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Teacher contract calls for 3 percent raises

Sandy High School teachers will receive a 3 percent raise each year for three years under terms of a settlement reached last week.

The teachers and the board narrowly averted a teachers strike when they reached a settlement at 5:30 a.m. on April 13. Terms of the contract were made available Monday night, after both sides ratified the agreement.

Superintendent Kent Heaton said he thinks the agreement is one the district can live

with. He said both sides compromised.

The teachers voted to ratify the contract last week. The board officially approved the agreement Monday evening. In other action, the board extended Heaton's contract another two years. The board voted 4-1 in favor of the extension, with Terry Lenchitsky casting the opposing vote.

Heaton, who earns \$48,000 a year, has not received a raise since he took his job at Sandy

in August 1986. The board's action extends his contract to June 30, 1991, but does not preclude the possibility of a raise at a later date.

Earlier in the school year, the district gave 3 percent raises to its two vice principals. Principal Dennis Crow received a 5 percent raise.

Heaton said Crow was underpaid considering his responsibilities. He still earns below

average compared to principals in neighboring schools," Heaton said.

Under terms of the agreement, starting salaries for teachers will increase from the current \$16,418 to \$16,911, \$17,418 and \$17,941 over three years.

The district's most experienced teachers — those on the top of the salary schedule — earn \$30,003, which will increase to \$31,242, \$32,180 and \$33,145.

The district will pay \$236 for medical insurance the first year under the new contract, \$250 the second year and \$260 the third year. Not all teachers receive the maximum amount of insurance paid by the district.

The two sides also agreed to an early retirement plan. Teachers with 15 years of experience at Sandy who are between the ages of 58 and 62 will be able to draw \$400 a month in retirement pay until the age of 62.

Forest practices criticized

by SCOTT NEWTON
Staff writer

U.S. Forest Service practices in general, and plans to log Enola Hill in particular, were targets for a group of 24 people who met Tuesday evening at Rippling River Resort.

About half the members of the Enola Hill citizens task force and other area residents met to listen to Andy Kerr of the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

The council works to influence public policy on the management of Oregon's land and waterways.

Kerr said the democratic process could work to stop logging on Enola Hill if the group was able to generate community support.

He also said it was his opinion that there would be a good basis for a lawsuit against the Forest Service, an action that could end or delay plans for logging.

The Forest Service has met with members of the task force every other week for four months to try to find an acceptable compromise for the Enola Hill logging plan. Enola Hill is near Rhododendron.

The meeting Tuesday was not sponsored by the Forest Service, but the same Forest Service employees that led task force meetings were invited to attend.

Donna Lamb, Zigzag District ranger, was criticized several times during the course of the meeting for failing to attend.

"It's really disappointing they (the Forest Service) couldn't



Andy Kerr of the Oregon Natural Resources Council displays the U.S. Forest Service's national forest plan.

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Task force remains opposed to logging

After nearly six months of work, most members of a task force created to study a proposal to log Enola Hill remain opposed to any logging in that area.

But a forester for the U.S. Forest Service says that the task force's meetings will help the service as it decides how to proceed with its plans for the hill.

Last November, forester Kathleen Walker said she hoped the Enola Hill task force could finish up its work by January.

It is three months beyond that target date and the group is expected to meet at least one more time. A consensus does not appear likely.

Walker and task force members agree that, for the most part, the group is opposed to any logging on Enola Hill. Of the group's dozen members, only two are in favor of any logging

on Enola Hill.

But Walker says the review program has had its benefits. "We're trying to look at areas where we can be responsive," she said.

One area of concern for members of the Rhododendron Summer Home Association is the Henry Creek watershed.

When the Forest Service announced its plans to log on Enola Hill last summer, homeowners said the logging might adversely affect their water supply, forcing them to purchase an expensive filtration plant.

Although Walker would not say what the Zigzag ranger's final recommendation might be, she said there was a consensus that the Henry Creek watershed should be avoided.

The Forest Service's original "preferred alternative" was to remove 4.8 million board

feet of timber, which would provide 40 people with jobs for a year and contribute \$541,200 to Clackamas County. Counties receive 25 percent of the gross timber receipts from timber harvested within its jurisdiction.

The Forest Service would net \$162,000 from the sale.

Walker said it was possible to get comparable numbers from a different plan than what originally was proposed.

The Forest Service had proposed clearcutting 76 acres and selectively thinning another 61.

But Walker said other harvesting methods are now being considered. A "cost-benefit analysis" showed that helicopter and horse

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Crime decreases in Sandy in 1987

Burglary, vehicle theft and assault in Sandy took a significant drop in 1987, according to a review of crime statistics prepared by Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel.

"I'd like to take credit for that, but in all reality I can't," Punzel told the City Council Monday evening.

Burglary cases dropped 65 percent, vehicle theft 33 percent and assaults 25 percent, according to the report.

The only category of major crime that showed an increase was robbery. That increase could be attributed to shoplifting cases in which the shoplifter became abusive, Punzel said. In such cases, shoplifting is upgraded from simple theft to robbery.

Sandy had a bank robbery and a store robbery in 1986, but only one, unarmed service station robbery in 1987. However, four shoplifting arrests were upgraded to robbery.

There were 32 burglaries in the city in 1987, 14 vehicle thefts and three assaults.

That compares with 97 burglaries, 20 vehicle thefts and four assaults in 1986, a year that Punzel remembers as "disastrous."

Punzel listed several factors for the decrease in crime in Sandy. He said the City Council's efforts to stop juvenile crime played a part.

The council's enactment of a curfew took juveniles off the streets late at night, he said. In addition, the council, along with city councils statewide, opposed a proposal to decrease the size of the McClaren juvenile detention center. At least one Sandy juvenile was later sentenced to McClaren, Punzel said.

Public awareness, such as Neighborhood Watch programs, also contributed. He said in the past year people have indicated a willingness to report suspicious activity.

The "aggressiveness" of the Sandy

Sandy crime

	Burglaries	
1986	97	
1987	32	
	Car thefts	
1986	20	
1987	14	
	Assaults	
1986	4	
1987	3	
	Robberies	
1986	2	
1987	5	

police in investigations also played a part, he said. Police believe they cleared several 1986 burglary cases with arrests in 1987. Two adults are serving jail sentences for some of the burglaries, and two juveniles moved from the area after being charged with burglary.

The city has kept crime statistics for five years. Of those years, crime was at its worst during the recession period of 1982 and 1983, Punzel said. Major crime was at its lowest in 1987.

The dollar amount for loss of property also was down, which was good news to Punzel.

In 1987, property valued at \$88,572 was stolen or damaged, a drop of \$126,445 over 1986, when property valued at \$215,017 was stolen or damaged.

Punzel said the Police Department handled fewer animal control complaints because about 300 fewer dogs are running loose.

Traffic citations were up to 2,415 from 2,368 last year.

Weekend skiing continues at Meadows and Timberline

Weekend skiing is expected to continue at area resorts through the spring.

Mount Hood Meadows will be open April 22, 23, 24, 25 and 30, and May 1, 7 and 8. Tickets are \$16 for adults.

Timberline Lodge will be open weekends through May 28, and then will be open daily during the summer. Lift tickets are \$16 for adults.

Ski Bowl Multitorpor will be open if it has a sufficient snow pack. People should call the "snow phone" at 222-2695 to find out for certain. Tickets for adults are \$15.

Lift tickets at Meadows and Timberline have been reduced for spring skiing. Meadows dropped its prices by \$5, and Timberline dropped its prices by \$2.

Tickets at Meadows for youngsters 11 and under are \$12, and a half-day ticket, from noon to 4:30 p.m., is \$10.

At Timberline, the Pucci and the Magic Mile chair lifts will be in operation except during high winds, when the Magic Mile closes. When the Magic Mile closes, the Victoria Station lift is opened.

INSIDE



Sports: Pioneers playing tough

The Sandy High School baseball team is giving pause to many other teams in the Mount Hood Conference. The Pioneers defeated Centennial High School on Monday and then came close to knocking off the state's No. 9-ranked team on Tuesday. For details, see Sports, Page 7.

Volunteers answer the call

Senior center, memorial and park benefit from efforts

An army of volunteers descended upon Sandy this weekend, undertaking a variety of landscaping, painting and cleaning projects.

About 60 members of the Sandy Living Way Fellowship Church and another 20 from the Sunnyside Foursquare Church landscaped around the veterans memorial, painted the inside of the Sandy Senior Center, cut blackberries and roofed the gazebo at Meinig Park.

"They're amazing," said City Manager Tom Reber. "They're an army; it's like the Marines."

Associate Pastor Lowell Weare said the Sandy church has a youth program with a goal of providing community service. And it has active adult leaders who are willing to teach and supervise service projects.

A professional roofer cleaned the moss off the gazebo in Meinig Park and replaced missing shake shingles. The people who painted the downstairs of the Sandy Senior Center work professionally as

painters, and one of the landscapers at the park where the veterans memorial is located is a professional landscaper.

The group also built a barrier separating the play area from a road in Meinig Park, and cut down "demonic blackberries" at the Sandy Senior Center and along Meinig Avenue near Meinig Park.

A design flaw at the gazebo also was solved. The gazebo formerly had low headers, but they were raised Saturday.

The church has worked on other improvement projects in Oregon, and members also have made several trips to Mexico to work constructing church buildings, schools and residences.

Last year church members did landscaping work at City Hall before the Mountain Festival weekend.

"We're trying to give substance to faith, trying to develop an attitude about service," Weare said.

The church's cleanup effort coincides with the city of Sandy's spring cleanup, which is in its second week.

Dumpsters will be available Saturday and Sunday at Meinig Park and at Sandy Grade School, 39065 Pleasant Ave.

Mike Walker, public works director, told the City Council Monday that city residents filled three 30-yard dumpsters and one 20-yard dumpster last weekend.

The City Council directed Reber to send a letter of appreciation to the church for its efforts.

The city of Sandy paid for materials on the building, cleaning and painting projects.