

School district receives funding request for RHS track

The Morrow County School Board received a proposal from a Boardman contingency for funds for paving the Riverside High School track in Boardman. Boardman resident Dean Kegler told the board that the Boardman community built the track with no district funds and commented, "We asked for a lot and we got nothing." He also reminded the board that the largest growth is in the north end and noted that the district granted funds for the Heppner High School track. "Right now we have a great need and we've gotten nothing. It seems like a really small amount, considering what we did."

M C S D Superintendent Mark Burrows told Kegler that he would put the item in the budget, but the funds would not be available until next year, because the budgeting

process is already completed for this year. However, the board agreed that Burrows would work with Kegler to expedite the funding for the request, if possible.

In other business, the board learned that graduation requirements have been changed by the state beginning with the class of 2009. The changes will require 24 credits for a student to graduate, including four English credits and three math credits. MCSD has already raised the total credits required to graduate, but will need to change the mathematics requirements. The MCSD alternative education program, which currently requires 22 credits for graduation, will be required to add two more credits.

In other business, the board:

-approved an agreement with the Morrow County Unified Recreation District in which MCURD will provide up to \$349,000 for the 2005-06 school year for athletic programs and other extracurricular activities.

-approved moving forward on a four-classroom expansion at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman.

-learned that the American Disabilities Act will eventually require wheelchair accessibility for the shops at Heppner High School and Riverside High School. MCSD will formulate a plan.

-learned that an appointment has been set up with Blue Mountain Community College concerning offering expanding course work through BMCC.

-learned that the new shop/PE building in Irrigon is behind schedule because certain panels have not arrived and the panels must be installed before concrete is poured.

-approved textbook adoption, but received a comment of concern that textbook approval by the board comes after the textbooks are already purchased. Burrows said that the district should look at policy changes concerning textbook adoption.

-reviewed the "accountability model" which is to be established at Riverside Junior High School and may later be implemented at other schools. The program requires students to attend summer school if they fail one to three classes. If they do not attend summer school or do not pass the summer school classes, they will be placed in remediation

classes. If they still do not pass the classes or fail four classes, they will be retained at their grade level. A flow chart has been established and parents and students are being made aware of the policy change.

- a p p r o v e d attendance variances for eight students.

-approved the following resignations: Karl Hoffman, new RHS science teacher; David Neese, Irrigon Junior/Senior High School vo-ag teacher; Eileen Searles, Sam Boardman Elementary School English as a second language ed assistant; Heath Suchy, A.C. Houghton Elementary general ed assistant; and Terri Cable, ACH special ed assistant.

- a p p r o v e d employment for: Kathleen Spinks, Heppner High School/Heppner Elementary School special ed teacher; Robert Marshall, IJHS health teacher; Lance Eads, half-time HHS art teacher; William Coltrin, IJSH vo-ag teacher; Wayne Whitley, RHS science teacher; Michelle Nead, SBE fourth-grade teacher; Sarah Miller, IJSH math teacher; Alesia Hearn, SBE assistant cook; Gloria Cornwall, RHS two-hour assistant cook; Carol Smith, from Windy River Elementary head cook to Irrigon Elementary head cook; Dawn Mills, half-time ACH ed assistant; Robin Mulder, half-time ACH ed assistant; Michelle Gale, ACH Title I ed assistant; April Linnell, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant; Toni Baker, Morrow Education Center (alternative ed) ed assistant; Maria Gomez, IES special ed one-on-one assistant; Diana Orr, IES special ed one-on-one assistant; Raylena Sherman, IES

special ed one-on-one assistant; Laurie Snyder, increase in hours to include 3.5-hour food service clerical assistant; Yvonne DeLos Santos, SBE ESL assistant; Lorena Pacheco Morales, SBE special ed assistant; Martha Rivera, RHS ESL ed assistant; Heather Shaner, WRE 3.5-hour special ed one-on-one assistant.

-approved extra duty contracts for: Kevin Payne, Heppner Junior High assistant boys' basketball coach and half-time Heppner High School assistant football coach; Petra Payne, HHS C-team volleyball coach; Josh Coiner, HJH assistant football coach; Adam Doherty, HJH head boys' basketball coach; Dawn Dyer, Riverside Junior High assistant volleyball coach; Lisa Connell, RJH head volleyball coach; and Francisco Velazquez, RHS assistant soccer coach.

-scheduled the next meeting for Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at Heppner High School.

-planned a workshop via Polycom for Thursday, Sept. 29, concerning safety and the threat of violence in the schools. The Morrow County District Attorney

David C. Allen, Juvenile Director Carolyn Holt, and Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack, who is also a school board member, will be part of the program. Polycom sites are at the school district office in Lexington and in Irrigon. Workshop meetings are open to the public.

Card party at Rebekah Lodge rescheduled

Because of the Labor Day holiday, Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting the monthly pinochle card party on Saturday, Sept. 10 in Lexington at the IOOF Hall. (In October the party will be held on the first Saturday.)

Play will start at 7 p.m. For only \$5, a person will have an evening of cards, visiting and sandwiches, chips and snacks to eat while playing. Prizes will be awarded to the high man, high woman, low man, low woman and two traveling prizes.

Holly Rebekah Lodge is also collecting pictures of all Holly Past Noble Grandes. If you are one or have a picture of one, please contact LaRae Kindle at 676-5223.



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