

**Morrow County School District**

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20-23 students each, three first-grade classes with 18-20 students each, three second-grade classes with 20-23 students, three-third grade classes with 22-23 students and three fourth-grade classes with 21-22 students; Irrigon Elementary-three fifth-grade classes with 18-23 students and three sixth-grade classes with 17-20; Heppner Elementary School-one kindergarten-25, one first grade-25, one second grade-23, one third grade-19, one third/fourth grade-17, one fourth grade-24, three fifth/sixth with 21-22; Sam Boardman Elementary-four kindergarten with 22 each, two kindergarten/first grade with 19-21, four first grade with 17-18, four second grade with 21-22, four third grade with 20-23, four fourth grade with 21-23; Windy River Elementary, Boardman-four fifth grade with 20-23, three sixth grade with 23-25. Class load at Heppner Junior/Senior High School ranges from a low of four students in a tech class to a high of 28 in two language arts classes and 30 in a PE conditioning class. Class load at Irrigon Junior/Senior High ranges from a low of six in a grade seven/eight language arts class to a high of 27 in geometry 10 class and 35 in a grade nine/10 PE class. At Riverside Junior/Senior High School, class load goes from a low of four in a calculus class to numerous classes with 29 students and a nine-12 PE class with 37 students. The board approved hiring of a teaching assistant at Heppner Elementary to assist with a large class.

-received the following enrollment report as of Sept. 13, compared to Sept. 8 last year: ACH (grades kindergarten through fourth grade)-345, compared to 332 last year; IHS (grades seven-10)-242; HES (grades k-six)-198, compared to 209 last year; HHS (grades seven-10)-222, compared to 214 last year; Irrigon Elementary School (grades five-six)-115; RHS (grades seven-12)-521, compared to 423 (grades nine-12) last year; SBE (grades k-four)-469, compared to 423 last year; WRE (grades five-six)-159, compared to 148 last year; Columbia Middle School (last year only, grades five-eight)-400; for a total of 2299, compared to 2186 last year.

-discussed and approved board goals. Burrows told the board he planned to implement the district's goals, which are more general directives, into education plans which he intends to present to the board.

-learned from Burrows that he also planned to submit financial reports to the board in a quicker, more easily understood format.

-heard a technology presentation from Michael Lasher, representing the ESD. The board is considering hiring the ESD to provide technology support or continuing to maintain the district's own program, or some combination of the two. The current district technology coordinator, Nate Arbogast, has submitted his resignation.

-approved a cooperative sponsorship for 2004-05 only between Irrigon Jr/Sr High School and Riverside Jr/Sr High School for girls' soccer, wrestling, tennis, golf, baseball and softball.

-approved a cooperative sponsorship for 2004-05 and 2005-06 between Heppner Jr./Sr. High School and Ione High School for boys' golf, girls' golf and baseball.

-approved resignations for: Nate Arbogast, district technology coordinator; Tami Sneddon, maintenance/technology secretary; Charlene Baker, IHS special ed assistant; Shauna Holwegner, ACH special ed assistant.

-approved employment for 2004-05 for Adriene Lorraine, ACH and IES music teacher; Doran DeGraw, IJ/SHS Spanish teacher; Ron Prindle, RJ/SHS ESOL teacher; Blaine Ganvoa, IJ/SHS math teacher; Crista Beaty, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant; Karen Boardman, ACH assistant cook; Becky Fox, IES Title I ed assistant; Mary Koertje, SBE ed assistant; Michelle Luna, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant; Kim Marlow, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant; Elvira Moore, ACH ESL ed assistant; Shannon Muir, WRE ESL ed assistant; Veronica Ramirez, IJ/SHS ESL ed assistant; Richard Rockwell, RJ/SHS ESL ed assistant; Connie Rodriguez, RJ/SHS two-hour assistant cook;

Eileen Searles, SBE ESL ed assistant; Susie Stillman, ACH 3.5 hour ed assistant; Neoma Stout, IJ/SHS and IES 3.5 hour food service clerical assistant; Alissa Wood, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant; Linda Kenny, district office secretary.

-approved an increase for Sherry Bishop for additional time as SBE special ed one-on-one assistant

-approved extra duty contracts for district English language learner site coordinators: Maria Aguiar, IES, Mary Ann Elguezabal, Heppner Schools, Lisa Constantine, IJ/SHS, Colleen Cunningham, ACH, Tyson Pratt, RJ/SHS, Mary Gressley-Grow, SBE; Theresa Proctor-Reece, WRE; Kevin Harper, RJ/SHS computer coordinator; Carlos Velasco, RJ/SHS head boys' soccer coach.

-approved attendance variances for a student to transfer from the Hermiston School District to Riverside; a student to transfer from Riverside to Hermiston; renewal for a student to attend ACH from the Hermiston SD; and for a student to attend ACH from the Pendleton School District.

-approved the board goals.

-accepted a donation of \$3445 from Heppner Adopt-a-Teacher to increase one period per day for Petra Elguezabal, HJ/SHS Spanish teacher.

-heard from Sammi Griffin of Irrigon, who reported that she attended the first Irrigon High School football game and thanked the board for returning high school to Irrigon.

-heard the following announcements: joint board and Community Education Committee meeting, Sept. 21, District Office, 7 p.m.; board workshop/special board meeting, Sept. 23, District Office, 7 p.m.; next regular board meeting, Oct. 11, ACH, 7 p.m.; OSBA fall regional meeting, Nov. 1, Umatilla ESD; OSBA convention, Nov. 12-14, Portland.

-held an executive sessions concerning labor negotiations.

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**Cardinal Booster Club news**

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, Aug. 30 at the Ione School library, with 21 members present.

A thank you note from Coach Rick Johnston and the Heppner baseball team was read. The coach expressed appreciation for drinks provided for the team during the playoffs and for support from the Ione community.

Athletic Director Dean Robinson stated the gym floor work is complete. Water will be the only drink allowed in the gym during practices and games.

Lynn Dee Ramos will have three different banner designs to show club members by the next meeting. The club has agreed to buy 50 banners for the sixth grade to sell as a fundraiser for Outdoor School.

Joe Rietmann has resigned from the Ione Site Council due to lack of time to participate. Bill Jepsen has agreed to fill the vacancy as a parent representative.

Jim Raible is organizing a small business class/club in Ione. They will be managing the concessions at home games. Michelle Stone and Lindsay Orem have agreed to help with that project.

Football Coach Dale Holland expressed appreciation to Vicki Wagenblast, Helen Ekstrom, Michelle Raible and Karen Holland, who mended the boys' uniform pants prior to the beginning of the season. The club approved providing a charter bus to transport the football team to their game at Triangle Lake. Holland announced this would be his last year as head coach of the Ione football team.

Arlington does not have enough boys for a football team this year. In response, the Ione School Board recently approved allowing the Arlington boys to join the Ione team.

Harold Rietmann recently finished building a scorers' table for the elementary gym. The club voted to give Rietmann a pass to all home games and a Cardinal hat to show appreciation for the work done.

Penny Krebs suggested the club consider painting the cafeteria and hallway to better match the school colors. She will research the cost of paint and present her ideas to the school ground's committee.

The club will be taking orders for Cardinal eye catchers. A sample will be on display at the school potluck and at home games. They will sell for \$35 each.

Work has begun on the community calendar. Anyone wanting to add or delete names or make changes should contact Laurel Cannon as soon as possible. The club is selling membership packages once again this year, with family packages available for \$50 and business packages for \$100.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

**City Council**

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an "urban growth boundary" or "UGB." The UGB is line drawn on planning and zoning maps to show where a city expects to grow.

Land outside the UGB will remain rural. Urban services like sewers won't be extended there, and the zoning will prohibit urban development and the creation of small new lots. Most of the land outside the urban growth boundary will continue to be used for farming or low-density residential development.

The city has held meetings with the 11 landowners whose property would be included in the expansion, and some are in favor, some opposed and some undecided on the UGB expansion.

At Monday night's meeting the city council voted to proceed with an agreement between the city and the county to plan for the expansion. City Manager Jerry Breazeale said state planners, the county planning commission and county court were in favor of the UGB expansion.

Property owners opposed to the expansion are concerned that they will at a later date be annexed into the city and that the process is moving too fast. Some members of the City Council expressed wishes to speak further with the affected land owners and voted Monday to proceed with an intergovernmental agreement with the county to begin the expansion process.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council heard that Randy Rayburn had been hired back to the Morrow County Sheriff's Department to patrol Heppner. Rayburn had quit the department and worked for Bruce Young Logging for awhile before coming back to the department. The Sheriff Department is under contract with the city of Heppner to provide police coverage for the city.

The council also approved use of the city lot next to the post office for a beer garden to be held during a new Oktoberfest celebration proposed for Heppner on Saturday, Oct 9. Nancy Gochnauer told the

council that there will also be a mini carnival, wine tasting, food served, entertainment and merchant sales during the Oktoberfest celebration. A street dance with live entertainment will be held from 6 to 10 p.m.

The council voted to waive water usage for last month to the Heppner Little League. The water is apparently being used to irrigate trees near the Heppner swimming pool and Agricultural Museum. The Morrow County Grain Growers has agreed to pay for piping and a water meter to measure the amount of water going on to the trees.

In other water related issues, the new city water system is expected to be let out for bids next month, with bid contracts awarded in the spring.

The council also heard from Fire Chief Rusty Estes who said the city came through a recent fire rating inspection with good marks and that commercial building owners in the city should see a reduction in their insurance rates for the future. The inspectors test all aspects of the fire fighting in Heppner and issue ratings on which insurance companies base their premiums to businesses located in the city.

Breazeale also reported that the city had closed on the purchase of the former Klamath First Bank building with the Bank of Eastern Oregon and would be moving into the new city hall on Thursday, Sept. 23. He said the new city hall would be open for business the next day Friday, Sept. 24. The city also closed on its sale of the former city hall building to the Heppner Gazette-Times at the same time last week. The Gazette indicated it plans to begin moving into the city hall building as soon as it is vacated. The Gazette property will be used by the Heppner Fire Department.

The council voted to move ahead with a franchise agreement with Wind Wave, a newly formed company that plans to install high-speed Internet access to homes in Heppner. The agreement will call for a 5 percent franchise fee.

**Fall into school at HES**

Visitors at the Heppner Elementary School Open House will have several new things to look at this year. On Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6-8 p.m., parents, family, friends and community members are invited to attend this annual back-to-school event.

New staff members to HES include Vice-Principal Daye Stone, music teacher Bobby Rice, and library tech Debra Campbell. Returning to school in Heppner after working at the north end of the county is Kathy Cutsforth, custodian.

Aside from new faces, other welcome additions to the building are paintings done in the hallways and library. The hallway pictures and sayings encourage positive attitudes and behavior, while the library picture builds up the Accelerated Reading Program at HES. School of Accelerated Readers (SOAR) is this year's theme for the popular reading program.

In conjunction with the emphasis on Reading at Heppner Elementary, volunteers will be able to sign up to be SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) readers with students in the primary grades. SMART Coordinator, Tracie Bunch, will be on hand at the Open House with application forms for those interested in supporting this wonderful program.

Please plan to attend the Open House on Sept. 23 to get the 2004-2005 school year off onto the right foot by showing support for our schools.

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**Our heartfelt thanks to all those who fought the fire at Sandhollow on Sunday, Sept. 12. It took all of your gallant efforts to get it stopped.**

**Special thanks to Shane Matheny; Patty Matheny and crew; George and Bea Luciani and crew; Al and Rita Beam; Chris Rauch and family; Steve Hill; Keith and Yvonne Morter; Mark Miller and family; Steve Miller; Corey Miller; Tony Ashbeck; Jerry Ashbeck; Eric Orem; Marc Orem; Tom Pointer; Arthur Ekstrom; the MCGG crew; Dan Lindsay and family; Joe Lindsay; the Gardner family; Steve Envoy; and anyone who might have missed. Your selfless efforts are greatly appreciated.**

**We are blessed to have so many fine friends and neighbors.**

**Sincerely,**  
**Brian and Peggy Doherty Family**  
**Bill and Joan Doherty Family**