

Boring board votes yes on \$30,000 park

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After rehashing a contractual agreement between Clackamas County and Boring School District at previous meetings, board members passed the \$30,000 park improvement proposal last week.

The \$30,000 is part of a \$180,000 federal grant allocated to Boring for community improvements.

Areas of concern in the park agreement were changed to reflect the board's requests. It was not clear to board members whether the district or the county had jurisdiction over the park, so the agreement was changed to read that Boring district policy would prevail.

The elapsing term of the agreement was another area that board members sought to clarify. Five

years after completion the county relinquishes ties with the district regarding the park.

Three people will be selected at the advisory board meeting in June to represent the district. They will confer with park contractors prior to and during construction. No date has been set as to when construction will begin.

A state grant in the amount of \$20,000 is available to Boring and Damascus schools next year for the salary of a developmental specialist for primary grades. The money will be shared between the two districts based on their student populations. Boring has 511 students, Damascus has 822. This grant is for the 1982-83 school year only and will not be carried on into the following year. Gale Meier, school board chairman, said the person hired must be forewarned that there is a "99.9 percent chance that they won't be hired for the following year."

Jerry Cannon, budget committee chairman, gave the status on the 1982-83 budget. He said, "We dug in it line by line. We worked long and hard and put a lot of time in it."

He recommended the board adopt it for next year. "I think it's well put together and should be adopted," he said.

Following the budget committee's recommendation, the 1982-83 budget was adopted.

Tabled at the last meeting was a 2 percent salary increase for administrative staff members. It was brought back on the floor. Administrative staff at Boring includes Jerry Prickett, principal, and Joe Taylor, superintendent.

In contrast to those supporting a 2 percent administrative salary increase, opponents advocated that the increase is not justified in times when governmental agencies as well as the private sector are freezing wages and even taking pay cuts.

But Stu McKenzie, board member, said that administrative pay raises have been minimal in the district. He said, "We're about 6 percent below the average." He added, "The cost of living was not addressed."

The 2 percent increase would cost the district approximately \$1,600 more in actual salary and fringe benefits per year for both administrators, according to Faith Wilson, deputy clerk.

While the 2 percent administrative

salary increase was approved by the board, board members may request an evaluation of administrators next year.

Carolyn Fonnes, special education teacher at Boring School, addressed the board regarding overcrowding in the classroom and the need for additional help.

While main streaming (putting special education classes into regular classes) has worked for some students, it hasn't worked for all, according to Fonnes. "We have certain students who are not able to main stream," she said.

Addressing the issue of limited space in the special education

classes, Fonnes said, "It's hard to keep their attention because of space problems. These children have to have a room that is quiet and not distracting."

Fonnes had captured everyone's attention. Meier was taken back by her report and, referring to the fact

that some Boring School classroom space will be used by the Damascus kindergarteners next year, jokingly said, "Let's send Damascus kindergarten a Dear John letter."

Board members did not act on Fonnes' claim regarding special education downfalls but now are aware that a problem exists.



Chad Chapman, T.J. Akre and Angela McCulloch, Boring School first graders, sit in front of the area that will eventually be developed into a park due to recent board of education action. The area is west of the Naas building.

Photo by Scott Newton

2nd Mt. Hood plan found little changed

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The second draft of the proposed revisions of the Mt. Hood Community Plan was mailed out to recognized Clackamas County citizen planning organizations in the area last week, leaving some residents wondering just what the intent of the version really is.

The new draft, which differed little from the county planning staff's April 20 revisions, was objected to by both the development-minded and conservation-oriented residents.

The county's April version had sparked dissension amongst residents who learned that their land, which was zoned one unit per five acres, had been rezoned to one per forty acres.

The most-recent draft will be discussed at one final citizens planning meeting before it is presented to the planning commission and the Board of County Commissioners next month.

That meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club in Zigzag.

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300 gallons of fuel spilled in mishap

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The second gasoline tanker accident within six months occurred on Highway 26 near Government Camp Monday, resulting in the spilling of an estimated 300 to 400 gallons of fuel near a stream.

The accident occurred at the east end of the Ski Bowl parking lot at 9:12 a.m.

Senior Trooper Ray Crawford of the Oregon State Police Portland office said that an Arrow Transportation Company tractor, pulling a trailer, flipped over onto its side due to unknown circumstances.

The driver, 58-year-old Clyde Calvin Cobb of 4332 S.E. 130 Avenue in Portland, was not injured in the mishaps.

The vehicle was said to have been hauling 8,000 gallons of gasoline at

the time of the accident.

Trooper Crawford said because the spill "caused a very slow leakage of gasoline into a culvert that drains melting snow and run-off into Clear Creek, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality were notified."

In addition the Hoodland Rural Fire Department, the OSP, the Clackamas County sheriff's office, Alpine Towing of Rhododendron, the

Sandy Fire Department, as well as crews from both the Zigzag and Bear Springs Ranger Districts, responded and assisted at the scene.

Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout, who arrived with a crew at the scene ten minutes after the accident, said the wreck had damaged a pressure release valve, causing it to leak.

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