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and we will see all of our community students returning to in person learning.”

Mapleton’s budget plans to keep the district’s staffing levels the same, with contractual cost of living adjustments, step increases for salaries, increase in insurance costs and utility increases included in the budget.

“This proposed budget expresses our efforts to provide students with a comprehensive and challenging educational program, meet mandated graduation standards, maintain appropriate class sizes, provide continued opportunities for co- and extra-curricular activities and provide adequate supplies and instructional materials,” O’Mara said.

Following a discussion on the funds included in the budget, Walton asked for a motion to approve the budget. This was made by School Board Chair Mary Ellen Mansfield and seconded by Budget Committee member Tim Moffett. In a roll call vote, a quorum of the Budget Committee approved the proposed budget.

Since the proposed budget has been approved, other dates set aside for the Budget Committee to meet will not be necessary. People can weigh in on the Proposed Budget at

the June 16 meeting of the Mapleton School Board and submit comment ahead of time.

The full budget presentation, as well as the rest of the meeting, is available to view on the school district’s YouTube channel, which can be accessed at mapleton.k12.or.us.

“Well, I want to thank the Budget Committee,” O’Mara said. “Thank you for going through the budget, thank you for reading it, thank you for asking the questions. If you come up with any other questions that you might have regarding it, please don’t hesitate to let us know or ask us, because we’re more than willing to talk about the budget.”

Immediately afterward, the Mapleton School Board continued the meeting with a report from Student Liaison Orion Ricks.

Ricks updated the school board on the Mapleton High School Constitution and recent changes approved by student vote to increase participation in leadership roles in the student council.

He also talked about the Student Council Carwash fundraiser on Thursday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will wash people’s cars for a donation to the council’s fund for future activities, such as the Oregon Association of Student Councils conference.

“We didn’t go to that this year,

because it got canceled due to COVID, so we have a little bit of extra money,” Ricks said. “We figured while we’re at it, we may as well try to fundraise a little bit more to make it a little easier for the people next year, so they don’t have to make up as much slack.”

Next, O’Mara gave an update on plans for the Mapleton High School graduation, planned for an outdoor, in-person ceremony on Saturday, June 12. Mapleton is able to plan an in-person graduation due to information released from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

“Based on the size of our grandstands, we’ll still have to limit the number of people that can come with each for each graduate that will be in the grandstands,” O’Mara said. “But we kind of have a plan laid out.”

She explained that Mapleton High School Principal Brenda Moyer has been working with the senior students and teachers on further details, which will be released once they are ready.

In addition, O’Mara and the district are taking into account OHA and CDC guidance for the remainder of the school year.

“We’ll be sending out any changes that might affect the schools, whether it’s mask wearing or phys-

ical distancing, which is still required right now, as is mask wearing in certain circumstances. But we have to figure out what those circumstances are with the new guidance,” she said.

As the meeting progressed, the board voted to approve the consent agenda and the 2021-22 School Calendar.

Next, Director Michelle Holman gave an update on the Equity Committee and how it hopes to offer insight to the Mapleton School District. She invited Moyer and other school staff to join the committee.

“There’s a lot of desire by this team to do something good for our school and for our students. It was a conversation, ... and I think having Brenda there would turn it into an action-oriented gathering,” she said.

The school board decided to keep the committee on the agenda for future check-ins on the group’s progress, as well as updates on student standardized testing.

Succeeding this, Mansfield presented Item 8.4, which she had added to the agenda. This was an evaluation of O’Mara as the superintendent.

“Since the last board meeting, we did meet an executive session and discuss Jodi’s evaluation. I took our comments and things that we talk-

ed about and summarized those into an actual evaluation, then Jody and I met and talked about it. Overall, as I’m sure you remember, it was very positive. In summary, we felt that she’s provided outstanding leadership to the students, staff and the families of our district during a really, really tough year. Her experience, her knowledge of policies and procedures and willingness to continually adapt to all those new guidelines that came out was paramount in keeping the learning going through this global pandemic,” Mansfield said. “So, thank you to Jodi for another year of service.”

She also presented a new metric for the superintendent evaluation to implement in the coming year, which the board will review before August.

Mansfield suggested “focusing more on the standards and the goals for next year’s evaluation,” using guidance from the Oregon School Board Association.

The school board also met in executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct labor negotiations.

In the May 18 Special Election, Mapleton School District reelected directors Andrea Milbrett, Mizu Burruss and Marilyn Fox to their positions on the school board.

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Library Tidings

News about the Siuslaw Public Library by Kevin Mittge

wafts like smoke through the thick air, and Easy Rawlins, the Black private detective whose small agency finally has its own office, gets a visit from a white Vietnam veteran.

The young man comes to Easy with a story that makes little sense. He and his lover, a beautiful young woman, were

attacked in a citrus grove at the city’s outskirts. He may have killed a man, and the woman and his dog are now missing. Inclined to turn down what sounds like nothing but trouble, Easy takes the case when he realizes how damaged the young vet is from his war experiences — the bond between veterans superseding all other considerations.

The veteran is not Easy’s only overlooked-for trouble. Easy’s adopted daughter Feather’s white uncle show up uninvited, raising questions and unsettling the life Easy has forged for the now young woman. “Blood Grove” is a crackling, moody, and thrilling race through a California

of hippies and tycoons, radicals and sociopaths, cops and grifters, both men and women. Easy will need the help of his friends — from the genius Jackson Blue to the dangerous Mouse Alexander, Fearless Jones and Christmas Black — to make sense of a case that reveals the darkest impulses humans harbor.

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Conforming to New Masking Rules

Siuslaw Public Library staff have been hard at work re-

viewing the updated guidance from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Per the newest OHA guidance, Oregon businesses (including libraries) may either:

- 1) continue to require face coverings for patrons and employees; or
- 2) develop and implement a policy for verifying the vaccination status of users.

For now, the Siuslaw Public Library will continue to require face coverings in both locations of the library rather than ask for vaccination verification from those accessing the building.

Patrons who cannot wear masks for medical reasons, or who prefer not to enter the

library with a mask, can also continue to access curbside pickup, online services, and phone reference.

We will continue to review new requirements as they are issued, and, like you, we can’t wait to see the end of this phase of the pandemic.

Summer Reading on its way

“Reading Colors Your World!” is the theme of the 2021 summer reading program, which begins in June. The library is looking forward to encouraging reading among children, teens, and adults over the summer.

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