

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 21, 2017

Preventative Maintenance

Director of Facilities & Operations reports progress across the district



Mike Kay

Director of Facilities and Operations Mike Kay shared an upbeat report with the school board Tuesday night noting gains being made across the district. He is also assisting efforts to develop a Long-range Facilities Improvement master plan which will include a bond proposal in November 2018. Kay said it is critical to ensure clean and safe learning spaces.

Projects are prioritized by fire/life/safety, instructional impact, improved efficiency and cosmetic influence. He reported 6.3 percent, or \$4.6 million, of the district's \$75 million budget is invested in maintenance, custodial, grounds and warehouse support. He said maintaining and preserving these

community assets is key. Kay also said work order efficiency is a focus, and the backlog of projects is getting smaller. Remodeling of Wa-Hi, Pioneer MS and Lincoln HS are the top district priorities for major renovation. Roofing projects at Blue Ridge and Berney and safety updates across the district are also high priorities.

"We are taking a proactive versus reactive philosophy by developing a plan which includes a move towards an active preventative maintenance program."

Mike Kay

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Nov. 7, 2017 regular business meeting and Nov. 17-18 special meetings, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, out of endorsement teacher assignment, Nov. 21 accounts payable and October financial report.

Enrollment Report . . .

Current enrollment is at 5751 (FTE), on target with 2017-18 budget projections.

Ending Fund Balance . . .

The district's total ending fund balance as the district closes the books on the 2016-2017 budget cycle is \$7.4 million. This includes restricted and unrestricted funds. Board policy requires a 6 to 8 percent reserve. The ending fund balance landed within \$100,000 of initial projections.

Superintendent Evaluation . . .

Superintendent Wade Smith reviewed the three part process used for his annual evaluation. His rating is based on meeting national performance standards, progress towards meeting district strategic plan success targets and stakeholder feedback from an annual survey.

The process concludes with a comprehensive narrative evaluation review which is made available to the public.

District says goodbye to Cindy Meyer

Last night was the final school board meeting for board member Cindy Meyer after 12 years of service. A public reception in her honor was held at the beginning of the regularly scheduled board meeting. Prior to joining the school board, Cindy was an active school volunteer as a PTA leader, Explorer President and levy committee chair. During her time on the board, she was part of three successful levy campaigns, hiring of two superintendents and approval of the recent Strategic Plan. Thanks to Cindy Meyer for her service on behalf of the school district.



Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

EVA KATSEL | SPECIAL ED | BERNEY

Classified:

ALEAH GIBB | PARA-ED (TEMP) | EDISON

CLAIRE HOULTON | PARA-ED | BERNEY

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified:

EVA KATSEL | INTERVENTION SPEC. | BERNEY, 2 YEARS

• EVA HAS ACCEPTED A TEACHING POSITION AT BERNEY

Quote of the Week

“The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.”

Leonardo da Vinci

Gillespie Golden Onion

Board honors 2017 recipients

Jeremy Hubbard (Blue Ridge Elementary Learning Specialist), Nicole Duncan (Pioneer Middle School teacher) and James Polson (SEATech teacher) were named recipients of the 2017 Gillespie Golden Onion Outstanding Educator Award. Each recipient will receive \$750 for use in their classrooms or to better their teaching skills.

Longtime Walla Walla resident and one-time teacher Sue Gillespie and her husband Mike established the “Golden Onion Award” to provide school supplies, equipment and professional development funds to Walla Walla educators. Thank you for your service to students and families.



Curriculum Adoption Update

Health Selection Process Update (K-12)

Teaching and Learning is working with teams of teachers to update curricular materials in support of our Strategic Plan to ensure high quality instruction and aligned and coherent systems. With new Health and Physical Education standards adopted by the State of Washington in 2016, a team of teachers and members of our School Health Advisory Committee gathered this fall to review new instructional materials for health. Parents and community members are invited to learn about the instructional materials being proposed for health curriculum adoption from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 28 in the district office Anne Golden Boardroom, 364 South Park Street. The materials will also be on display in the district office the week of November 27 through December 1 for those who cannot attend the session.

Policy Adoptions

2nd Readings

1210 - Annual Organizational Meeting

1410 - Executive or Closed Sessions

1420 - Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda

2000 - Student Learning Goals

2004 - Accountability Goals

2021 - Library Information & Technology Programs

2025 - Copyright Compliance

2027 - District Ownership of Staff-Created Work (new)

2029 - Animals as Part of the Instructional Program (new)

2030 - Service Animals in Schools (new)

2080 - Comprehensive Student Assessment Plan (remove)

2090 - Program Evaluation

2171 - School to Work (remove)

3116 - Students in Foster Care (new)

4218 - Language Access Plan

5005 - Employment: Disclosure, Certification Requirements, Assurances & Approval

5240 - Evaluation of Staff

6700 - Nutrition and Physical Fitness

High School Representative Update

Wa-Hi student Chloe Williams reported the Trunk or Treat event generated 500 cans of food. She praised students for their outstanding behavior at the Veterans Assembly and said plans are continuing for the Winter Formal and Winter Wish program.