

# Board splits vote on superintendent contract

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For the *Keizertimes*

The contract for Superintendent Christy Perry of the Salem-Keizer School District was approved by a split School Board vote Tuesday.

It takes effect today and runs for three years. Jim Green, the director leading the opposition, said that although he would like to see Perry receive more than the \$192,300 base plus cost-of-living adjustments, he thought the contract should be in line with those of similar-sized districts such as Beaverton.

Director Marty Heyen said the salary should not match Beaverton's, because living costs are much higher there than they are in Salem-Keizer. Chris Brantley noted that when the district advertised nationwide for applicants, most of them were assistant superintendents because most superintendents were making more money than

the board was offering. Nancy MacMorris-Adix, who with Green and Brantley voted no, said she wished Green, who was absent from the June board meeting, had been present so he could have raised the point then.

Board members asked Paul Dakopolos, the counsel, what Perry would earn if the contract were rejected. He said that Perry would be at her current salary through the 2016-17 school year. Asked what flexibility there would be if the board approved the contract, he said it could be changed after a year.

Brantley said that negotiating a raise next year would set a precedent, but he noted that Perry's salary under the contract just approved was at least \$60,000 less than that of the Beaverton superintendent.

Perry said she could support a board decision either way.

The board approved a three-year contract for Kelly Carlisle, assistant superintendent, without discussion.

It also approved hiring Brodie Cavaille as assistant principal and athletic director of North Salem High School, Johnie Ferro as assistant principal of McKay High School, Annie Morton as principal at Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School, and Bridget West as assistant principal of Mary Eyre Elementary School and Four Corners Elementary School.

In other business, the board accepted a correction in the taxes it had approved for 2016-17. The figure of \$33,990,211 for bonds was corrected to \$23,824,757.

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immediately to the east of the Clear Lake parking lot.

On Thursday, June 23, a search warrant was issued for Offield's residence and executed the next day. Police conducted a traffic stop on Offield's BMW on Windsor Island Road North and arrested Offield before taking him back to his residence.

Police officers conducted a search of the home and located a "Ruger" 4.5mm caliber BB gun under a nightstand in the master bedroom.

According to a probable cause statement released by KPD officials, Offield admitted to using profanity and a racial slur. Offield initially denied having the BB gun with him, according to the statement, but he later said he had the gun in his lap during the conversation with the boys. He claimed he did not point it at anyone.

Offield was taken at the Marion County Correctional Facility where he was charged with one count of menacing and released.

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demanding money while displaying a black handgun. The suspect fled the scene on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen headed southbound on River Road North, but was not located.

At 2:30 a.m., police received a second report of an armed robbery at Quality Suites. A clerk reported a male subject entered the lobby of the hotel confronting him while displaying a black handgun and demanded money. The suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash in an unknown direction of travel. A K-9 team from the Salem Police Department responded to the incident and searched the area for the suspect but he was not located.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned, black male adult in his late 20s, 5-foot-11, with a thin build and scruffy facial hair. He was wearing a dark gray hoodie and torn baggy jeans at the time of the



Submitted  
A video still of the suspect in a pair of armed robberies Sunday, June 26.

robberies.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

Anyone having informa-

tion about either armed robbery is asked to contact Det. Arsen Avetisyan at 503-390-3713, Ext. 3492.

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the confrontation the officer discharged his firearm striking the suspect, Andy L. Gibson, 50, of Canby. Gibson was transported to Salem Health for treatment of life-threatening injuries and had not been released at press time. Perez was not injured.

An investigation is being conducted by members of the Oregon State Police and the Marion County District Attorney's Office. It is standard procedure for the Keizer Police Department to request the Oregon State Police conduct an independent investigation into an incident of this nature, said Jeff Kuhns, KPD deputy chief.

Perez, who has approxi-

mately five years of law enforcement service, has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the completion of the investigation, a standard procedure in officer-involved shootings.

Less than 24 hours earlier, another armed robber struck two Keizer businesses, but Capt. Bill Fugate of the Oregon State Police Department confirmed that the incident at 7-Eleven was unrelated to those robberies.

Kuhns said the outcome of the investigation will be reviewed by the Marion County District Attorney's Office and a grand jury.

"I expect a grand jury will be convened and they will consider if criminal charges

against the suspect are appropriate, and if the use of deadly force was justified," Kuhns said.

The matter should appear before a grand jury within seven business days, but the July 4 holiday is likely to have an impact.

The Keizer Police Department just celebrated its 32nd anniversary on May 19, 2016. This is only the second Keizer police officer-involved shooting to occur in Keizer. The last one was in September 1989, the suspect in that case survived.

Anyone with information regarding the investigation is asked to contact the Oregon State Police at 503-731-3030.



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