

Schools Update: 2019-2020 Instructional Calendar

By Superintendent Aaron Miller

The Vernonia School District (VSD) instructional calendar was approved by the School Board at their April 11 meeting, and several exciting changes are in place for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

First off, there will be three additional days of school added for students. Currently students in the VSD meet all state instructional hour requirements, but the number of days of school in Vernonia has remained low. By adding three days of school, the VSD will now be in session for 162 student contact days, gaining ground toward a more standard school year.

Besides adding days, there will also be a change in the professional development calendar for the District. Each Wednesday next year, students will begin school at 9:15 am. These "Late Start Wednesdays" will provide teachers time to hold staff meetings, hold student intervention meetings, plan for instruction, and work on professional development activities to enhance and improve their instructional practices.

"Late Start Wednesdays" will replace the system of "Early Release Fridays" which was in place for many years when the district was located at its Bridge Street campus. Having this time dedicated on Wednesday mornings

instead of Friday afternoons will allow coaches, instructional assistants, and all staff to attend these trainings on a regular basis, at a time of the day when they are fresh, and have no other obligations to impede their participation.

On each of the other days of the week, students will maintain their regular schedule with school beginning at 8:00 am.

The first day of school for ALL students will be Tuesday, September 10, with Monday, September 9 being an orientation day for all new Middle School, High School, and Foreign Exchange students. The last day of school is slated for Wednesday, June 10.

While more days of school are planned for Vernonia students in 2019-20, they will still have a week-long break at Thanksgiving (November 25-29) and during Spring Break (March 23-27). Winter Vacation will run from Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3, 2020.

The District believes that the increase in student contact days, as well as the increase in time for staff professional development, will have a positive impact on student achievement, and the effectiveness of staff instruction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Superintendent Miller at (503) 429-5891.

School Board Report

At the May 9, 2019 School Board Meeting:

Miller Tells Board Bids Too High – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board the construction bids the District received for a four classroom addition on the school campus are too high to complete the project as designed. (See full story on front page.)

Board Approves Student Fee Schedule – The Board approved the Student Fee Schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The revised schedule had minor changes, including a \$0.05 increase to student breakfast and lunch prices, and increases to several adult meals.

Budget Committee Approves Budget – The District Budget Committee, made up of the School Board and community members, approved the \$13.67 million budget for 2019-20. The Budget Committee was chaired by Brittanie Roberts. The School Board will now hold a Public Hearing before adopting the final budget.

Numerous Staff Positions Filled, Vacant – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board he has filled a

number of open staff positions for next school year, while there are several more positions still to be filled. Filled positions include:

- Part-time Welding – Kirk Ebberts
 - Elementary Teachers (K-2) Jordan Frink, Kiara Single, Claire Youngberg
 - MS Language Arts – Malin Campbell
 - MS Social Studies – Rachel Brown
 - Mist K-2 Teacher – Andrea Anderson
 - VES Title I Reading – Kendra Schlegel
 - VES Principal – Michelle Eagleson
 - Vernonia Family Academy Teacher – Debbie Taylor
 - Food Service Director – Marilyn Landers
- Positions still to be filled:
- Elementary Teachers (grades 3-5) – two positions
 - HS Foreign Language
 - MS/HS Band
 - MS or K-12 Special Education
 - K-12 Life Skills
 - Grounds/Custodial
 - HS Assistant Football Coaches – two positions

Principal Reports – Elementary Vice Principal Michelle Eagleson provided the Board with a report that noted the 2019-20 Kindercamp will be held August 19-30 and said in order for students to attend they must have paperwork submitted by May 31. Eagleson told the Board VES will be using a new reading program next year called Journeys and will hold a book giveaway open to families and community members at the end of this school year to get rid of materials they are no longer using.

High School/Middle School Principal Nate Underwood told the Board that Hannah Baska and Byron Cook were named this year's Prom Queen and King. Underwood said Bowen Cottini and Zebadiah Burklund will represent Vernonia Middle School at the Columbia County Spelling Bee competition. Underwood told the Board that Vernonia Mayor Rick Hobart honored foreign exchange students Dinu Cojacarn and Abraham Kpirkai with a Community Service Award for their volunteer work.

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while Starr McKinnis ran a PR of 21.26 to finish 8th; McKinnis also threw a PR of 29'7.5" to finish 4th in the shot put and took 3rd in the discus; Ely took 3rd in the javelin; Isabelle Coleman cleared 6'4" in the pole vault to take 4th; and Abby Coleman had a PR leap of 28'1.5" to finish 5th in the triple jump.

The State Championship meet is May 17-18 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Vernonia also hosted their first home meet in several decades on May 2. All nine league teams attended, plus athletes from Jewell. Both the Vernonia boys and girls teams finished 2nd in team scoring.

Highlights for the boys included the high jump with Abram Martin, Pete

Crystal, and Jake Handegard finished 1st, 3rd, and 5th; Martin won with a jump of 6'0". Crystal won the pole vault, clearing 10'. Kale Sullivan and Radek Zikmund finished 2nd and 5th in the javelin. Dustin Carreon and Eli Thompson finished 4th and 7th in the shot put. Martin and Nick Costley finished 2nd and 6th in the 300 meter hurdles; Costley had a great day with a PR in the 300 hurdles and also had a PR in the 110 hurdles with a time of 20.82 finishing 5th. Handegard finished 2nd in the 800 meters with a PR of 2:08. Sullivan and Abraham Kpirkai finished 2nd and 3rd in the 400 meters.

For the Vernonia girls, Jenna Handegard won the 400 meters and Lauren Ely placed 2nd in the 800 meters. Freshman Sadie Gump was 3rd in

the 1,500 meters. Hailey Reynolds won the 300 meter hurdles and was 3rd in the 110 hurdles. Starr McKinnis and Alexa Cook finished 3rd and 5th in the shot put. McKinnis also placed 2nd in the discus with a PR throw of 101'10". "She has

been chasing that elusive 100' mark all season," said Roady about McKinnis. Lauren Ely was 3rd in the javelin, while Abby and Isabelle Coleman finished 3rd and 5th in the pole vault.

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will be held on June 18, 2019 at 7pm at 12525 Highway 202, Mist, Oregon 97016. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as approved by the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 12525 Highway 202, Mist, Oregon, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online at www.mistbirkenfeldrfd.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2017-2018	Adopted Budget This Year 2018-2019	Approved Budget Next Year 2019-2020
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	\$7,371,901.98	\$696,500.00	\$787,999.00
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	\$30,013.25	\$34,700.00	\$34,700.00
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	\$65,174.68	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$50,000.00
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	\$25,864.69	\$37,750.00	\$39,500.00
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	\$386,795.23	\$414,000.00	\$486,846.00
Total Resources	\$1,245,749.83	\$1,225,950.00	\$1,462,045.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	\$335,477.11	\$400,750.00	\$557,000.00
Materials and Services	\$134,651.90	\$170,050.00	\$183,550.00
Capital Outlay	\$59,764.65	\$396,800.00	\$482,800.00
Debt Service	\$30,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interfund Transfers	\$38,049.00	\$70,000.00	\$50,000.00
Contingencies	\$0.00	\$184,350.00	\$184,695.00
Special Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total Requirements	\$598,707.66	\$1,225,950.00	\$1,462,045.00


FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM			
Fire and Emergency Services			
FTE for that unit or program			
Fire Service	\$262,763.02	\$320,000.00	\$435,000.00
FTE	4.05	4.05	4.95
Name			
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	\$262,763.02	\$320,000.00	\$435,000.00
Total FTE	4.05	4.05	4.95

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
MB RFPD has hired a full time Paramedic and a Temporary Position EMT in order to maintain our level of service. It is our intent to maintain our ability to serve both BLS and ALS patients. Money is also being budgeted to begin the process of adding a dormitory area at the main station.			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2017-2018	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2018-2019	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2019-2020
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 2.0875 per \$1,000)	2.0875	2.0875	2.0875
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0

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