

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | August 18, 2015

State Test Results

Data offers new baseline to measure student academic growth

Monday, school districts across the state of Washington received results from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments taken electronically this spring by students in grades 3-8, 10 and 11. The exams were in English Language Arts (reading, writing and listening) and mathematics.

This was the first year of full implementation of the new tests which are designed to measure the Washington State Learning stan-

dards (Common Core State Standards). The SBAC exams will gradually replace the High School Proficiency and End of Course exams by the Class of 2019.

Student results from this year's assessment establish a new baseline for data that will be able to show progress toward college and career readiness, according to Curriculum Director Dr. Tracy Williams.

See entire story at: www.wvps.org



Dr. Tracy Williams

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the July 28, 2015 board meeting and Aug. 12, 2015 Public Work Session, personnel report, out-of-state travel, Aug. 4 accounts payable and July payroll, Aug. 18 accounts payable, July financial report, 2015-16 Highly Capable Program Annual Plan Application, issuance of 2015-16 contracts to classified administrators and non-represented staff, and 2015-16 student handbooks.

School board members also approved:

- Resolution 04-2015 (Public Access to District Records)
- Second reading/adoption: Policy 2022 Electronic Resources & Internet Safety
- Resolution 05-2015: 2015-2016 Budget

■ Board approves budget . . .

Board members unanimously approved \$70.2 million 2015-2016 General Fund budget last night. Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan said this is a balanced budget.

"Last year we used \$572,529 from reserves to balance the budget and this year our revenues are keeping pace with expenditures," Cohan said.

The budget is based on student enrollment of 5710 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students and maintains a \$5.4 million, or nearly 7.8 percent, reserve.

School Board Reports

Sleep Study

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan is leading this study. The group is studying the Bellevue district's plans for a later high school start and will meet again this fall.

Bilingual Study

Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma and Edison Principal Jennifer Cowgill are leading this study to review current bilingual programs.

Highly Capable Study

Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma and Curriculum Director Tracy Williams are reviewing the district's middle school Explorer Program. It has been several years since the last review.

Facilities Study

Ted Cohan and Paul Schneidmiller are leading an update of the district's facilities improvement plan.

PERSONNEL REPORT

All Staff Meeting

- Tuesday, August 25
- 7:15 (Treats & social)
and 8 a.m. (Program
begins)

First day of school Wednesday, Aug. 26

No early release on first day of school

The 2015-2016 school year begins Wednesday, August 26. There will be no early release on the first day of school. The district Calendar Committee agreed to make this a full day of school when the two-year calendar was adopted Nov. 18, 2013.

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated

JEANETTE ALVAREZ | BILINGUAL KINDERGARTEN (TEMP)

Sharpstein Elementary

THERESA DOYLE | COUNSELOR

Pioneer Middle School

SHAUNA MILETT | ENGLISH (TEMP)

Walla Walla High School

VALERIA MIMS | BILINGUAL 2ND GRADE

Blue Ridge Elementary

RACHAEL PEDERSON | HEAD START / ECEAP

Blue Ridge Head Start / ECEAP

CARALYN SMITH | SPECIAL EDUCATION

Prospect Point Elementary

MICHAEL TOMINSKI | MATH

Walla Walla High School

Classified:

JAMESON CLARK | PARA-EDUCATOR

Prospect Point Elementary

JADE CRAMER | PARA-EDUCATOR

Blue Ridge Community Preschool

EVA KATSEL | PARA-EDUCATOR

Blue Ridge Community Preschool

TASHA MAYNE | PARA-EDUCATOR

Green Park Elementary

JAIMEE ROSSI | PARA-EDUCATOR

Green Park Elementary

ELIZABETH SCHILLE | PARA-EDUCATOR

Prospect Point Elementary

SARAH VANDEWARK | PARA-EDUCATOR

Walla Walla High School

DOUGLAS WOLD | MECHANIC

SE Transportation Co-Op

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Certificated:

LORA CHESTNUT | 10 YEARS | PRESCHOOL, BR

MIKE GARCIA | 7 YEARS | BLUE RIDGE 4TH GRADE

TERRI GILBERT | 28 YEARS | SHARPSTEIN 5TH GRADE

(TERRI IS RETIRING IN JUNE 2016)

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS ...

Classified:

FRANCIS BYRNES | 4.5 YEARS | SE TRANSPORTATION

TERRI DAVIS | 22.5 YEARS | BERNEY ELEMENTARY

SHARYL DILL | 32 YEARS | GARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Sharyl is resigning 2 hours and will continue for 5 hours)

KAREN HANSON | 4 YEARS | SHARPSTEIN

JENNIFER LEE | 7 YEARS | GREEN PARK

CHRIS MYERS | 5.5 YEARS | SE TRANSPORTATION CO-OP

TRACI RIGGS | 3 YEARS | EDISON

AMY WELLS | 1 YEAR | BLUE RIDGE

Leave of Absence:

Classified:

EILIN BOWERMAN | 9.5 YEARS | LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

For the 2015-2016 school year

DIANE CHERRY | 11.5 YEARS | WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2016 (student teaching)

GUADALUPE FRAIRE | 23 YEARS | BLUE RIDGE

For the 2015-2016 school year

TRACY LONGMIRE | 7 YEARS | PROSPECT POINT

For the 2015-2016 school year

Quote of the Week

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource."

John F. Kennedy

School board clears hurdle for Wa-Hi track

Construction on a new all-weather track at Wa-Hi could begin next month after the school board unanimously voted to increase the district's contribution for the project. The board voted to authorize the use of the \$100,000 track project contingency fund and add another \$50,000 to ensure the \$875,000 project was adequately funded. The district previously committed \$150,000 for the project, bringing the total district contribution to \$300,000. The remaining funds, about two-thirds of the revenue needed for the track project, were raised privately by the Big Blue Boosters under the leadership of Scott Krivoshein.

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