

Superintendent: Will prioritize building a culture of caring around students

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he can do, what he's capable of." Added board member Greg Morrill: "I'm just really happy that we have somebody already in the district who's qualified, capable and on board with what's happening in the district."

Unlike Jeffery, who was being paid as a part-time superintendent, Rogozinski was hired to fill a full-time post with a salary in the range of \$115,000 to \$130,000. Details of his contract will be approved at a future school board meeting.

The Columbia Press talked with Rogozinski about his plans at the district's helm.

What is working well already?

Putting relationships first with kids is working well and it would be unwise to change it. The stresses that teachers ... (and other staff) have is they have to worry about whether the standards have been met, did they cover the curriculum. It's increasingly important we equip our teachers and staff to form

those positive relationships with kids. They almost have to plan for some of that during the day. Having those good relationships drives better academic outcomes.

What would you like to change?

We have some initiatives I'd like to continue to grow. Certainly, the work Mr. Heyen (the principal) and Mr. Jannusch (vice principal in charge of science, technology, engineering and math) are doing at the high school with the CTE program for next fall, we've already had some discussions about the educational program for that.

I want to expand project-based learning, how students interact with the material. Examples are themes such as Lewis and Clark, oceans, community gardens and the use of the theme to connect across every subject with lots of variety. Find the thing that resonates with kids and put that in play.

What's the first thing you'll do when you step in?

I'll have the advantage of work-



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Tom Rogozinski and school board Vice Chairman Greg Morrill after the vote at the Feb. 21 meeting in the Warrenton High School library.

ing closely with Mr. Jeffery as we work through the construction process for the new school. That's going to be a priority right from the start. It's very technical and very foreign. Most administrators don't necessarily have access to walking through the bond process.

The second thing is concurrent: working to get a better understanding of our high school and developing a good working

relationship with Mr. (Rod) Heyen with the idea of being one who could work with Rod to get solutions in play.

What could Warrenton schools do better?

We're increasingly faced with trying to educate students who have challenges beyond school and it impacts them in school. It's a trend nationwide. Any of society's deficiencies will play out in the school. ... Building a culture of care around our students. It is our mission statement so the kids that really struggle are being helped through that.

Ultimately, the high school graduation rate ... will continue to be an area we want to get better. I'm not sure it's ever going to be 100 percent, but to that extent, we have to keep looking for ways to engineer success.

What are the district's current strengths?

Our leadership team. Mrs. (Robbie) Porter has been my assistant principal for all of my six years.

We have been tremendously successful in co-piloting a change in the culture at the campus and with Mr. (Sean) O'Malley joining us last year – he was the best of 27 applicants so that tells you the caliber we got when we hired him. Mr. (Ian) O'Brien, Mr. (Josh) Jannusch, they're all highly motivated, driven educators on our leadership team.

What are you most looking forward to?

That three-year plan. I'm excited to have that building up on the hill (ready) for students by Fall 2021 at the earliest.

I want to build programs, push bigger leverage points to have a bigger effect. Things that are really worthy to do -- working with the system and the culture we already have in place – you morph it, meld it and you continue to grow it.

I want to look back in a few years and say, 'Wow, we're really doing something special here.'

Public safety calls

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Bridge. Driver cited for driving without insurance and having no valid operator's license.

•Traffic stop, 11:37 a.m. Feb. 22, Ensign Lane at Alternate Highway 101. Driver cited for failing

to renew registration.

•Three-vehicle noninjury collision, 1:28 p.m. Feb. 22, Highway 101 near Rite Aid.

•Speeding, 7:40 a.m. Feb. 23, Highway 101 at Alternate Highway 101. Driver cited for going

65 in a 45 mph zone.

•Hit-and-run collision, 2:37 p.m. Feb. 23, Fred Meyer.

•Four-vehicle collision with multiple injuries, 11:08 a.m. Feb. 24, Highway 101 at Sunset Beach Lane.

•Traffic stop, 4:55 p.m. Feb. 24, Highway 101 at Ensign Lane. Driver cited for driving without insurance.

•Two-vehicle noninjury crash, 11:27 a.m. Feb. 25, Goodwill parking lot.

•Traffic stop, 11:41 a.m. Feb. 25, Highway 101 at Ensign Lane. Driver cited for expired plates.

•Running a stop sign, 1:48 p.m. Feb. 25, Main Avenue at Harbor Drive. Cody Blocker-Osborne, 21, of Warrenton was cited for criminal failure to carry and present a license, driving while suspended and failing to obey a traffic-control device.

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

•Unattended burn, 5:29 p.m.

Feb. 21, 0-100 block North Main Avenue.

•People stuck in elevator, 5:55 p.m. Feb. 24, 1400 block Snowberry Lane.

MEDICAL CALLS

•Female with head and stomach pain, 1:11 a.m. Feb. 18, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Female with possible stroke, 12:12 p.m. Feb. 18, 700 block Southwest Eighth Street.

•Female who fell and is unresponsive, 6:35 p.m. Feb. 18, 2200 block Dolphin Avenue.

•Male with difficulty breathing, 5:54 a.m. Feb. 19, 1000 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Male choking, 12:36 p.m. Feb. 19, 2200 block Dolphin Avenue.

•Female lifeline activation, 4:51 a.m. Feb. 20, 300 block Northeast Skipanon Drive.

•Female fall victim with head injury, 10:58 p.m. Feb. 20, 1300 block South Main Avenue.

•Female with weakness, 2:05 p.m. Feb. 21, 700 block Fifth Avenue.

•Male with difficulty breathing, 3:50 p.m. Feb. 21, 2200 block Dolphin Avenue.

•Male who's vomiting, 5:01 p.m. Feb. 21, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Suicidal female, 5:01 p.m. Feb. 21, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Male with diabetic issue, 7:38 p.m. Feb. 21, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.

•Unconscious male, 8:21 p.m. Feb. 23, 0-100 block Southwest 14th Street.

•Male child with fever, 6:46 a.m. Feb. 24, 100 block Southeast 14th Place.

•Female with difficulty breathing, 11:06 a.m. Feb. 24, 300 block Pacific Drive.

•Male who needs lift assist, 10:42 p.m. Feb. 24, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

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