

BABY BOX HELP



The First Presbyterian Church of Cottage Grove has made a \$500 donation to the Welcome Baby Box Project captained by the 90by30 Project. The donation was issued from the Deacon fund, adding to the church's previous \$200 donation. The project has also been awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Bisbee Foundation which seeks to provide financial support for local programs and projects that aim to strengthen communities. 90by30 launched the baby box program in late 2017 as a way to provide basic newborn essential to families in need. The project falls under the organization's guiding mission to reduce child abuse by 90 percent by the year 2030.

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Chad (Hamilton) sitting there, Garrett (Bridgens) not sitting there and Kyle (Tucker) sitting here and everybody else in the district that has been present and has lived through what's going on so that superintendent is not sitting with us tonight but all the rest of the district is sitting with us." Settlemeyer went on to clarify that he supported staff but felt the board had "healing" to do in the district.

The word 'healing' was mentioned eight times in the first 30 minutes of the meeting Monday night with Kelley informing the board it could include a desire for candidates to take the need into account when searching for a new superintendent.

In two separate timelines, Kelley presented search options to the board. One option would allow the board to search internally before reaching out to external candidates while the other option focused on garnering candidates from both inside and outside the district in one process. Both the board and Kelley expressed the complications of navigating the process without offending current acting superintendent Tucker as well as the importance of involving the dis-

trict staff.

In a timeline the board described as "aggressive," qualifications and qualities for candidates would be approved at the board's March 5 meeting with input from district staff and community members. Reviews of applicants and interviews would take place during executive sessions and, because the board has three budget meetings scheduled in May, a final decision on an interim superintendent would be made by the end of April or beginning of May.

Settlemeyer made three separate motions to search for an interim superintendent with assistance from OSBA at an approximate hourly rate of \$120,

initiate a search for a permanent superintendent and re-affirm Tucker as acting superintendent. The district has to complete a Request for Proposal to obtain a firm to conduct the permanent superintendent search. For the service, OSBA charged \$8,750.

While Oregon law defines the work session as a public meeting, the board did not take notes for the first 58 minutes of the meeting. When asked by Settlemeyer if the board needed to take minutes, Kelley affirmed that it did under public meetings law.

City Council Vacancy

The City of Cottage Grove is seeking interested applicants who reside within the City limits, to fill a vacancy on the Cottage Grove City Council for Councilor Ward 4. Applicants must be a registered voter, reside within the City for at least one year before appointment and reside in Ward 4. The term for this position runs from the date of appointment until the next general election, November 6, 2018. Applications are available at City Hall from 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday, or online at www.cottagegrove.org. The deadline to apply is March 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Interviews will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018. Please submit completed applications to City Recorder, Trudy Borrevik at City Hall. Any questions contact the City Manager's Office at (541) 942-5501.



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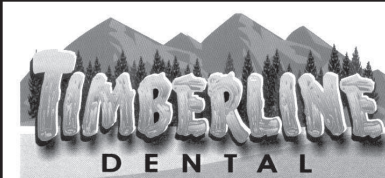
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