



SUHS board members Robert Boring, left, and Wayne Johnson inspect one of the tractors the school considered purchasing as maintenance supervisor Jerry Swails demonstrates its capabilities. Staff photo

High school studies grading

Union High School Superintendent Jack Peters is studying the grading levels for participation by students in school activities and will make a recommendation at the school board's September meeting.

At Monday evening's board meeting Mike Kostba, athletic director, reported on the recent background of academic standards for activities.

"Our standards are in line with all like schools in the state that are following the OSAA (Oregon State Activities Association) guidelines, which is essentially every participating school," said John McMahan, SUHS principal.

"I'd like to see that up-graded a little bit (the OSAA standard), but I guess there's no way we can do it," board member Paul Tucker said.

To remain eligible for OSAA-sanctioned events a student must be passing four classes, which, at the worst, would mean four Ds and three Fs.

Those in attendance at the meeting seemed to agree that that standard is not high enough. Johnson, however, said that it is up to the parents to set the standards, and said that it is possible that they could lose some students that aren't able to get better grades, and who might drop out of school were it not for the activities.

Peters will report back to the board at the Sept. 14

meeting with a recommendation.

After looking at tractors on the school lot, the board voted to purchase an 18-horsepower John Deere tractor with a mower for \$5,784 with the \$1,000 trade-in.

After discussing the matter with Jerry Swails, maintenance supervisor, the board voted to accept seven different quotes for custodial supplies.

The board looked at the grading and resurfacing work done on the parking lot at the athletic field before the meeting began, and voted 2-1 during the meeting to authorize payment to Obrist Excavating for the work.

Payment will be made upon completion and is expected to be about \$14,200.

Board Member Robert Boring voted no. Asked by a member of the audience, Fred Dalziel, why he voted no, Boring said, "I personally feel it's money that didn't need to be spent."

"That's his prerogative, Fred, and we're still friends," said Tucker, board member, eliciting good-natured laughter.

Tucker and Johnson, acting board chairman, voted to make the payment on the repaving project.

Board Members Gary Cleland and Pete Griffin were not at the meeting due to business obligations. At a previous meeting the board

voted 4-1 for the project.

Superintendent Peters commended Leon Hamblin and Richard Gessford, both of Richard Gessford and Associates, for the work they did overseeing the resurfacing project.

Hamblin, vice president of Richard Gessford and Associates has been working with the school board and administrators for about two years. He spoke about his company's recommendations for remodeling, and about the possibility of building a performing arts-teaching complex.

About \$3.5 million would be needed to complete both phases.

"What we found is a maximum utilization of space," Hamblin said of his studies of Sandy Union High School.

"The school district needs some space for expansion. We do project growth for this area. We were very conservative, (predicting) between 3 to 4 percent," he told The Post.

Gessford told the board that taxes are going up at a lesser rate than inflation. "I think that's an indication, from the school district's standpoint, that you're operating your program on a very conservative basis. You're not even riding the crest of inflation," Gessford said.

"I guess the final comment is, it won't get cheaper to build anything."

The board asked Peters to report back to them in October with a recommendation on the remodeling and the performing arts center.

Car break-ins dot police blotter

Sandy police are urging local residents to be sure to lock their automobiles following a series of vehicle break-ins.

Last Tuesday police received a theft report after a watch was taken from a vehicle. An 11-year-old male juvenile was cited for the incident and the case was sent to Clackamas County Juvenile Court.

Police are investigating the theft of a wallet from a vehicle Saturday while it was parked at the Sandy

swimming pool.

Also on Saturday, police received a theft report from a resident who said a radio-cassette and a money order was taken from his vehicle. An attempted theft from a vehicle was also reported that same day by a resident of Van Fleet Street.

Monday a Falls City man told police that two sleeping bags and a tent was taken from the camper of his pickup truck while it was parked near the intersection of Proctor Boulevard and

Smith Street. They were valued at \$360.

Police are investigating the theft of \$139 worth of alcoholic beverages from the Dry Dock restaurant in Heritage Square. The incident was reported Friday morning.

Sandy police made a number of traffic stops during the week.

Friday they cited Lavina I. Hietala, 42, of Sandy for driving with a suspended license and improper left turn.

Saturday police cited Dale Alvin Waibel, 23, of Gresham. He was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Tim Ray Overton, 20, of Gresham was cited Saturday for driving with a suspended license.

Sunday morning Gary Don Cribbins, 38, of Boring was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving with a suspended license. He was lodged in the Clackamas County Jail.

Board names SUHS superintendent

The Sandy Union High School superintendent is among six Clackamas County school superintendents selected to serve on the ESD Superintendent's Advisory Council for the upcoming academic year, according to Clackamas Education Service District Superintendent Bob Burns.

Dr. Jack Peters of SUHS will join William Jordan, council chairman, from Molalla Elementary School District, Dr. Don Charles of Lake Oswego Public Schools, Chuck Carpenter of Damascus Union School District, Dr. Charles Clemans of Oregon City Public Schools, and John Young from Schuebel Elementary District. Clemans and Young are

new members on the council this year. Members serve two-year terms.

According to ESD Superintendent Burns, the council is one of the

mechanisms the ESD uses to stay responsive to the needs of the 28 school districts in Clackamas County served by the ESD. Sandy Elementary School District also is

served by the ESD.

"The council is a forum to discuss policy level matters that involve the ESD and county school districts," Burns said.

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