

10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

June 21, 2022

State Championship Salute

School board honors state athletes

In 2018-2019 Walla Walla Public Schools started a new tradition of honoring state champion individuals and teams at a board meeting who finished in the top three at state.

Last night the 3A Girls Fastpitch Softball team and their Head Coach Arch McHie and Assistant Coach Jason Postlewait were honored for taking 2nd in state. Softball players: Kylie Kemp, Logan Hamm, Erin Iverson, Tea Hamm, Hayleigh Burke, Sara Justice, Kaitline Chapman, Allie Schneidmiller, Lauryn Bergevin, Raquelle Justice, Paige Harvey, Aliah Mendiola, Anna Delarosa, Sidney McCauley, Tallulah Sickels, Nicole Bobadilla, Alizaeya Salcedo, Clarabelle Hall and Shaylah King.

Several Walla Walla High School student-athletes finished in the top three in state in the 3A Girls Track & Field championships under coach Eric Hisaw and his staff and were recognized. Students recognized for finishing in the top three at state for girls track: Carly Martin, Jailyn Davenport, Ava Nelson, Ashlyn Nielsen, Talia Billingsley, Cami Martin and Lucy Kelly.

The Boys Track & Field team, also coached by Eric Hisaw, won the state 3A Track and Field state championship. Coach Hisaw was assisted by the following coaches during this championship run: Scott Magnaghi, Michael Locati, Stacey Haveman, Marianne Smith, Keith Michels, Chris Michels, Nick Lyons, Christine Lyons, Josh Ashley, Ryan Lackey.

Several Walla Walla High School boys Track & Field athletes finished in the top three in state individually as well. They are: Dash Sirmon, Dane Gardea, Brody Hartley, Aaren Lindsey, Caleb Morehead, Diego Jaques



Dr. Wade Smith
Superintendent

"This is an opportunity for these outstanding students and coaches to be recognized by the Superintendent and School Board. They model our vision of Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates."

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

Isaiah Roberson and Logan Ashbeck. Other members of the championship team are Jake Hisaw and Kamron Shields.

Sirmon won the state championship in javelin and long jump and Gardea took state in the high jump. Sirmon also recently won nationals in javelin.



Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED »

Minutes from the June 7, 2022 regular study meeting, personnel report, June 21 accounts payable, May financial report and excused absence for Director Mrs. Trick.

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE »

Revenues and expenditures are on target with projections. The district's ending fund balance is 6.6% meeting the board requirement of a 6 to 8 percent reserve.

EQUITY AUDIT »

The district is engaging stakeholders in focus groups, through its partnering organization Education Northwest, as part of an Equity Audit being conducted this spring and summer. Education Northwest has been organizing Zoom sessions with educators, students, families and community members.

Feedback from these groups will be included in the development of the strategic plan, according to an update last night from Equity and Dual Programs Director Dr. Julie Perron.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS »

The district office is operating under its summer hours during the summer break.

- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- CLOSED 12 to 1 p.m.

- 1 to 4 p.m.

FREE SUMMER MEALS »

Free summer meal service begins Monday, June 27 at numerous school and community sites. Visit the Nutrition Services webpage for all the details.

EMPLOYMENT ...**Certificated:**

KATHERINE DEWULF, SPEECH LANG PATHOLOGIST (2022-23), SPECIAL EDUCATION

ELIZABETH GOBLE, SPEC ED (2022-23), GREEN PARK

STEPHANIE HUSE, SPECIAL ED (2022-23), WWCCF

CHRISTINE SCHUMACHER, DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST/CURRICULUM SUPPORT TEACHER – TOSA (2022-23), TEACHING AND LEARNING

Classified:

ULICES MENDOZA, MECHANIC, TRANSPORTATION

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS**Certificated:**

STACY MCPHERSON, WALLA WALLA ONLINE, 31 YRS

ALICIA QUACKENBUSH, SPECIAL ED, 14 YEARS

ANNE VALLERGA, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 1 YEAR

Classified:

CYNTHIA BARTLETT, EDISON ELEMENTARY, 13 YEARS

GINGER CALVARIO, GREEN PARK ELEMENTARY, 18 YEARS

MONICA COLLINS, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 7 YEARS

TIMOTHY WIK, TRANSPORTATION CO-OP, 1 YEAR

Quote of the Week

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

Stephen Hawking

Bond Program Update

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith provided a detailed bond update during the school board meeting. He reported all projects remain on budget and on schedule despite rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and escalating fuel costs. Walla Walla High School, Lincoln High School and Pioneer Middle School are on target to be completed this fall.

Crews are busy preparing to remove portables at all three sites in the coming days in preparation for parking lot improvements. Four new, state-of-the-art science classrooms and expanded art room are being finished this summer at Pioneer Middle School. The new renovated spaces will be larger, featuring shared science prep rooms and high quality epoxy countertops.

Carpeting, wood staining and other finishing touches are in place at Lincoln High School as the school is about six weeks away from staff moving back in. The new main entrance at Walla Walla High School is nearing completion as offices and classrooms in the academic building are gearing up for flooring, cabinets and other finishing touches.



Artificial grass has been installed in the courtyard of the Wa-Hi Academic Building. This product reduces maintenance and always looks nice. A new underground drainage system was also added to keep the courtyard dry during rain and snow storms.

Curriculum adoption

Last night school board members approved the adoption of K-5 Science Materials and PK-12 Social Emotional Learning Materials. The district will utilize Amplify K-5 science materials, and Character Strong and PurposeFull People Social Emotional Learning Materials as a result of last night's adoption.

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning says the adoption included an extensive review and pilot process. She reported all teachers who participated in the adoption process, the Instructional Materials Committee, and parent and community input supported the adoption of the Amplify, Character Strong, and PurposeFull People materials.

"The adoption of these new materials will ensure our teachers and their students have access to rigorous materials aligned to our current Washington State Science Standards and Washington State Social Emotional Learning Standards, said Krutulis.

Staff in the Teaching and Learning Department will order materials over the summer and begin setting schedules for staff professional development to be held later this summer.

Krutulis said this adoption supports the school board's Strategic Plan emphasis and ongoing investment in new curriculum to ensure high quality instruction and high levels of learning are taking place in district classrooms.