

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | May 15, 2018

2018 Replacement Bond

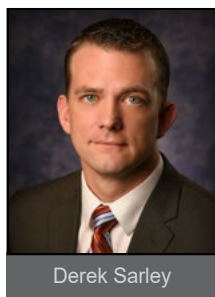
School board approves Resolution to put \$65.6M bond on November ballot

The Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve a resolution placing a \$65.6M replacement bond proposal on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

This recommendation keeps bond tax rates the same as current rates. Walla Walla Public Schools pays off all of its existing bond debt in December and this proposal replaces the current tax rate, maintaining one of the lowest school bond tax rates in the county at \$1.23/\$1,000.

The Replacement Bond would renovate Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School and Lincoln High School. The bond would also fund other district-wide health, safety, educational and infrastructure improvements.

The school renovation projects are eligible for an estimated \$52.6M in State Match



Derek Sarley

“The community spoke loud and clear. They’re ready to address these critical facility needs if the district gives them a solid package that keeps a lid on taxes. That’s what we’ve done.”

Derek Sarley, School Board President

funds. All State Match funds will be applied only to the three school renovation projects.

Project costs will be carefully monitored by a citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee and any excess dollars remaining following the completion of the renovations will be used to pay down debt to reduce the rate for taxpayers.

See More: www.wwps.org/2018bond

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the May 1, 2018 regular study mtg, personnel report, May 15 accounts payable, April financial report, and 2018-19 student insurance.

■ District invests in ELA curriculum . . .

Last night, the Walla Walla Public Schools School Board unanimously approved the English Language Arts (ELA) adoption of College Board’s Springboard materials for 6th -12th grade for use starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

“We are extremely fortunate to have a School Board that supports high quality instruction,” said Christy Krutulius, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning. “This comprehensive 6th-12th grade adoption of the Springboard materials puts all of our 6th graders on track to access Advanced Placement classes by 10th grade.”

The adoption of Springboard is an advancement in curriculum materials for teachers to use to ensure students have access to rigorous and standards aligned materials.

This adoption is part of the annual \$500,000 investment toward new curriculum materials approved by the School Board during last spring’s Strategic Planning process.

The Board also supported technology enhancements to ensure there are Chromebooks in all 6-12 ELA classrooms across the district.

Outstanding Citizenship Awards; Student named a hero

Walla Walla High School Athletic Trainer Kelsey Dill and student Colby Turner were recognized with Good Citizens Awards by the School Board last night for their heroic actions during the April 21 Blue Devil Legends Invitational Track Meet.

Dill and Turner took quick action to render assistance to a Wa-Hi student who collapsed as a result of a cardiac emergency following an event. The student survived and has returned to school. Dill nominated Turner for the American Heart Association’s Heartsaver Hero award which he received last night.



PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Certificated:

DONNETTA ELSASSER | OPPORTUNITY | WA-HI
 HEATHER HUDEC | 2ND GRADE | PROSPECT POINT
 LAURA JAMES | 1ST GRADE | PROSPECT POINT
 GREGG MARRON | SCHOOL PSYCH | SPECIAL ED
 HENRY SAMSON | DUAL LANG ARTS | GARRISON MS

Coaching:

MIKE PATTERSON | HEAD BOYS BBALL | WA-HI
 MORGAN JO POYNOR | HEAD GIRLS BBALL | WA-HI

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Administrative:

GINA YONTS | PRINCIPAL | GREEN PARK, 27 YRS

Certificated:

AMANDA ARCHER | SPECIAL ED | GARRISON MS, 1 YR
 LAURA HERSEY | SPECIAL ED | GARRISON MS, 25 YRS
 EVA KATSEL | SPECIAL ED | BERNEY, 1 YR
 KIM LAWBAUGH | SCIENCE | PIONEER MS, 11 YRS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

CONTINUED

TWYLA SWANSON | 4TH GRADE | BERNEY, 8 YRS

Classified:

DAVID HANSON | GROUNDS | FACILITIES/OP, 6 MONTHS
 CLAIRE HOULTON | PARA-ED | BERNEY, 6 MONTHS
 SHANNON KERRIGAN | INTERVENTION SP | SHARP, 11 YRS
 PENNY KNIGHT | PARA-ED | PIONEER MS, 22 YRS
 BRANDY LAFFERTY | KITCHEN ASST | WA-HI, 4 MONTHS
 CARLA SANTOY | PARA-ED | SHARPSTEIN, 1 YR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Certificated:

MONICA NELSON | MATH | WA-HI, 14 YRS
 - .4 FTE LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CONTINUE MATH TOSA

Quote of the Week

“The giving of love is an education in itself.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Partners of the Year

May is Partners in Learning Month

Walla Walla Public Schools named Community Council, The Health Center, The Moms' Network and United Way of Walla Walla its Partners of the Year in celebration of Partners in Learning Month. Walla Walla Public Schools established Partners in Learning Month in May 2010. This month the district sent nearly 150 proclamations and letters of recognition to our Partners in Learning.

“We appreciate the support of all our partners and salute them during Partners in Learning Month,” said Superintendent Wade Smith. “Your involvement supports our vision of “Developing Washington’s Most Sought-after Graduates.”



Enrollment Report

Superintendent Wade Smith reported the district is on pace to meet 2017-2018 FTE budget targets. Smith reported the district will continue to closely monitor enrollment.

Student Representative recognition

School Board President Derek Sarley presented Walla Walla High School senior Chloe Williams with an Award of Excellence. Williams has served as the high school representative to the school board the past two years. She provided timely updates to the school board and promoted Wa-Hi activities.

