

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
January 17, 2017
WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

SPECIAL MEETING: The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on January 17 at 5:00 p.m. for secondary school options review and discussion. All board members were present. The press was not represented. The special meeting concluded at 4:45 p.m. and was open to the public.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

PRESENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. David Hampson, President
Mr. Derek Sarley, Vice President
Mrs. Ruth Ladderud
Mrs. Cindy Meyer
Mr. Sam Wells

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Chloe Williams, WaHi

ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Chris Gardea, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Christy Krutulis, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
Mr. Ted Cohan, Executive Director of Business Services
Mr. Mark Higgins, Director of Communications
Mr. Dan Johnson, Director of Facilities & Operations
Mrs. Michelle Carpenter, Principal of Berney Elementary
Mrs. Kim Doepker, Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary
Mrs. Diana Evenson, Director of Head Start/ECEAP
Dr. Jennifer Cowgill, Principal of Edison Elementary
Mrs. Gina Yonts, Principal of Green Park Elementary
Mrs. Maria Garcia, Principal of Sharpstein Elementary

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 21 were in attendance. The press was not represented.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board meeting was called to order in the administration building Anne Golden Boardroom at 6:30 p.m. by President Dr. David Hampson.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Derek Sarley, Board of Directors.

III. ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Meyer moved and Mr. Wells seconded approval of the agenda as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Ladderud moved the consent agenda items be approved or authorized as appropriate: 1) personnel report; 2) out of state travel; 3) extracurricular athletic contracts, 4) January 3 accounts payable and December payroll, 5) January 17 accounts payable, 6) November financial report, 7) December financial report and 8) special meeting, regular board meeting and executive session minutes of December 13, 2016. Mr. Sarley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included letters of retirement from the following staff members: Pioneer Middle School Math/Social Studies Teacher Debra Field - 31 years, Special Education Speech Language Pathologist Patricia Weeks - 21 years, Garrison Middle School ELA/Reading/Social Studies Teacher Marcia Follett - 16 years, and Special Education Speech Language Pathologist Sandra Bushnell - 13 years. President Hampson thanked these employees for their service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Board Appreciation Month: Mr. Smith announced January is National School Board Appreciation Month and read a Washington State School Directors Association proclamation. He thanked board members for their dedication and service to the students, staff and community. He called attention to the various banners, cards and gifts presented to school board members by Walla Walla Public Schools' staff and students.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Smith presented board members Mr. Derek Sarley and Mrs. Ruth Ladderud certificates for professional development completed recently at Washington State School Directors Association's annual conference.

VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

IX. REPORTS

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Ms. Chloe Williams reported on recent student activities at Walla Walla High School, and plans are now underway for many activities including Every 15 Minutes Program, Prom and Conspiracy of Hope.

Board of Directors Report: Mr. Wells stated he will be attending a Highly Capable Committee meeting and SEA-Tech committee meeting this week; Mrs. Meyer announced 1) she has been invited to lunch at Berney this week for school board appreciation month and 2) Washington State School Directors Association's website highlighting legislative updates; Mrs. Ladderud reported on her recent attendance at the WaHi Orchestra concert and Head Start program, and thanked support staff for their work in keeping our facilities and grounds safe during recent winter weather; Dr. Hampson thanked fellow board members for the great work accomplished at their retreat earlier in the day and reported the School Health Advisory Committee is finalizing future plans.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Smith commended WaHi Microsoft Office Application students Wren Chapin and Marissa Manny who have qualified for the 2017 National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Budget Report: Mr. Cohan reported December expenditures are 32.22% of budget, and noted the significant impact the extra days had on expenses.

Enrollment Report: Mr. Cohan reported January enrollment is 5,754.16 FTE.

Preventative Maintenance Program Review: Mr. Cohan reported on the district's preventative maintenance program, highlighting recent facilities maintenance updates.

Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee Report: Mrs. Krutulis and Mr. Smith provided an update of the committee's work.

Snow Make Up Days: Mr. Gardea proposed March 2, May 12 and June 9 as school make up days, due to three recent school day cancellations due to snow.

Policy First Readings: Mr. Smith presented the following policies for first reading:

2107 - Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan (new)

2162 - Education of Students with Disabilities (revised)

2418 - Waiver of High School Graduation Credits & Resolution (new)

3115 - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services (revised)

X. ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Ladderud moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of snow make up days as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on February 7, 2017.

APPROVED:

Mr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board
- Mrs. Susie Golden, Recorder

Dr. David Hampson
President of the Board