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rules, state law, or any component of her job description. The board reviewed and discussed the findings and has confidence in the results of the investigation. We appreciate the community's patience while we worked through the investigation and we value very much the long history of support for its schools that Cottage Grove has built over the years. As we look to the future, the board will continue to support the district's efforts to do everything possible to help all our students be successful. We invite the community to join us as we work together to put children first," the full statement read, which was released by South Lane School Board President Sherri Duerst-Higgins. The school district opted to complete an investigation after two residents filed a complaint concerning matters regarding Parent's personal life. Social media buzz escalated and Eugene media outlets ran several stories prior to the investigation being approved by the South Lane School Board that maintained school policy did not prohibit the alleged circumstance and the board did not have jurisdiction over matters detailed in the complaint.

The South Lane School Board did not discuss the matter publicly prior to issuing the statement. However, the board met in executive session to discuss the matter and review the findings of the investigation. A third-party investigator was hired through the school district's attorney to handle the matter and noted that the South Lane School District has no policy in place to prohibit fraternization. Likewise, the Oregon School Board Association noted that Parent did not violate public meetings law when offering to answer questions the members of the school board had concerning the matter. The governing body concerning violation of public meetings law is the Oregon Attorney General's Office. However, a determination regarding any possible violation cannot be made without a formal complaint and subsequent investigation. The cost of the school district's investigation into the matter has not been made available as of press deadline and the report itself, issued by the investigator, has not been released to the media.

SLSD Board approves \$1.4 million

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The South Lane School Board approved the addition of \$1.4 million to the budget it adopted earlier this year after legislative predictions concerning the education budget shifted.

During a meeting on Monday, June 5, the board was informed that the \$1.4 million addition could reduce the number of cut days, reintroduce janitorial and secretarial staff that had been cut in previous budget slashing and fund library supplies.

The change to the budget came days before the Oregon State Senate approved \$8.2 billion for education—one of the largest budgets approved by the senate thus far this session. The funds are scheduled for the next two years but the amount surpasses what Governor Kate Brown suggested in her proposed budget.

The legislature is expected to end its regular session July 10 but reports note that

budget could increase. The \$8.2 billion plan was headed for the Oregon State House as of press time where changes could be made.

Originally, the proposal for state funds clocked in at \$7.8 billion, \$600 million short of current service levels. Under previously proposed Ways and Means Committee's and Governor Brown's budgets, South Lane faced anywhere from \$1 million to \$1.8 million deficit. The shortfall coincided with several other factors around the district including an estimated larger kindergarten size than in previous years, the end of a physical education grant that funded gym teachers, a 4.5 percent increase in the employer's PERS rate and a delay in adopting the state's textbook mandates.

The decreased budget was the latest in a string of shrinking budgets. The South Lane School District has cut 41 days combined from previous years resulting in the district's eight-grade students having just two full school calendar years in their South

Lane experience.

Previous cuts also means current options for budget saving measures are slim. However, educators from around the state argued that to keep the current service levels, schools would need more funding. Cuts days will still be implemented under the \$8.4 billion budget in South Lane and districts around the state will reportedly still face lay offs, decreases in extra curricular activities and days cut from the school calendar.

According to the South Lane School Board, for every \$100 million added to the state school fund, South Lane receives approximately \$230,000.

South Lane prepared its budget under the assumption that the legislature would pass a budget that would leave the school at a deficit. The exact amount schools around the state will receive will not be official until the house acts on the senate's plan.

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The 500 bed represent residential treatment beds. The levels of care, however, begin with detox beds. According to Geisler, detox beds consist of 24-hour, medication assistant treatment under the care of hospital staff.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, between 2000 and 2012, 15,230 people were hospitalized due to drug-related illnesses. In the same timespan, 4,182 people died due to unintentional drug overdoses with overdoses from heroin increasing three fold from .8 to 2.9 per 100,000 people. The age group with the highest number of unintentional overdoses was people between the ages of 45 and 54 followed by 35 to 44 and 25 to 34. In 2012, 47 veterans died as a result of a drug overdose.

"Depending on the severity of the patient's

addiction problem, the residential bed can be critical to stabilizing the patient," Geisler said. "Currently there's a little bit of disagreement with insurance on criteria on what is covered."

Currently, the Oregon Health Plan covers nearly 100,000 people in the state of Oregon and depending on the criteria it deems mandatory to cover the cost of treatment, patients can receive care.

Serenity Lane, which has 60 residential beds, recommends 28

days of residential treatment. After residential treatment, patients can move on to partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient. However, these levels of treatment do not count towards the number of beds available as patients return to a residential housing options such as a house or apartment after completing a day of treatment.

Geisler said that the 500 beds is an estimate but, "The 500, that's probably a conservative number."

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541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett
www.cg4.tv
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Two Services 9am & 11am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
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Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

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1041 Pennoyer Ave • 541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
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1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
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Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrock Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

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1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am
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Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
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Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
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