

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Executive Session – at the conclusion/prior to
adjournment of Regular Board Meeting, approximately 7:30 p.m.
February 7, 2017
WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

SPECIAL MEETING: The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on February 7 at 5:00 p.m. Superintendent Mr. Wade Smith and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chris Gardea facilitated discussion of secondary program data. Mr. Smith also led discussion of Strategic Planning initiative development. All board members were present. The press was not represented. The special meeting concluded at 6:20 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

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. Forrest Baker, Director of Technology
Mrs. Gina Yonts, Principal of Green Park Elementary School
Mr. Sergio Hernandez, Equity & Access Coordinator

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 24 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 Mrs. Cindy Meyer, 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) non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, 5) February 7 accounts payable and January payroll, 6) special meeting retreat of the board of directors minutes of January 17, 2017, 7) special meeting and regular board meeting minutes of January 17, 2017 and 8) executive session minutes of January 24, 2017. Mr. Wells seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included letters of retirement from Director of Facilities & Operations Dan Johnson – 32 years, Garrison Middle School Physical Education Teacher Michael Baker – 26 years, Green Park Elementary Reading Specialist Brenda Crumacker – 22 years, Green Park Bilingual First Grade Teacher Brenda Kirk – 20 years, Walla Walla High School AVID/Guided Study Teacher Sherry McConn – 27 years, Edison Elementary Third Grade Teacher Toni Lynn Palmer – 28 years, Walla Walla High School English Teacher Debra Reeves – 17 years and Pioneer Middle School Social Studies/Physical Education Teacher Doug Venneri – 35 years. He thanked these staff members for their service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Sharpstein Elementary School Second Grade Teacher Rob Griffith thanked the Board of Directors for all they do to support staff and students.

IX. REPORTS

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Ms. Chloe Williams was absent due to prior commitments for school activities.

Board of Directors Report: Mr. Wells shared a short video of WaHi student and track athlete Mitch Jacobson, and reported on his recent attendance at a SEA-Tech Committee meeting, curriculum meeting for math adoption, and SEA-Tech interview skills session; Mrs. Ladderud reported on her recent attendance at WaHi basketball games, Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee meetings, and lunch with Prospect Point students, and also noted that WaHi is seeking volunteers to participate on senior culminating project panels; and Mr. Sarley reported on his recent attendance at a Community Facility Task Force Committee meeting, Equity & Access Meeting, and upcoming professional development opportunity with Leadership WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association).

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Smith 1) commended facilities & operations staff for preparing our facilities to allow schools to operate safely during recent inclement winter weather, 2) reported many good things are happening with facility meetings and the district will soon be receiving input from parents, students and staff on facility improvement needs, and 3) reported he will be proposing a resolution for board consideration regarding tolerance, compassion and a supportive learning environment for all students.

Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee: Mrs. Krutulis and Mr. Smith reported on current work of the Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee, including several concepts being considered by the committee. The committee continues to meet to prepare a final recommendation for the board of directors in March.

Math Adoption Recommendation: Mrs. Krutulis updated the board on the middle school math pilot project and recommended the board consider adopting Ready Math at the next board meeting.

Policy Second Readings: Mr. Smith presented the following policies for second reading, which had no changes since the first reading.

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

Resolution 01-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year: Mr. Gardea

Resolution 02-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year: Mr. Gardea

X. ACTION ITEMS

Policy Second Readings: Mr. Sarley moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of the following policies as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

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

Resolution 01-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year: Mr. Wells moved and Mrs. Ladderud seconded approval of Resolution 01-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 02-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year: Mrs. Meyer moved and Mr. Wells seconded approval of Resolution 02-2017 – Request for Waiver from Minimum 180 Day School Year as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m., Dr. Hampson announced the board of directors would be recessing to executive session for approximately an hour to review the performance of a public employee. All board members were present. The executive session concluded at 8:50 p.m. and was not open to the public.

XII. RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. Dr. Hampson reconvened the regular board meeting and declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on February 28, 2017.

APPROVED:

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

Dr. David Hampson
President of the Board