

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Graduates of Distinction Reception – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**  
**June 6, 2017**  
**WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street**

**GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION RECEPTION:** A reception honoring the 2017 Graduates of Distinction was held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. *Bruce Hunt - Class of 1974, Jeanne Eggart Helfer - Class of 1977 and Richard D. Simon, Jr., MD - Class of 1968* were honored and recognized at the reception. All recipients, except Mr. Hunt, were present to receive recognition.

**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. Liz Campeau, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. Michelle Carpenter, Principal of Berney Elementary School

**AUDIENCE**

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 26 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. Sarley 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 July 1 Contracts, 5) Out of Endorsement Assignments, 6) June 6 Accounts Payable and May Payroll, 7) 2017-2018 Meal Price Increase, 8) Special Meeting and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017, 9) Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2017, and 10) Special Meeting/Work Session Minutes of May 30, 2017. Mr. Wells seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included a letter of retirement from Garrison Middle School Math Teacher John Buissink who is retiring after 36 years of service. He thanked Mr. Buissink for his service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Report:** Mr. Brent Cummings, 21st Century Program Director, reported afterschool programs at Blue Ridge, Pioneer, Garrison, Lincoln and WaHi are having a positive impact on students, and noted exciting summer programs are scheduled. Mr. Cummings introduced the following individuals who were in attendance: Site Directors William Hammond – Garrison, Martin Fortney – Pioneer, and Andrew Sayers – WaHi.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Hampson shared a letter from the office of Head Start regarding inclement weather make up days. Mr. Smith shared a letter from Vance Norsworthy addressing attendance and how it relates to the district's strategic plan.

**VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Erick Dietrich addressed the board regarding healthy foods being included in school lunches; Kathryn Southwick-Hess thanked Superintendent Smith for his response to her concerns and shared her perspective related to how the district handled her request last year related to a guest she wanted to bring to WaHi's The Little Mermaid; Gene Gossett informed the board of the recently formed JROTC Boosters to help support WaHi's ROTC program as a 501(c)3 organization and summarized successes of recent JROTC graduates; and Keith Swanson invited the board to join Walla Walla Valley Education Association members on Saturday to march for education, applauded Andrew Sayers of WaHi's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program for the great work he accomplishes with students, and noted not every student has the same experience with complicated situations.

**IX. REPORTS**

**Student Representative Report:** Student Representative Ms. Chloe Williams reported on recent and future student activities at Walla Walla High School.

**Recognition of Student Representative:** Dr. Hampson and Mr. Wells presented Ms. Williams with a recognition plaque for serving as 2016-2017 student representative to the school board.

**Board of Directors Report:** The board collectively highlighted their attendance at recent graduation ceremonies, retirement celebrations, and substitute appreciation and graduates of distinction receptions; Mr. Sarley thanked Mr. Smith for his leadership role in addressing social and emotional health and well-being of our students; and Dr. Hampson noted his recent attendance at the Equity Conference.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Smith commended Mr. Higgins for coordinating the Graduates of Distinction program, announced he is recognizing W2 for Drug Free Youth Coordinator Peggy Needham with a Community Leadership Award for her commitment to students in our community, and recommended a board member participate in Leadership Walla Walla; in which Dr. Hampson confirmed his interest and was supported by fellow board members.

**Strategic Plan Recommendation:** Mr. Smith provided a final report and recommendation for the district's 2017-2022 long-range Strategic Plan, with focus areas including: High Quality Instruction, Aligned and Coherent Systems, Social and Emotional Needs and a Safe and Engaging Environment.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**Strategic Plan Recommendation:** Mr. Sarley moved and Mrs. Ladderud seconded approval of Strategic Plan Recommendation as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on June 20, 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