

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | September 18, 2018

Replacement Bond Update

School Board approves Resolution Supporting Bond Proposal

Last night School Board members unanimously approved Resolution #08-2018 - *Support for School Facilities Replacement Bond*. President Derek Sarley read the resolution in its entirety before school board members in roll call fashion responded with a yes in its approval.

This move falls in line with similar resolutions approved in the past for bond proposals. The approval helps demonstrate to the community the school board is unified in its decision to put a bond proposal before the community for consideration. Ballots for the November 6 Replacement Bond proposal mail out to voters Oct. 17. Visit the district webpage for more information.



Derek Sarley

“The board expresses its support for Proposition No. 1: Walla Walla School District 140 Replacement Bonds to Renovate, Improve and Preserve School Facilities and its encouragement for individuals to vote on Nov. 6, 2018.”

Excerpt from Resolution #08-2018



(L-R) School board members Sam Wells (Vice President), Terri Trick, Derek Sarley (President), Ruth Ladderud and Dr. David Hampson.

Excellent Credit Rating

Superintendent Wade Smith reported to school board members the district received a Aa3 Credit Rating from Moody's Cooperation. This very strong rating equates to lower interest rates on bonds when the district sells them if the November 6 bond proposal is successful. Factors leading to the positive credit rating include the district's strong financial position and low debt burden. The area's strong economy and tax-base were also considerations for the Moody's rating.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Sept. 4, 2018 regular study mtg and Sept. 10, 2018 special meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, September 18 accounts payable, architect services (Architects West), and WSSDA Boards of Distinction Application.

■ Student Mentoring Update . . .

Superintendent Smith provided school board members an update on the district's Student Mentoring programs and opportunities. He noted several programs currently in place.

■ Replacement Bond . . .

Community/Tour Meetings Schedule:

Monday, Sept. 24

Location: Carrie Center - 711 Carrie St. (Spanish)

Meeting Time: 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Location: Lincoln High School

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Location: Wa-Hi Commons

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Location: Pioneer Middle School Library

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Certificated:

NONE TO REPORT

Classified:

- KATHERINE ADENAUER | BUS ASST | TRANSPORTATION
- SHYLA BARKER | BUS ASST | TRANSPORTATION
- RICHARD KULBERG | BOOKKEEPER | BUSINESS OFFC
- CRYSTAL LARA RUIZ | BUS ASST | TRANSPORTATION
- SUZANNE LOUGY | KITCHEN ASST | BERNEY
- MIRIAH STARR | KITCHEN ASST | WA-HI
- SHANNON WHITE | KITCHEN ASST | WA-HI

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

Classified:

- DONNA ABRAMS | HEALTH & NUTR. | PRESCH, 2 YRS
- YANETH HERNANDEZ | INTERVENTION SP | BR, 8 YRS
- ELIZABETH SCHILLE | PARA-ED | PROS PT, 3 YRS

Quote of the Week

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

Enrollment Update

Superintendent Wade Smith reported the district's FTE enrollment count to start the school year is on target with the 2018-2019 school year budget projection of 5600. He reported the district will closely monitor enrollment counts throughout the year.

State Test Results Released

State Superintendent Chris Reykdal released results of the most recent state tests on Thursday, September 13. A total of 2,990 Walla Walla Public Schools students completed the English Language Arts and math exams, and 1,289 participated in the new Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science during the April and May state testing window.

The tests administered included:

- Grades 3-8 and high school Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and math
- Grades 5, 8 and 11, Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS)

While Walla Walla Public Schools' reading and math assessment results still lag behind statewide averages, the recently-released data reveal positive trends in cohort results. Examination of cohort data, following the same group of students from one year to the next, shows strong student growth, particularly in English Language Arts. High school students are also administered the SBA assessment, last year being the first year sophomore students took the SBA, previously taken as juniors. While high school ELA and math scores were below the state average, science students scored 15% above their state-wide counterparts.

The district's Strategic Plan calls for adopting better aligned instructional materials to support high quality instruction.

Attendance Campaign

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

September is Attendance Awareness Month and the district is posting signs in school buildings with daily attendance information. Staff are also making home visits and talking to parents about the importance of attending school. This awareness campaign is in alignment with the Strategic Plan target of lowering chronic absentee rates.

