 RFQ, and Bond Oversight Committee Membership.

#### Resolution 03-2018 . . .

Study & Survey: School board members approved Resolution 03-2018 last night as the district continues to prepare for the Nov. 6, 2018 Replacement Bond election. This is a state requirement. The Study and Survey document includes an inventory of district facility assets, district demographics, cost analysis and more. This detailed document totaled nearly 200 pages of information.

#### Resolution 04-2018 . . .

Space and Availability in Neighboring School Districts: Board members approved Resolution 04-2018 last night in preparation for the Nov. 6, 2018 Replacement Bond election. This requirement is an inventory of accessible unused or underutilized school facilities in neighboring school districts.

### Longtime educator appointed to Board of Directors

Mrs. Terri Trick was officially sworn in to serve on the Board of Directors at last night’s regularly scheduled School Board meeting. Mrs. Trick moved to Walla Walla in 1983 with her husband Roger, a park ranger with the National Park Service.

They have three grown children, all of whom graduated from Walla Walla High School. She has been an educator in Walla Walla for over 30 years, including 20 years at Walla Walla Community College, and is fluent in Spanish.

Please welcome Mrs. Trick to our WWPS family.



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REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

*Administrative:*

RICK KLINE | PRINCIPAL | GREEN PARK

*Certificated:*

JACQUELINE FISBECK | 3RD GRADE | BERNEY

STEPHANIE PENROSE | STEM | GARRISON MS

DANA TIMM-BALLARD | 3RD GRADE | GREEN PARK

*Classified:*

ELAINE FLORES | KITCHEN ASST | WA-HI

MICHELLE PAINE | PARA-ED | WWPS

JENYFER REESE | SEC TO DIR | BR PRESCHOOL

LAURA SNOWBERGER | KITCHEN ASST | WA-HI

BRYAN WINN | BUS DRIVER | TRANSPORTATION

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

*Administrative:*

PETE PETERSON | DIR OF ASSESS & STU SRVS | WWPS

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

*Classified:*

JACQUELINE ALONSO | INTERV SP | WA-HI, 5 YRS

NICHOLE ALVARADO | PARA-ED | PIONEER, 3 MONTHS

FABIOLA OCHOA | PARA-ED | WA-HI, 3 YRS

KATIE MULVANEY | PARA-ED | EDISON, 1 YR

GRECIA ROJAS | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK, 1 YR

EMILY WARD | PARA-ED | BERNEY, 5 MONTHS

HEIDY WIESE | DIS SECURITY & REC CORD | T&L, 30 YRS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...**

*Certificated:*

HEIDI COHAN | 4TH GR | BLUE RIDGE, 4 YRS

- FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

STEFANIE CRUMPACKER-FLERCHINGER | MUS | BR, 5 YRS

- FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

*Classified:*

SHARIS COLVIN | PARA-ED | WWPS, 3 YRS

- FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

**Quote of the Week**

“What we learn with pleasure we never forget.”

Alfred Mercier

Graduates of Distinction

**Congratulations to this year’s recipients**

Walla Walla Public Schools names this year’s honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program. They are: Terry Atchison, Class of 1966; Dr. Randall Barton, Class of 1971; and Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald, Class of 1995.

Terry Atchison is a humble community leader with tireless devotion to the Walla Walla Fairgrounds and local military efforts. Dr. Barton is a lifelong contributor and volunteer in improving the lives of others locally, nationally and internationally. Dr. MacDonald is a pioneer in citizen science initiatives and mentor for aspiring scientists of all ages.



L-R: Dr. Randall Barton, Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald and Mr. Terry Atchison.

**Green Park principal named**

Rick Kline has been named principal of Green Park Elementary following an extensive applicant screening process from a vast pool of qualified candidates. The selection process included parent and staff meet and greet sessions, classroom observations, a formal interview and site visit to his school from WWPS representatives. Kline has 10 years of experience as a school principal. He is currently serving as the Skyway Elementary Principal in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

**Wa-Hi Commencement Live Stream**

SEATech students plan to stream the Wa-Hi Commencement program Friday at 7 p.m. on the WWPS Facebook page.

**K-5 Early Dismissal Friday**

There is early dismissal for elementary schools Friday, June 8 for report card preparation. The last day of school is Wednesday, June 13, and is an early dismissal for all students.