

School Board Report

At the January 26, 2017 School Board Meeting:

Board Meets After Several Cancellations – The Vernonia School Board met on January 26 in a specially scheduled meeting after both their regularly scheduled meetings on December 8 and January 12 had to be canceled due to inclement weather.

Board Authorizes Bond Measure Request – The Board approved a plan to move forward with a bond measure request for \$6.8 million for the May 17, 2017 Oregon Special Election. (See full story on front page.)

Board Approves Snow Day Make-up Calendar – The Board approved a proposal from Superintendent Aaron Miller to make up days that were lost to winter weather issues. Miller proposed that the three days built into the calendar for school cancellations be used, so students will now attend school on March 17, April 21, and May 19. Other make-up days were added to the calendar on May 26 and June 9. In addition the District will add 10 minutes to the end of each school day, beginning February 1, to make up the hours for two additional school cancellations.

Board Presented with Division 22 Standards – As required by the state, Superintendent Aaron Miller presented the Board with the District's Division 22 Report to the Community. The Division 22 report is a self-reporting tool that provides verification that the District is in compliance with standards for public elementary and secondary schools in 55 categories. The only area where the District is not compliant is in Media Programs because the District does not employ a certified Librarian.

Board Accepts Two Retirements – The Board accepted the retirement letters of Administrative Assistant Patty Loy, who has worked for the

District for 21 years, and Instructional Assistant Doris Buckholz, who has worked there for 25 years. Loy's last day was January 31 and Buckholz's last day will be June 8.

January Declared "School Board Recognition Month" – Superintendent Aaron Miller read a proclamation from Oregon Governor Kate Brown declaring January as School Board Recognition Month. The Board was honored with certificates, along with treats and a poster from students.

Board Approves Out-of-State Travel Request – The Board approved a request from Vernonia Elementary School Principal Aaron Miller for travel for himself, along with instructors Laura Blacker, Michelle Eagleton and Kendra Schlegel, to travel to a one day training on effective uses of Professional Learning Communities. The training will be held in the White River School District in Buckley, WA on February 6. Registration and travel fees will be paid through the District's Focus School funding.

Board Approves Policies – The Board approved numerous policy updates, with the exception of policy 6.1.15 *IGAI Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education*, which was removed at the request of Board member Brittanie Roberts, who wanted additional review of the policy.

Miss Patty Retires

Vernonia Elementary School Administrative Assistant Patty Loy retired on January 31. Affectionately known as "Miss Patty" to generations of grade school students, Loy was surprised by the 2017 senior class before her retirement and honored with purple hearts (Loy's favorite color) and a poster with all their thumb prints.



School Board Recognition Month



The Vernonia School District honored their School Board members at their January 26 meeting. Pictured left to right: Susan Wagner, Brett Costley, Brittanie Roberts, Ernie Smith, Cari Levenseller, and Katie Cook. (Not pictured: Greg Kintz)



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