

# Citizen group will examine school board election options, switching from at-large

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The system of electing directors of Salem-Keizer Public Schools is about to be taken up by a committee Superintendent Christy Perry is appointing.

Each of the seven directors represents one zone in the district, but all are elected at large. This is not the case of all school districts, and Perry is in the process of putting together a group of citizens to study the election systems of other districts around the state.

Perry hopes to have applications for committee positions submitted by early December, she said at Tuesday's School Board meeting.

Also at the meeting, the board re-elected Levi Herrera-Lopez to one of two open positions on the budget committee and elected Jacqueline Bechtel to the other. Herrera-Lopez was committee chair in 2018-19.

The board elected one of its new members, Satya Chandragiri, to the legislative policy committee of the Oregon School Boards Association.

In the Spotlight on Success portion of the meeting, the McNary boys' soccer team was recognized for sportsmanship and volunteerism for its response to a storm-caused flood at Westview High School in Beaverton in September. The team was about to return from a game when it found the Westview locker room flooded, so they carried in sandbags to absorb the water.

The board accepted eight grants, seven from the Oregon Department of Education. The largest, \$360,113, was the 2020-21 Oregon Farm to School Procurement Grant. It reimburses districts for buying locally grown and processed food for lunches.

A \$229,870 grant for ca-



Players and coaches in the McNary High School boys soccer program were honored by the Salem-Keizer School board for assisting in flood mitigation efforts at Westview High School.

reer and technical education will go to all six high schools involved in CTEC. McNary will receive \$3,801 for an automotive mechanics technician, \$3,547 for business administration and management and \$2,000 each for graphic design, computer programming, culinary arts and film/video production.

Other ODE grants are \$221,602 to promote attendance, \$186,356 to support various programs at Richmond Elementary School, \$163,250 for fresh fruit and vegetable snacks, \$153,135 for neglected and delinquent youth and \$60,000 for students in transition.

The only grant from another source is \$165,000 from Early Learning Hub for early childhood programs.

The board had their first reading of a proposed amendment to Perry's contract, which would allow her, under certain conditions, to be rehired after retiring. The proposal is in response to a bill the Oregon Legislature passed this year, which makes former employees under the Public Employees Retirement System eligible to be rehired on the same terms they had before retiring.

In other business, the board proclaimed November as Native American Heritage Month and November as Importance of Parents in Education Month. The one negative vote, on the one honoring parents, came from Jesse Lippold. He said that despite his high praise for parental involvement, a request for sup-

porting it came to him from an organization that strongly opposes LGBTQ+ positions and he wanted no appearance that such a group was pressuring the board to honor parents' involvement.

Personnel actions approved by the board included the following in the McNary attendance area:

- Temporary part-time: Glenda Parrett Cummings Elementary School.
- Temporary full-time: Patricia Faris, James Litchfield, and Louis Tiller, McNary; Katherine Carlgren, Weddle Elementary School.
- First-year probation full-time: Marielle Slappe, Gubser Elementary School.
- Resignation: Jennifer Tool-ey, Claggett Creek Middle School.

## MHS bazaar arrives Saturday

The annual bazaar at McNary High School is slated for Saturday, Nov. 23.

More than 100 local ven-

dors will be hosted by McNary students raising money for a variety of school-based activities. Hours are 9 a.m. to

5 p.m.

Raffle drawings will be held every hour. Exchange two non-perishable food items or hygiene products for an extra raffle entry. Donated items will benefit Marion Polk Food Share.

McNary High School is located at 595 Chemawa Road N.E.

## KT on vacation



Submitted photo McNary High School graduate Brock Wyer, with fiancé Ivy Parker, show off their Keizertimes after Brock graduated from the US Navy Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Ill., on Aug. 23, 2019. Wyer was the No. 1 academic recruit out of 385 sailors. Brock is in the Navy's nuclear program and stationed in Goose Creek, South Carolina. Family members Shane, Lori, Chelsea and Jake Wyer joined the couple for the graduation. You too can have your photo in the Keizertimes. Simply take the paper to your destination, snap a picture with you and your group holding it, and send the photo along with everyone's first and last names to kt@keizertimes.com.

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