

School board lowballs charter school on 1st funding offer

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Funding negotiation for charter renewal of the Howard Street Charter School will

start at the same 85 percent of enrollment as for the other three charter schools in the Salem-Keizer School District. The School Board had ap-

proved Howard Street's renewal request in January, and the funding level was the only term to which the district and the charter school had

not agreed. Howard Street has been funded at 100 percent of enrollment.

The district administration had recommended 85

percent, but many audience members, who praised the accomplishments of the school, argued in favor of continuing 100 percent funding. One said a "one-size-fits-all" level was not likely to work well.

However, the board voted for 85 percent, with only Marty Heyen dissenting.

In other business, the board approved a 10-year fiber network agreement with the city of Salem. For an annual fee of \$10,000, the district will use city rights of way for its network.

The board approved five grants, the largest \$60,000 from Business Oregon, a state agency, to continue the environmental assessment work at CTEC. A \$29,453 grant from the Community Resource Trust will fund evaluation of the effectiveness of CTEC programs. Also approved were \$10,500 from Early Learning Hub, Inc., for parenting education classes; \$9,635 from the Oregon Department of Education for feeding programs; and \$1,000 from ODE for career and technical education programs at North Salem High School.

Personnel actions approved by the board included the following in the McNary High School attendance area:

- Temporary full-time teaching contracts for Kalynn Hockett at Claggett Creek

Middle School and Heather Brower and Katelynn Meisenheimer at Keizer Elementary School.

• Administrator actions for Kristina Meyer at Clear Lake Elementary School and Kacey Parks and Jonathan Shroust at Claggett Creek.

• Accelerated advancement to contract status for Nicole de Blasi and Megan Ward at McNary and Sally Mann at Whiteaker Middle School.

The Spotlight on Success portion of the meeting honored Jose Moqueda with special recognition for extraordinary effort and was presented by Claggett Creek. Mosqueda, the school's security specialist and an assistant coach, had performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student who was choking in the cafeteria.

Superintendent Christy Perry honored the leadership teams at Claggett Creek and Stephens Middle School for their work in connection with the district's strategic plan.

The board proclaimed the week of May 1-5 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

The district budget committee, which includes all the board members, will meet at 6 p.m. April 25 to hear Perry's budget message. The meeting will be at the Services Support Center, 2575 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

Not the best way to haul lumber, no



A tree came crashing down on top of a truck in the Gubser neighborhood during a windstorm Friday, April 7.

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Gervais farmer wins big at Rotary banquet

A Gervais farmer and a resident of Brownsville were the top winners at Rotary Club of Keizer's annual banquet held at the Keizer Civic Center on Saturday, April 8.

John Zielinski bought a ticket from his brother Bob Zielinski and won the grand prize of \$10,000 worth of gold and silver. John has bought his raffle tickets from his brother every year for more than a quarter century.

The winner said he was 'pleasantly shocked' to have won the big prize, but added that he doesn't buy the raffle tickets to win but to support a 'wonderful organization that does great things for the community.'

Sarah Curtis of Brownsville bought her ticket from relative Doug Lusk and won the second prize, a \$1,200 travel voucher. Lusk, a member of the Rotary Club, has been buying tickets for his family members for the last six years. Asked what she thinks she might do with the voucher she said "Someplace that doesn't require a passport, probably Hawaii."

The Rotary Club of Keizer raises about \$45,000 a year from the raffle party. The money helps fund the clubs community service projects. More than \$750,000 in projects have been completed by the club in Keizer over the past 50 years.

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Pucker up!



Lemonade Day!



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Saturday, May 20

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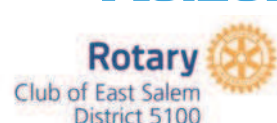
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