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School board calls for increased state funding

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A statewide campaign to improve education in Oregon won Salem-Keizer School Board approval Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The board approved the Promise of Oregon resolution, which recognizes the recent turnaround in state funding for schools, calls for further progress in funding, and supports improved curriculums and school facilities.

The resolution recognizes "unstable and inadequate funding that has resulted in thousands of teacher and staff layoffs, unacceptably large class sizes and one of the shortest school years in the country."

It is part of the state's 40-40-20 program, which has the goal of 40 percent of Oregonians holding bachelors' degrees, 40 percent holding associate degrees or other meaningful post-secondary credentials and the remaining 20 percent having high school diplomas or GEDs (general education development certificates).

Also approved were grants totaling \$212,642, most of

it from the Oregon Department of Education. ODE has provided \$125,000 to create a single online portal to manage a teacher-leader evaluation system, as well as \$12,558 for two co-facilitators for the Oregon Mentor Project. The other grants are \$55,000 from Early Learning Hub, Inc., for kindergarten readiness and \$20,084 for after-school programs at Leslie and Walker middle schools.

Superintendent Christy Perry announced the hiring of Terry Gallagher as temporary principal of Wright Elementary School and Robert Silva as the district's director of technology. Gallagher is a former principal of Lake Labish Elementary School and retired as principal of Kennedy Elementary School.

The board also approved personnel actions that included a teacher hire and two resignations in the McNary High School attendance area. Emma Winters was hired as a second-grade English for speakers of other languages teacher at Weddle Elementary School, Isaac

New charter school in works?

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Another charter school may be on its way for the Salem-Keizer School District.

The district now has four, one in Keizer, all with long waiting lists, and a group of district residents is preparing to apply to start Capital Preparatory Charter School.

Public charter schools operate under school districts, offering more flexible programs than other public schools in order to help students who need individual attention in various ways.

The district's current charter schools include OLE (Optimal Learning Environment), which is within Forest Ridge Elementary School. The charter schools in Salem are Valley Inquiry Elementary School and Jane Goodall and Howard Street middle schools.

A Keizer couple, Scott and Celeste Guptill, are leading the effort to add a charter school in the Salem-Keizer district. The board approved the move for first reading and is expected to vote on it in February. Ken Parshall, assistant superintendent, said that the application would be submitted to the state Board of Education and that no location had been chosen for the school.

Parker resigned as an advanced mathematics teacher and head football coach at McNary, and Amy Hiebert resigned as an English teacher at Claggett Creek Middle School.

KMUZ gets stronger signal

The mid-Willamette Valley's community radio station is boosting its signal meaning a better listening experience for Keizerites.

KMUZ has been on the air at 88.5 FM since December 2011. While its studios and offices are in Salem, its transmitter is located on high ground near Turner. The signal has had a weak relay in Salem since its inception, but beginning Saturday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. the station will introduce a new, stronger signal at 100.7 FM in Salem-Keizer.

"While not a megawatt blowtorch like some Portland broadcasters," said KMUZ Administrator Dave Hammock, "the new repeater will be transmitting from much closer to Salem with about three times the power of 88.5. We will finally be delivering a reliable signal to our supporters and friends in Salem and Keizer."

Programmed by volunteer hosts and DJs, KMUZ is a non-commercial and independent community radio station. Funded primarily by listeners, KMUZ's mission is

to celebrate the people, culture and civic life of the mid-Willamette Valley.

"Our vision is to be a local resource to assist service organizations and non-profits, as well as our municipalities, to communicate with their constituencies," said KMUZ President Melanie Zermer, "Our volunteer DJs present music from all genres. Everything from zydeco to Celtic to indie rock can be heard on KMUZ."

KMUZ is a non-commercial, independent community radio service owned and operated by a local non-profit organization, Willamette Information, News & Entertainment Service (WINES). The operations are funded almost exclusively by donations from listeners and underwriting from area businesses. Several Keizerites also produce programming for the station.

Information about the station, including a detailed program schedule, can be found at the website kmuz.org. The station's programs can also be streamed from the website.

Jazz Night Feb. 7

McNary High School's jazz band will be performing at Salem's 50+ Center Saturday, Feb. 7.

Keizer Jazz Night begins at 7 p.m. The 50+ Center is located at 2615 Portland Road N.E., in Salem.

Tickets are \$15 and include dessert. To purchase, call 503-383-9377 or e-mail tjaardajen@aol.com.

Bunco at Gubser Jan. 30

Fifth grade parents at Gubser Elementary School, 6610 14th Avenue N.E., are hosting a Community Bunco Night Friday, Jan. 30.

The event is a 50/50 fundraiser to support field trips for Gubser's fifth graders. Cost is \$10 per person and no experience is necessary. Only those age 16 and older may play. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Those who RSVP to Jennifer Howald at jenhawald@gmail.com will be entered into a special prize drawing. Concessions will be available throughout the event.

MHS AWARE Club hosts movie screening

McNary High School's AWARE Club is hosting a viewing of *Sex+Money* Thursday, Feb. 5, at McNary.

The film is about sex trafficking in the United States and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it with appearances by recovering pimps, johns and prostitutes, and government officials from Portland to Washington DC. This event is free, but financial donations and discarded cell phones will be donated to Salem's Center for Hope and

Safety. The viewing begins at 7 p.m.

The McNary High School AWARE Club focuses on raising awareness concerning issues of human trafficking.

On Tuesday, April 7, the club will host *In Plain Sight*, at 7 p.m. Local experts will weigh in on the problem of human trafficking and how individuals can get

involved to help prevent it and assist in recovery for victims. Financial donations and discarded cell phones will be accepted for the Center of Hope and Safety. Interpreters will be present for the event.

Both events are rated PG-13, but students in grades eight through 12 are invited along with their parents.

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