

CANCER *from A10*

all kinds of not pleasant aspects of it and my husband never wavered, he emptied drains, washed my hair. I never felt any need for any other kind of support group.

When I was diagnosed, I had my gynecologist, my surgeon, the plastic surgeon and the on-

colologist and none of them talked to each other so it was a circus.

Now, they have patient managers who step in and coordinate all this stuff with the doctors so my advice would be, take someone with you to every appointment once you're diagnosed because you're so stunned by the diagnosis that you don't take it all in.

"The one thing I would say is, I feel very lucky. I have sur-

vived. Even more so than in 1996, breast cancer is not a death sentence because there's lots of treatments.

"It's come a long way. If you're diagnosed don't panic."

Editor's note: *This interview was edited for length and clarity. If you or someone you know would like to share your breast cancer story with The Sentinel, please email cmay@cgsentinel.com.*

BOARD *from A1*

The school board offered praise for Sullivan and the work that he has done in the time he has been here so far while also reiterating that they are not trying to rush the work they are doing.

"This process has helped us

see that the work we do both as a board and a district takes time. Dr. Sullivan is providing leadership and guidance as we work to shape our school district for the future," read part of a statement the board put out after the meeting. "The board is excited to work with Dr. Sullivan through the challenges ahead this school year and into next."

Sullivan's salary will be revisited at a later meeting.

"The board and Dr. Sullivan are eager to engage with staff, parents and community to ensure that our students have a safe and caring learning environment where all can succeed," the statement read.

The board will begin their search for a superintendent in 2019.

STUDENT *from A1*

little bars were starting to lose their bolts. So he didn't get to play in it much last year because of that," said Harrison teacher Amy Swearingin who taught Ethan last year. Adding that the chair will, "give him more mobility and more

freedom and more autonomy over where he is in the world. Because he doesn't have a lot of autonomy over where he is."

On a mission to get the chair repaired, Swearingin was unable to get in contact with the company that makes the chair but found the next best thing: Chris Medina.

Medina, a friend and the

engineering and technology teacher at Cottage Grove High School, would be able to get the job done. Medina also teaches students robotics and how to make electric cars and he sought the help of his students to get the chair operational once more.

"The kids went through this and checked things out to see what was right with it and what was wrong with it. What we had to change and then we found that a few things had to be done to it, we did those repairs and were able to get it back in a pretty quick turnaround time," said Medina.

A trio of senior boys from Cottage Grove High School — Oden Armstrong, William Keedy and Jackson Simmons — worked on the project to make sure it can "survive an elementary school."

"We spent the last couple of weeks just trying to do as much as we can with it. Try to make it work as best as possible for him," said Armstrong.

"It really puts a smile on your face to see him be able to move around freely and just have the time of his life," added Simmons.

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