

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**  
**March 7, 2017**  
**WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street**

**SPECIAL MEETING:** The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on March 7 at 5:00 p.m. Superintendent Mr. Wade Smith facilitated discussion of Budgeting the Strategic Plan. All board members were present. The press was not represented. The special meeting concluded at 6:15 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. Mark Higgins, Director of Communications  
Mrs. Libby Thompson, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Forrest Baker, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Liz Campeau, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. Kerri Coffman, Director of Assessment & Special Programs  
Mr. Sergio Hernandez, Equity & Access Coordinator  
Mrs. Michelle Carpenter, Principal of Berney Elementary School  
Mrs. Kim Doepker, Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary School  
Mrs. Diana Evenson, Director of Head Start/ECEAP Preschool  
Dr. Jennifer Cowgill, Principal of Edison Elementary School  
Mrs. Gina Yonts, Principal of Green Park Elementary School  
Mrs. Dana Chandler, Principal of Prospect Point Elementary  
Mrs. Maria Garcia, Principal of Sharpstein Elementary School

**AUDIENCE**

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 40 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. Ruth Ladderud, Board of Directors.

**III. ROLL CALL**

All board members were present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Sarley moved the consent agenda items be approved or authorized as appropriate: 1) personnel report, 2) out of state travel, 3) March 7 accounts payable and February payroll and 4) special board meeting and regular board meeting minutes of February 28, 2017. Mrs. Ladderud seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included letters of resignation/retirement from Pioneer Middle School Principal Mrs. Mira Gobel who is resigning after 29 years of service and Edison Elementary School Para Educator Ms. Tami Shelton who is resigning after 19.5 years of service. He thanked Mrs. Gobel and Ms. Shelton for their service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

**VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**School Retirees Appreciation Week, March 13-19, 2017:** Dr. Hampson honored the Washington State School Retiree's Association by reading a proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee declaring the week of March 13-19 as School Retirees' Appreciation Week. He and Mr. Smith thanked the local Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association for their continued support and contributions to the Walla Walla Public Schools.

**Community Recognition:** City of Walla Walla Mayor Allen Pomraning presented a community award to Walla Walla residents Diana and Bill Erickson recognizing their years of educational and community service to the children of Walla Walla.

**Bilingual Program Recommendation:** Mrs. Krutulis presented a Bilingual Program final recommendation for Board consideration. The committee recommends a one school dual model at Edison Elementary School with a slow roll out and maintaining current programming at Blue Ridge Elementary School.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Superintendent Smith referenced a letter from Abel Carreño that was given to each board member regarding the dual language program.

**VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Public School Employees President Mr. John Kiefel and Vice President Mr. B.J. Colvin addressed the board to recognize Classified Public School Employee Appreciation Week, March 13-17, 2017.

Community Member Peggy Needham addressed the board regarding Sources of Strength program that will be coming to Walla Walla at the end of March to train Walla Walla High School and Lincoln High School students.

**IX. REPORTS**

**Board of Directors Report:** Mr. Wells reported on ASB elections at WaHi and his recent participation with SEA-Tech student interviews; Dr. Hampson thanked classified employees for their work and dedication to students, staff and the community.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Smith 1) thanked classified staff for their service in advance of Classified Public School Employee Appreciation Week, March 13-17, 2017; 2) congratulated Pioneer Middle School Principal Mrs. Mira Gobel and wished her the best in her new job with ESD 123 as their Director of Teaching and Learning; 3) announced the district is in the ThoughtExchange "star" phase of engagement for the current facility input survey; 4) announced the district's next Patron Tour is March 16 with visits to Blue Ridge Elementary School, Lincoln High School and Garrison Middle School; 5) reported on his recent attendance at ESD 123's Regional Art Show; 6) announced April 22, 2:00 p.m. as the dedication of WaHi's Dave Klicker Memorial Track; and 7) invited board members to the District Office flag retirement ceremony on Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**Snow Day Impact:** Mr. Gardea recommended the district's three additional snow days be made up June 12, 13 and 14 and maintain current WaHi & Lincoln graduation dates by allowing seniors to make up their three days on Saturdays; April 29, May 6 and 13.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**Bilingual Program Recommendation:** Mrs. Ladderud moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of the Bilingual Program Recommendation as presented; the motion carried with Mr. Wells, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Ladderud and Dr. Hampson voting yes and Mr. Sarley voting no.

**Snow Day Calendar Modification:** Mrs. Meyer moved and Mr. Wells seconded approval of the snow day calendar modification as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on March 21, 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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

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Dr. David Hampson  
President of the Board