

Patrick Nofield steps down as Seaside school board member

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After about four years of service, Patrick Nofield is resigning from the Seaside School District’s board of directors, effective Jan. 31.

“My circumstances have changed quite a bit in the past four years,” Nofield said while announcing his decision at the board’s regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15. The board unanimously, though regretfully, approved his resignation. Chairman Steve Phillips said Nofield’s leadership on the board “has been phenomenal.”

“I’m very proud to be a part of this,” said Nofield, who represents the Cannon Beach area. “I’ve really enjoyed the camaraderie

of this board. I’ve come to have a great understanding of what a successful school district does.”

He praised the investments made by the district’s administrators, staff and faculty “to take care of our kids.”

Nofield has been serving on the bond oversight committee to provide guidance and management of the new school construction project. He said he would like to remain on that committee as a community member to continue contributing to the project.

According to district policy, the board may begin a replacement process and select a successor prior to the effective date of resignation; however, the actual appointment can’t be made



Residents are invited to fill the vacancy left by Patrick Nofield, who announced he will be leaving the school board.

before the official resignation date.

Considering the school board’s involvement in ongoing activities and projects that affect the district

and the community, Phillips suggested the administration move forward immediately on advertising the vacancy.

According to district superintendent Sheila Roley, the board has a three-person personnel committee who will review applications, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation to the full board for appointment. The plan is to start interviewing potential candidates — who must reside in the Cannon Beach zone — the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 1 and appoint a new board member at the Feb. 19 board meeting.

For more information about applying to the board, interested parties should contact the district office at 503-738-5586.

Seaside Chamber celebrates South County businesses

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Seaside’s business community came together at the Times Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 14, to celebrate accomplishments of businesses large and small alike.

Brew 22 Coffee walked off with “Business of the Year,” winning an internet campaign judged by the public.

The secret to their success?

Brian Owen, executive director of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, which presented the business awards event, said Brew 22 owner Jeff Dunn has taken a one-off business and turned it into an experience prized by locals and visitors alike.

In delivering the award, emcee Ken Heman of the Seaside Visitors Bureau, celebrated the entrepreneurial spirit and best customer service, marketing and social media strategy, “leads the way and sets an example for the community.”

Westport Winery and Angelina’s Pizzeria took runner-up honors.

Chamber board members offered a special recognition award to Traci Williams, who opened the Sweet Shop in Gearhart two years ago. The 100-year-old retail space is “more than just a store, it has become a gathering place for all locals and traveling public,” Owen said.

Westport Winery won the rising star new business award, demonstrating a culture of risk-taking and trailblazing to achieve success.



Jim Paino, executive director of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Seaside counterpart Brian Owen, at the annual Seaside Chamber of Commerce business award ceremony at the Times Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 17.

the Byron award. “She is a top-notch manager, always there, always helpful, making sure that every guest is welcome to Seaside.”

Mark and Marci Utti, owners of the newly

reopened Times Theatre after 30 years of darkness, were also among winners honored for their positive impact on the community.

Randy Anderson, owner of Anderson Painting, won

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said. “They were going to continue to change marketing, or reevaluate price, or reevaluate who they were listing it to. They have such a huge database available to them in this business of buying property.”

Buildings will be listed all at once, building and grounds committee member Truax said. “It’s going to take outside-the-box thinking to sell it in a timely manner, and they seem to have all those covered.”

The district will work with the city of Seaside on possible transactions for the high school’s “North 40” and 7 North Broadway, owned by the school district but home to the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

Three acres sought by the city for the placement of a new reservoir on the new campus are also under discussion. The reservoir will provide water to the new school and to

homes in the neighboring Southeast Hills.

The future of Cannon Beach Elementary School, also owned by the district, could also be decided this spring, superintendent Sheila Roley said, as the district continues negotiations with the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum.

“The Cannon Beach History Center made an offer on Cannon Beach Elementary, to bring that back to life for the community and tribal history, and the board was happy with their offer,” Roley said. “We’re in the process of negotiating the terms of the sale. They’ve offered \$400,000, which based on our evaluation, is a fair price for that as an as-is price.”

A building inspection and seismic studies remain, she added. “We’re working on some of the financial pieces, but in theory, everyone is happy.”

The transaction could be complete in April, Roley said. “It takes time to do these things.”

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