

School Board Report

At the August 9, 2018 Vernonia School Board Meeting:

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board the Summer Intern Program has been successful with two interns working with the maintenance staff at the District, two interns working with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, and one intern already finished their work with Stub Stewart State Park.

Miller told the Board that 36 VHS students earned 144 total college credits in math and Spanish classes through The Willamette Promise program, while also earning high school credit for those same classes. Miller said other students earned college credits through other programs, but did not have

details to share with the Board.

Miller provided an update on Bond Projects, including information about the Mist School and the football field and track. (See full story on page 13.)

Staff Resignations and New Hires – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board he has received resignations from band teacher Matt Urban and high school science teacher Kelli Corey. The Board later voted to accept these resignations. Miller announced his recommendation to hire Bret Bunke as a new MS/HS language arts teacher and Kaitlyn Carr-Kiprotich as MS/HS art teacher. The Board later voted to approve these two hires. Carr-Kiprotich is a graduate of VHS. Miller announced that HS secre-

tary Kathi Fetch has retired and will be replaced by Teresa Williams, and that Dana Hyde will take a new position with the District as graduation coach and will be replaced in the HS Library by Jana Titus. Athletic Director Gordon Jarman has also announced that John Roady will be the new cross country and track head coach, while Ernie Smith will take over as the head coach for girls softball.

Board Approves Process for Appointing Replacement – The Board approved the process for recruiting and appointing a replacement for member Brett Costley, who resigned in order to accept a teaching position with the



Brett Costley accepts thanks from Superintendent Aaron Miller for his service as Chair of the School Board.

District. (See additional story on this page for details.)

School Board Vacancy

Currently Position #6 on the Vernonia School District Board of Directors is vacant. Any individual that is a registered voter and has lived within the boundaries of the Vernonia School District for one year is eligible to submit their interest to the Board. Employees of Vernonia School District, including all substitutes, are not eligible.

Applications with Questionnaire will be accepted until August 31, 2018 at 4:00 pm. These documents can be accessed at: <http://www.vernonia.k12.or.us/>.

Please submit completed materials to Barb Carr at the School District Office - mailing address 1201 Texas Avenue, Vernonia OR 97064 or deliver directly to

the District Office located inside the Vernonia K-12 Schools Building - 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia.

Position #6 original term expires June 30, 2021. However, the individual appointed is required (if they so choose) to seek election during the regular election process in the Spring of 2019 in order to serve the final two years remaining of the original term. All position terms are four years in length.

The Board anticipates appointing an individual to this position at the September 13, 2018 regularly scheduled Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 pm in the Vernonia Schools Library.

Please contact Barb Carr at (503) 429-5891 if you have any questions.

House and Senate Pass Career and Technical Education Bill

Bonamici amendment included

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) spoke on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, advocating in favor of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

"In Oregon, CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes like Beaverton's Aloha High School's Auto Tech program and Newberg High School's CAD Lab engage more students, boost graduation rates, and give students the opportunity to learn real world skills," said Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici. "Federal CTE funding provides critical equipment that schools need to make these hands-on classes meaningful experiences for students in

Oregon and across the country."

The legislation, which has now passed in both the House and Senate, includes an amendment that Bonamici crafted with Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) to encourage the integration of art and design skills into CTE STEM programs.

"I am proud that this bill includes the amendment I worked on with Rep. Elise Stefanik, my Co-Chair of the STEAM Caucus," Bonamici said. "Our provision will help make sure that the next generation of students are creative and innovative by fully engaging and educating both halves of their brains through art and design."

The President is expected to sign the bill.

Free Heart Screening for Students

Providence Heart and Vascular Institute is offering a free heart screen for students ages 12-18 on Wednesday, September 19, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Vernonia Schools. The goal of this program is to screen young people for serious cardiovascular abnormalities.

Chances are a child's heart is healthy and yet a small percentage of young people have hidden heart defects that put their lives at risk, especially during physical exertion. Young people with undiagnosed heart defects, especially athletes, are susceptible to sudden cardiac arrest. Often there are no advance signs or symptoms and most rou-

tine physical exams will not pick up the defects. An electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG) usually is necessary to uncover signs of heart irregularities, something normally not done in "well-child" checks or even some sports physicals.

Medical personnel will provide the participants with a summary of the screening results and if needed will recommend additional evaluation through follow-up with the primary care physician or a specialist.

If you would like to have your child screened please complete the participation form included in the school's registration packet or pick one up from the school's main office.



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