

Administrators to review athletic eligibility guidelines

School administrators' rules for athletic eligibility seem to be working against what administrators and coaches believe to be in the best interests of some students, the school board learned Monday night.

Recently a high school student whose grades made him ineligible for the team, but who was working to become eligible and practicing with the team was cited for having an open container of liquor in a vehicle, School Superintendent Doyle

McCaslin told the board. The student's principal suspended him from participation in the sport for the remainder of the season according to conduct code guidelines administrators have been following since July, 1986.

Administrators feel this student is caught in the jaws of a bad rule, McCaslin said. They are looking again at revising eligibility rules to allow someone in similar circumstances to go through an assess-

ment process, agree to a corrective program, and perhaps be penalized for two games and still be able to participate later in the season if eligible by all other guidelines. "I believe this revision would still be within the policy guidelines the board has given us," the superintendent continued.

Our job is to keep kids in school not to penalize a student who is trying to bring up his grades and work hard at becoming a part of a team, Board Member Bob Mahoney said. Three other board members joined Mahoney in recommending revision of the athletic conduct code. Two board members said they did not see a citation for an open container as a violation of the existing policy.

The board also approved granting an easement for the City of Irriagon to connect their sewer line to A.C. Houghton septic tanks and drain fields.

The district has begun a pilot mentor teacher program with grant money from the state, the board learned. Three beginning teachers have been paired with three "mentors" for the school year. Mentors will receive a stipend of \$1200 for the year in addition to their regular teaching salary.

In other business, the board: -learned the district continues in sound financial condition.

-received a letter of appreciation from the County Fair Board for allowing fairgoers to park in the school bus yard during the fair.

-learned that the district may not be exempt from a 9¢ federal gasoline tax after January 1, 1988.

-heard that enrollment figures continue to climb toward the 1800 pupils the district expected at the beginning of the school year. District wide

enrollment as of September 18 was 1798 pupils.

-learned that roof coatings and repairs have been completed at all schools. Both former district architect Bob Smith and current district architect Leon Hamblin have reported to the superintendent that the district probably does not have any of the roof trusses in its buildings of the type that collapsed in the Athena-Weston Elementary School roof.

-heard that the architect's population and building study report has been delayed until next month.

-approved appropriation of funds for the Mentor Teacher Pilot Program and for the Quest Program, so the district can use those grants to pay mentor teachers, program expenses, and to train five teachers in the Quest program.

-learned that only part of the surplus items advertised for sale had been sold.

-approved a revised budget calendar.

-heard a proposal to allow suspension of board policies in a variety of special circumstances.

-adopted a "consent agenda" format to save time at board meetings. A consent agenda is an item on a regular agenda that includes routine matters which could be approved with a single motion of the board.

Items a board member wishes to discuss before giving its approval may be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

-took no action following discussion about adding a second newspaper of record to carry school district advertising.

-approved a memorandum of understanding between the Morrow

CattleWomen's Corner

By Marlene Currin, Publicity Chairman

Our summer activities have ended and it's back to school for all of us. We've had a very successful year promoting our product," said Susan Evans, Oregon CattleWomen President. "The beef industry is in a positive marketing position, which has been helped by successful advertising and scientific acceptance of the healthful benefits of red meat in the diet of consumers," Evans said.

The Oregon CattleWomen look forward to a busy schedule, beginning with a fall quarterly meeting Sept. 24 and 25 in Ontario. New recipes will be tried at the quarterly meeting as the CattleWomen prepare for the Beef Blitz in the Portland area schools slated for Oct. 6, in conjunction with a Pacific International tour Oct. 5-6, 1987.

Susan Evans, Oregon CattleWomen State President and state secretary Claudia Hughes, along with 35 other Oregon members, are attending the 1987 National Beef Cook-Off in Sun Valley, Idaho this week.

Morrow County CattleWomen can look forward to the winner's recipes next month. The National Cook-Off will be held in Oregon in 1989 and the Committee Chairman have begun to gear up for this big event.



Completes X-ray course

Phyllis Hampton (right) prepares to x-ray Supervisor Vicki Birkby's leg at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Hampton recently completed 190 hours of training at Western States Chiropractic College in Portland. She has passed the Oregon Radiology Technology exam and become a limited permit holder for radiology in Oregon.

Hampton has been employed at the hospital as an x-ray assistant. With her new license, she is an x-ray technician. The Hospital Foundation paid her college tuition.

County Education Association and the district recognizing that the mentor program has become a new position in the district and is subject to negotiations in collective bargaining sessions.

-approved moving a half-time kindergarten teacher from Sam Boardman elementary school to A.C. Houghton elementary school in Irriagon.

-approved hiring Melanie Beltane for special education at A.C. Houghton elementary school, Kristi Haguewood for special education at Sam Boardman elementary, and Kevin Fry for language arts at Riverside High School.

-approved hiring the following classified employees: Samie Griffith-half-time cook and bus driver for Irriagon schools, Cherrie Clark-cook at Heppner elementary, Mary Dodge-temporary aide with a handicapped student the district has placed at Hermiton Junior High school.

-approved extended responsibility contracts recommended by building principals.

-approved maternity leave for Jocelyn Jones, lone teacher and coach.

-approved new appointees to the computer advisory committee.

The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, Oct. 19 at the school district office in Lexington.

Speed sign changes begin Sept. 28

Highway Division crews will start changing speed limit signs from 55 to 65 miles per hour on Oregon's rural interstate freeways next week.

The switch actually starts Monday, Sept. 28—the day after the new law takes effect—in order to avoid paying overtime, according to Rob Edgar, operations services engineer.

"We will be putting up about 300 new signs, so it'll probably take us two or three days to get all of them converted," Edgar said.

"In the meantime, motorists should be advised that the legal

speed limit remains at speed 55 until we do get the new signs changed to 65," he added.

All vehicles except trucks with a gross weight over 8,000 pounds and school, church or worker transport buses will be allowed to travel at the new maximum speed—but only on I-84 and I-5. The only exceptions are in the Portland, Salem, Eugene and Medford urban areas and over the Siskiyou mountains south of Ashland.

In those areas all drivers will have to stick to a maximum speed of 55, Edgar said.

Ammonia fumes hospitalize patrolman

Heppner Police Officer Gary Bingham was hospitalized briefly after discovering a chemical spill last Wednesday night. Overcome by ammonia fumes, the officer reported the spill to the Heppner Fire Dept. Bingham was released from the Pioneer Memorial Hospital after overnight observation.

A severe change in the weather caused metal valves to contract allowing about five gallons of the chemical to leak out, Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said. The ammonia leaked from an Ekstrom Farm Chemical truck parked at the driver's home on South Main St. in Heppner. Burkenbine tightened the

Garbage

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encouraged to take insecticides, paint and paint thinner, acids, batteries, and other items which should not be in a landfill to the dump stations. They are transported to an approved hazardous waste site.

Garbage is Metro's major responsibility. The elected officials also are responsible for running the zoo, planning the transit system, and overseeing land use for the region.



John Doherty (left) and Phil Doherty

Friends back together after 39 years

A couple of friends who hadn't seen each other in over 39 years got together last week in Heppner. The last time Phil Doherty and John Doherty saw each other, was in Donegal Ireland in 1948, where the two attended school together.

Phil left Ireland in 1948 and ended up in Heppner, where he now works as a salesman at Farley Motors. John left soon after, and is now a fireman on a fire boat on the Hudson River.

John recently came to Seattle to visit a son who works for Boeing, and decided to come down to Oregon and visit his old friend.

"Yes it was good to see him," said Phil. And he hasn't changed a bit."



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