

School Board Report

At the November 15, 2018 School Board Meeting:

Board Approves OSBA Resolution – The Board approved Resolution #1819-03, the Legislative Policies and Priorities from the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA), which works on behalf of School Boards across Oregon. The policies and priorities include: ensuring adequate and stable funding for districts; re-forming tax policy to provide necessary revenue; providing state resources for district’s capital and infrastructure needs; increasing special education funding; supporting Career and Technical Education opportunities; developing rigorous teacher and administrator evaluations; and promoting school safety measures. The Board tabled a vote to approve proposed OSBA Bylaw changes.

Board Tables Vote on Alternative Bid Method – The Board discussed a proposal to authorize the District to declare an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements for the Design Build Method of procuring a contractor to build the metal shop building as part of the Bond Project. Following the discussion the Board realized that the District had not properly notified the public, nor did they hold a formal Public Hearing as required to make the decision for the exemption. The vote was tabled until after the December 13 meeting, when the Public Hearing will be officially held. The proposed exemption would allow the District to enter into a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process due to the technical complexity with the construction. Following the identification of contractors qualified for the construction through the RFQ process, the District will enter a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select a contractor for the construction.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board he met with 12 district patrons at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Department on October 31 as part of his Community Chat series, where he answered questions about Bond Projects, Special Education funding, and budget questions. Miller told the Board he has begun working on the At-Home School Program to develop an alternative ed program for home school students through the District. He said he hopes to have a proposal for review by the Board in January.

Miller announced that Food Service Director Gretchen Lindauer has tendered her retirement, effective late in December. Miller said the kitchen will continue to run with current staff for the remainder of this school year.

Miller told the Board the District held a “First Walk” on the new track on November 2 with about 50 people in attendance. He said the facility is current-

ly open to the community for use from dawn until dusk.

Miller thanked community volunteers JR Allen, Pat Patrick, and exchange students Dinu and Abraham for their work on the baseball dugouts.

Miller provided an update on the Bond Project at the Mist School and said the siding is being finished, the windows and doors have been installed, and flooring, steps, and an ADA ramp will be done next. Miller said the Mist Helping Circle agreed to purchase all new cabinetry and appliances, and the District will refinish the floor, so the kitchen will be almost completely updated.

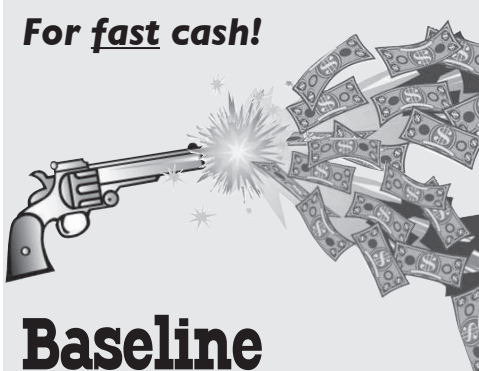
Principal Reports – VES Vice Principal Michelle Eagleson reported that the K-2 team of instructors are working on improving the emotional and social skills of young students; Eagleson said parent liaison Stephanie Borst will hold parent conversations to get more parent feedback. Eagleson said K-5 instructors are taking an online course to help identify functional behavior issues in students. She said 72 students received recognition for having less than one day of absence in the first quarter; Superintendent Aaron Miller added that VES has seen a 20% reduction in absences at the start of this school year. Eagleson told the Board there will be two after school programs available for students this year - the VES Robotics Club is in its third year and has 51 students participating, and the Timber Pages Book Club is a new program in collaboration with the Vernonia Library for 3rd - 5th graders.

VMS and VHS Principal Nate Underwood provided a written report that gave details on numerous activities including Homecoming events, sports, and instructor in-services.

Student Reports – Kortnie Adams and Jessika Marine, representing the AVID Class, gave an update on activities and studies at Vernonia Middle School.

Public Comment – Justin Wheelock expressed concerns about bullying in the schools and offered to put together a group of adults who would volunteer to monitor student activity in the halls, lunchroom, and during recess. Superintendent Aaron Miller offered to meet with Wheelock to discuss details of the proposal.

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Wrestling 2018-19

Date	Opponent	Location
Dec. 12 th	Banks Tournament	Banks
Dec. 14 th	Yamhill/Carlton Tournament	Yamhill
Dec. 15 th	Rainier Tournament	Rainier
Dec. 18 th	Clatskanie, Santiam	Vernonia
Dec. 29 th	Clatskanie Tournament	Clatskanie
Jan. 11-12 th	Pac Rim Tournament	Seaside
Jan. 18-19 th	Oregon Classic	Redmond
Jan. 22 nd	League Meet	Sheridan
Jan. 24 th	Yamhill/Carlton 4 Way	Yamhill
Feb. 1 st	League Meet	Vernonia
Feb. 8-9 th	League Pre-District	NeahKahnle
Feb. 15-16 th	District Tournament	

Girls Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Dec. 15 th		Liberty
Jan. 4-5 th		Kelso
Jan. 26 th		Hood River
Feb. 2 nd	Regionals	Liberty

Head Coach: Chris Barnes

Assistant: Daniel Rice

Boys and Girls Basketball 2018-19

			VG	VB
Dec. 6	Colton	Away	5:30	7:30
Dec. 8	Warrenton	Home	---	5:00
Dec. 10	City Christian	Away	5:30	7:30
Dec. 12	Knappa	Home	6:00	7:30
Dec. 14	Neah-Kah-Nie	Away	6:00	7:30
Dec. 17	Faith Bible	Home	6:00	7:30
Dec. 20	Nestucca	Away	6:00	7:30
Dec. 27	St. Paul Tournament	St. Paul	TBA	TBA
Dec. 28	St. Paul Tournament	St. Paul	TBA	TBA
Jan. 8	Columbia Christian	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan. 12	Gaston	Away	4:00	5:30
Jan. 15	Portland Christian	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan. 17	City Christian	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan. 21	Knappa	Away	6:00	7:30
Jan. 23	Neah-Kah-Nie	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan. 25	Faith Bible	Away	7:00	8:30
Jan. 29	Nestucca	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan. 31	Columbia Christian	Away	6:00	7:30
Feb. 5	Gaston	Home	6:00	7:30
Feb. 7	Portland Christian	Away	6:00	7:30
Feb. 12	Tie Breaker – if needed	TBD	TBA	TBA
Feb. 14	District Tournament	TBD	TBA	TBA
Feb. 16	District Tournament	TBD	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22-23	First Round of State	TBD	TBA	TBA
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	State Tournament	Pendleton	TBD	TBD

Boys' Head Coach: David Weller
Assistants: George Spaulding
Girls' Head Coach: Jim Krahn
Assistants: Joe Walters

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