

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
April 18, 2017
WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

SPECIAL MEETING: The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on April 18 at 5:00 p.m. Superintendent Mr. Wade Smith facilitated discussion of 2017-2018 Strategic Plan Budget Development. All board members were present. The press was not represented. The special meeting concluded at 6:00 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
Mrs. Libby Thompson, Director of Special Education
Mr. Forrest Baker, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Carpenter, Principal of Berney Elementary School
Mrs. Maria Garcia, Principal of Sharpstein Elementary School

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 45 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) issuance of certificated contracts & notification of reasonable assurance, 5) April 4 accounts payable and March payroll, 6) April 18 accounts payable, 7) March financial report, 8) request to move from WIAA District 5 to WIAA District 8, 9) special meeting and regular board meeting minutes of March 21, 2017, and 10) special meeting minutes of March 24-25, 2017. Mr. Sarley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included a letter of retirement from Lincoln High Campus Security Mr. Alfred Fullen who is retiring after 15 years of service. He thanked Mr. Fullen for his service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of Art Regier Outstanding Volunteer Awards: President Hampson and Mr. Smith announced the 2016-17 Art Regier Outstanding Volunteers of the Year are Sharon Gerbino, Karen Kelly, Rhonda Applebee, Sharon Carter and Chrissty Cason.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Hampson shared a letter from Mr. Chris Plucker's Pioneer Middle School class regarding homework.

VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

W2 for Drug Free Youth Coordinator Mrs. Peggy Needham introduced students Lucas Hays, Kayla Castillo, Skylar Ruiz, and Austin Curtis who addressed the school board and shared their experiences from participating in the Sources of Strength program training.

IX. REPORTS

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Ms. Chloe Williams reported on recent student activities at Walla Walla High School, and upcoming activities include Prom and FFA plant sale.

Board of Directors Report: Board members reported on their recent attendance at National School Boards Association's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Wells reported on his recent visit to WaHi's visual arts classroom and announced his intent to seek re-election in November 2017 for a Walla Walla School District school board position. Mrs. Meyer reported on her recent attendance at the Sources of Strength family event and announced she will not seek re-election in November 2017 for a Walla Walla School District school board position. She noted she wanted to announce her intent early in order to allow interested community members to consider running for the open position. Mrs. Ladderud reported on her recent attendance at the Sources of Strength family event and Highly Capable Committee meeting. Mr. Sarley announced the Washington State Board of Education recently released the state achievement index. Dr. Hampson encouraged those who may be considering serving the community as a member of the school board to contact any of the board members to learn more about this important and rewarding service.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Smith reported 1) facility planning internal staff committees from Pioneer, Lincoln and WaHi continue to meet to identify building needs; 2) board members and Mr. Smith will be attending Washington State School Directors Association's Spring Meeting in Pasco on May 3; 3) the Dave Klicker track dedication ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. at WaHi; 4) the recent Kindergarten Resource Fair organized by district Parent Involvement Coordinator Pam Clayton was a huge success; 5) his recent participation in a meeting with Whitman College students evaluating expansion of Health Centers in our schools; and 6) his participation in the City of Walla Walla's Arbor Day celebration at Sharpstein Elementary School. Mr. Smith commended Director of Communications Mr. Mark Higgins for his work designing the district's new web page and announced he has offered the Pioneer Middle School Principal position to Kris Duncan, who is currently Assistant Principal of Davis Elementary School in College Place School District.

Budget Report: Mr. Cohan reported March expenditures are 55.6% of budget.

Enrollment Report: Mr. Cohan reported April enrollment is 5727.67 FTE.

Highly Capable Program Recommendation Committee Update: Mr. Gardea provided an update of the committee's work.

Energy Management Program: Energy Management Coordinator John Butenhoff provided an update of the program, in its 17th year, which has helped the district save \$5.9 million.

2017-18 Budget Planning Process Recommendation: Mr. Smith referenced budget discussions from the special meeting held prior to the regular board meeting.

X. ACTION ITEMS

2017-18 Budget Planning Process: Mr. Wells moved the Board of Education approve the following budget planning parameter assumptions:

- Allocate ~\$860,000 of resources to strategic initiatives that will lead to an anticipated ending fund balance of ~7.7% in the following areas
- Enhanced version of curriculum (additional \$100,000)
- Enhanced version of technology (additional \$183,000)
- Current level of post-secondary culture
- Comprehensive version of behavioral support (additional \$270,000)
- Enhanced version of safety and security (additional \$85,000)
- Enhanced version of student engagement (additional \$151,000 in year 1)
- and enhanced version of Latino student and family outreach (additional \$71,000)

Mrs. Meyer seconded approval; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on May 2, 2017.

APPROVED:

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

Dr. David Hampson
President of the Board