

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
February 28, 2017
WWSD Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

SPECIAL MEETING: The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on February 28 at 4:30 p.m. Superintendent Mr. Wade Smith and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chris Gardea facilitated a school-based initiatives review. All board members were present. The press was not represented. The special meeting concluded at 6:10 p.m. and was open to the public. Due to time constraints, a continuation of school-based initiatives review was held during the regular board meeting, special programs agenda.

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
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. Maria Garcia, Principal of Sharpstein Elementary School
Mr. Pete Peterson, Principal of Walla Walla High School
Mr. Dennis Matson, Director of CTE & SEA-Tech Skills Center

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 Mr. Sam Wells, Board of Directors.

III. ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Meyer moved to revise the agenda to add Report item Math Adoption and Special Program item continuation of special board meeting review of school based initiatives. Mr. Sarley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wells 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 21 accounts payable, 6) January financial report, 7) superintendent's contract, and 8) special meeting, regular board meeting and executive session minutes of February 7, 2017. Mrs. Ladderud seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Hampson noted the personnel report included letters of retirement or resignation from Walla Walla High School Spanish Teacher Dan Ojcius - 24 years and Walla Walla High School Science Teacher Anne Swant - 25 years. He thanked Mr. Ojcius and Mrs. Swant for their service, longevity, and dedication to the students of Walla Walla Public Schools.

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuation of Special Meeting/School-Based Initiatives Review: To conclude the work of the special meeting, the board received school based initiative reports from SEA-Tech Skills Center and Walla Walla High School.

Washington State Counselor of the Year Angela Gardea: Mr. Smith and Dr. Hampson recognized Garrison Middle School Counselor Angela Gardea as Washington State Counselor Association's ~ Counselor of the Year 2016.

Bilingual Education Draft Recommendation: Mrs. Krutulis provided a Bilingual Education Committee draft recommendation for consideration by the board of directors.

The Committee recommends a one school model, allowing for an initial focus on one wall-to-wall school to build program success and maintain the current supports, recent program progress, and access at Blue Ridge. Considerations with this model include providing enrollment priority to ensure sufficient access to Spanish speaking students and carefully monitoring future program enrollment/requests at the kindergarten level. If sufficient student need warrants sustainable program expansion, and results at Blue Ridge lack signs of sufficient student growth, possible implementation of a two-school model in the future (not 2017-18 school year) may be warranted.

The Committee's school recommendation is Edison Elementary. The Committee's reasons include 1) Edison represents a higher Latino population so fewer Latino students would need to be bussed for programming, 2) if the district was to implement a two-school model in the future (Blue Ridge), both schools are situated better geographically to support district programming, and 3) the overall layout of the building has factors that better support the acquisition of a second language (more wall space for English and Spanish learning tools, more flexibility in space with moveable walls and open areas, more advanced technology, more rooms).

The Committee's roll out recommendation, which will be finalized on March 7, will be slow or moderate.

The Committee's enrollment recommendations include: 1) Type of Enrollment – Weighted lottery (various entrance assessments, preference to those with siblings in program), 2) Timeline – Interested incoming families for kindergarten would indicate preference in early March, with testing before registration/open enrollment window. (All steps will be supported at the district level.) If there is a moderate roll out selected, the March 7 final recommendation will include steps to be taken for students currently in program; 3) Primary Enrollment Benefits – Latino population will be placed first, allows for appropriately placing students to ensure greatest opportunity for success, allows equal access to programming across the district, regardless of location, and includes weighted accommodations for students with siblings currently in programming; 4) Primary Survey Input on the Enrollment Plan – Support for a systematic and academic process and more equitable opportunity to be considered for dual program placement, concern for splitting some families, and ensure the Heritage learner isn't left out.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Community member Mr. Colby Kuschatka addressed the board regarding the Bilingual Program Recommendation Committee's draft proposal.

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 WaHi's Every 15 Minutes Program.

Board of Directors Report: Mr. Wells reported on his recent attendance at WaHi's Conspiracy of Hope; Mrs. Meyer reported on her recent travel to Olympia for WSSDA's Legislative Conference and participation with the Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee; Mrs. Ladderud reported on her recent travel to Olympia for WSSDA's Legislative Conference and participation with the Bilingual Education Recommendation and Community Facilities Task Force Committees; Mr. Sarley reported on his recent travel to Olympia for Leadership WSSDA 2017 and Arizona for The Summit on Professional Learning Communities at Work; and Dr. Hampson reported on his attendance at the audit entrance meeting, Graduates of Distinction meeting, and WaHi's Conspiracy of Hope.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Smith 1) reported on his recent travel to Olympia for WSSDA's Legislative Conference; 2) reported on his attendance at WaHi's Conspiracy of Hope; 3) commended Mr. Jason Postlewait for his work in establishing the new Blue Devil Strong Club at WaHi; 4) reported he is working on plans to fill Pioneer Principal Mrs. Mira Gobel's future vacancy as she has accepted a job with ESD 123 as their Director of Teaching & Learning, effective July 1; 5) reported Mr. Gardea is working on a snow day make up proposal for the March 7 board meeting, maintaining graduation as originally scheduled; and 6) announced his plans to attend the ESD 123 Art Show.

Budget Report: Mr. Cohan reported February expenditures are 39.98% of budget.

Ending Fund Balance Report: Mr. Cohan reported the district is expected to end the 2016-2017 budget year with approximately an 8 percent fund balance for discretionary resources.

Enrollment Report: Mr. Cohan reported February's enrollment is down three students from January's count, and remains on pace with the district's budget of 5760 FTE.

English Language Arts & Spanish Language Arts Adoption Update: Mrs. Krutulis reported twenty teachers are piloting elementary English language arts and Spanish language arts curriculum. The Teaching and Learning Department is targeting a May 2017 adoption for this content area.

2017-18 Budget Planning Process: Mr. Smith reported the budget planning process is underway for the 2017-18 school year.

Resolution 03-2017 – Establishing Commitment to Serve all Students: Mr. Smith reported this resolution reflects how Walla Walla Public Schools operates, and affirms our commitment to serve all students and to cherish the amazing responsibility of doing so.

Resolution 04-2017 – Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS): Mr. Smith reported this resolution affirms the district’s support of NEWS, which monitors and enforces the McCleary Decision. Most school districts in the state of Washington are members of NEWS.

Superintendent’s Evaluation: Dr. Hampson shared the board’s evaluation of Superintendent Smith. The board is very pleased and proud of Mr. Smith’s hard work and accomplishments.

Math Adoption: Mrs. Krutulis recommended the board adopt middle school math curriculum - Ready Math.

X. ACTION ITEMS

Math Adoption: Mrs. Ladderud moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of Math Adoption as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 03-2017 – Establishing Commitment to Serve all Students: Mr. Wells moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of Resolution 03-2017 – Establishing Commitment to Serve all Students as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 04-2017 – Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS): Mrs. Meyer moved and Mrs. Ladderud seconded approval of Resolution 04-2017 – Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent’s Evaluation: Mr. Wells moved and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of Superintendent’s Evaluation as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Hampson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

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

Dr. David Hampson
President of the Board