

Teacher at Boring School won't be replaced

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Board members at Boring School may elect not to fill a vacancy in the physical education department in order to save money.

Don Ekstrom, physical education teacher, has requested a one-year leave of absence for the 1982-83 school year, which the board granted.

Kevin Savage's contract for next year was not renewed. Some teachers and parents suggested that the loss of two teachers would place a hardship on students and teachers next fall. About the shortened staff, Peter Alau, teacher, said, "We're facing a decline in education."

The reduction of teachers means other staff members must take up the slack by either teaching an extra class or increasing class loads.

Parents who moved to the Boring area because of smaller class sizes are disenchanting with the prospect of larger classes.

"I think classroom size has a definite effect on the quality of education," said one teacher.

Joe Taylor, superintendent, said the enrollment is constant and an increase of children into the district in the fall is unlikely.

He said, "Every year we balance out." According to Taylor, most of the "traffic" is in the fourth grade.

A presentation on program discs was given by Margaret Rohrer, librarian. Using a video display screen, she told the board and visitors about the students' use of computers.

Each student learned commands so that he or she can program the computer. The students have access to eight different computer languages, according to Rohrer.

Fourth-through eighth-grade students make use of the new equipment.

Faith Wilson, deputy clerk, gave the financial report. The return on investments was approximately \$14,000 by the end of March.

Funding to be received for the handicapped program will be \$5,000.

A proposed school calendar for next year was presented by Taylor and is expected to be adopted in May.

Key dates included the first day of

school, Sept. 7. Christmas vacation would be two weeks long, from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2. Spring vacation would be from March 14-18. The last day of school would be June 19.

Concern was voiced by parents regarding the length of Christmas vacation, saying it is too long.

Chairman Gale Meier encouraged parents to contact Taylor with specific disagreements about the calendar.

The school facilities will be rented out to Damascus kindergarten next year for \$125 for a room and, possibly, staff help.

The question was raised, though, whether \$125 is an appropriate amount.

Jerry Cannon, chairman of the budget committee, said, "We could be underwriting our program."

When asked if there is a formula that can be used in assessing the rental fee, Taylor said, "We don't have a formula for square footage."

A two percent salary increase for administrators, approved by the budget committee, was tabled. Clairece Moss, a parent, said, "The prime purpose of the district is to

educate children." She said she doesn't support a raise at all, and in fact supports a five percent decrease.

Helen Leare, Clackamas County community development specialist, presented a revised version of the park cooperation agreement.

The park will be constructed on school grounds using money received from a federal grant.

Hoodland Happenings

Mt. Hood Pre-school Co-op holds open house, art show tonight

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

The Commissioners of Clackamas County will meet this morning at 10 to consider further proceedings on the formation of the Wildwood Annex Water District, Country Club Water District, Sleepy Hollow Water District, Riverside Water District and Alder Creek-Barlow Water District. This meeting will be held at 906 Main Street, Oregon City. All interested persons are invited to appear and be heard.

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the Welches School Library. Transportation and further information is available by calling Maxine Worley at the Senior Center, 622-3331.

Today, beginning at 3 p.m. and continuing until 8 p.m., the Mt. Hood Pre-school Co-op will hold its annual open house and art show at the Hoodland Women's Club on Salmon River Road. The pre-school children's artwork will be on display in the large meeting room of the building, and the pre-school room will be open for public visits. Registration and information for the 1982-83 school year will also be available. Adults and children are welcome, and refreshments will be served. The art show and refreshments are free. Chairman MaryAnne Burke can be contacted at 622-3532 for additional information.

Welches Community School will offer the following classes this even-

The school must accept the stipulations, which are stated in the agreement.

Some board members questioned certain phrases of the agreement. Their worry was the responsibility the school would have, and the expenditures.

Since the school will be handling all maintenance and insurance costs, board members agreed the county

should have little or no jurisdiction over the park.

"If we're going to pay the insurance and maintenance cost, we have to have full control," said Carl Aschoff, board member.

Leare said she would confer with her legal advisors in hopes the agreement would read favorably to both parties and reflect the changes that the board requests.

ing: "Recreational Basketball," 7 to 9 p.m. in Welches School gym; "Wrestling for Kids," 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Welches School Room 15; and "Basic Plumbing," 7 to 9 p.m. in Welches School Room 20.

A Mt. Hood Corridor CPO meeting will be held this evening beginning at 7:30 in the multi-purpose room of Welches School. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Welches PTA will sponsor a "Movie Night" for community children and adults this evening in the multi-purpose room at the school. Doors will open at 7:15 and the movie will start at 7:30. An admission fee of 75 cents will be charged. Refreshments will be sold.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the Welches School library.

An "Aerobic Exercise" class sponsored by the Welches Community School will be held at 6 p.m. at the Women's Club.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

A special "Kid's Cooking—Pizza" class will be taught this evening from 6 to 7:30 at the Welches School kitchen. This class will teach children how to prepare and cook one of their favorite dishes—pizza. Jan Lake will lead this class for Welches Community School.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28

An early morning hike will be led

this morning by Welches Community School leader Lou Tipton. Bring your babes in their back packs, a lunch with beverage, and meet at the parking lot of the Women's Club at 9:30 a.m. to carpool.

The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at the Hoodland Plaza shopping center from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

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Teachers deny they rejected increase

Teachers in the Welches School District have not rejected a school board offer of a 6 percent increase.

In fact, the board has made no such offer, according to Jeanine Boldt, a member of the teachers' negotiating team.

"The school board has never offered us a 6 percent increase," she said.

Board members Leah Behan and Dick Hoffman concurred with Boldt's contention.

Boldt did, however, say that \$348,270 for teachers salaries is in the proposed 1982-83 operating budget.



A flasher? No, just Lorrie Shelton letting off steam at the Estacada dual track meet last week.

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