

# School Board Report

## At the June 9, 2016 School Board Meeting:

**Board Authorizes Bond** – After receiving an update from Superintendent Aaron Miller the Board authorized Miller to move forward with a new bond proposal for the November 2016 election. The bond would raise funds to repay debt from the construction of the new school campus and the development of new capital projects on the campus, including the possible construction of a new football stadium and track. The new bond authorized by the Board would raise an anticipated \$6.8 million. A public meeting has been scheduled to receive input from the community about priority projects with the bond funding. (See full story on front page.)

**Board Adopts 2016-17 Budget** – Following a public hearing at which there was no public testimony, the Board approved Resolution 1516-07 and adopted the 2016-17 budget.

**District Hires New Teacher** – The Board approved Superintendent Miller's recommendation to hire Deborah Taylor as a new 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Miller said Taylor is a graduate of Pacific

University and Walden University. She worked for 11 years as an instructional assistant in the Vernonia School District and did her student teaching in Vernonia as well. She has been teaching in Friday Harbor, Washington for the past 13 years and is very excited to be returning to Vernonia.

**Board Approves Superintendent Contract** – After recessing to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) "To review and evaluate the performance of the chief executive officer or any other public officer, employee, or staff member..." the Board returned to open session and took two actions. The Board approved the contract with the Superintendent. The Board also amended Resolution 1516-03, renewing a contract with an employee previously recommended for nonrenewal.

**Building Reports** – High School Principal Nate Underwood told the Board the high school received a College and Career Readiness Grant and staff will be trained to implement it this summer. Underwood said a District team will study formative assessments this summer as well. Underwood said middle school staff are considering

implementing an 8<sup>th</sup> grade project similar to the Senior Project that would be a requirement for promotion.

Grade School Principal Aaron Miller told the Board the Mist Open House on June 7 was well attended. He said Self Managers earned a field trip to the Portland Zoo and expressed thanks for the return of Councilor David Spackman this school year and praised his work with these students. Miller told the Board elementary students participated in Graduation Sparkle Day on May 25 and helped prepare the campus grounds for graduation as part of Mr. Krahn's project based learning class

at the high school.

**Student Reports** – Amanda Rose Sicard updated the Board on activities at the high school, telling the Board that students studying Spanish earned 204 college credits through the Willamette Promise program. She told the Board a blood drive will be held on June 29 at the school from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sicard updated the Board on a successful spring sports season.

Lauren Ely and Dakota Willard told the Board about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Close Up trip to Washington, D.C.

## Vernonia Students of the Month

### May 2016



**Vance Landry** Grade 5

Vance's teacher is very proud of the tremendous progress he has shown this quarter. Vance has shown great responsibility turning in his assignments on time. He isn't afraid to ask questions when he needs help and has shown great maturity over the past few months. In his free time Vance raises show rabbits and likes to ride quads.



**Taylor Grant** Grade 6

Taylor's teachers say she is conscientious about her work and puts forth great effort. She has a good attitude, usually has a smile on her face and really cares about learning. Taylor says her favorite subject is math. She plays volleyball and likes to do arts and crafts.



**Alexis Scott** Grade 12

Alexis was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She worked on the school yearbook this year. She says her favorite subject is English. Next year she plans to attend the University of Oregon to study forensics. Outside of school she is a member of the Freewheelers Club.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in Unincorporated Columbia County )  
) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
) (PUBLICATION)

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at or after 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308, at the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon.
2. The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed rate adjustments for curbside garbage and recycling services for residents and businesses in unincorporated Columbia County (i.e., outside city limits), effective July 1, 2016.
3. This is a public hearing. Interested parties may appear and be heard. Columbia County does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the County's ADA Policy. To request accommodations or to review the County's ADA Policy, please contact the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.
4. The hearing will be held according to the procedures established in the Columbia County Solid Waste Ordinance.
5. For additional information regarding the proposed rate adjustments, please contact Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, at 503-397-7207 or by visiting the County's website at [www.co.columbia.or.us/lids/](http://www.co.columbia.or.us/lids/).

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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