

## Ione School Board hears weight room proposal

Plans were to locate the weight room as near as possible to the gym and locker rooms and have the facility open to the public. One site suggested was over the district's wading pool (which was officially closed at the meeting, due to deterioration) with storage included and bleachers attached.

Board member Joe McElligott stressed that because of financial constraints, district funding of the weight room was not possible and academics will take precedence, but indicated board support of the idea. Board member John Rietmann said that the club should present a plan to the buildings and grounds committee, which would ultimately be subject to board approval.

In other business, at a board workshop prior to the regular meeting, Superintendent Bryn Browning gave the board a "heads up" concerning a possible lawsuit by a Eugene man, which would prohibit funding of extracurricular activities through the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Browning said that the possible suit was primarily directed against the Morrow County School District, which has a much more expansive co-curricular program and did not believe the Ione School District would be targeted. Browning said that the man threatening the lawsuit maintained that extracurricular activities should be funded through the school district. Browning said that the school may have to keep more extensive data concerning participation and attendance at those events.

Also at the meeting

the board:

-learned that the school's report card indicated an overall "strong" rating and the district was up "a few points from last year." "I'm very satisfied and happy," said Browning. "I think we're making a difference all around for all kids." Browning said she expects the district to do even better next year.

-learned that enrollment as of Oct. 16 was 149 students-16 in kindergarten through grade five; 38 in grades six through eight; and 51 in grades nine through 12.

-learned that the school's walkie-talkie radios were insufficient and four to five new higher quality radios will be purchased which can be incorporated into the school's "lockdown" procedures and used in the event the office does not have a phone or personnel to initiate a lockdown event.

-new double doors have arrived to replace those damaged earlier and will be installed by Mark Bruno; the kitchen walk-in cooler control unit has been replaced with a cost estimate of \$1,500; a new popcorn machine has been purchased and wired in the cafeteria; and a new sander has been installed in the shop.

-the shop class has received a joint grant from the Ione Education Foundation and Jordan Elevator Company to purchase shop tools.

-the Ione Education Foundation has awarded a grant to the school for \$3500 to fund the CAMP 5 program on Fridays. The program offers "fun, educational and interesting" activities for students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade on Fridays when

school is not in session.

-received Oregon Department of Education Title I-A budget as follows: \$9261 for an instructional aide to provide targeted instruction to targeted students; \$4200 for a summer school teacher's salary for targeted students; \$350 as a set-aside for homeless students as required by state; and \$2621 for an instructional aide for targeted instruction.

-heard a report from teacher Jim Raible on the dire situation concerning the state's student assessment requirements versus the federal requirements. Raible said the federal officials say that the Oregon testing standards are not sufficient and the system must be overhauled immediately to be brought in line with federal requirements. According to Raible, federal officials told the Oregon Department of Education that there will be no more targeting down, which would affect special education students who were previously tested at a lower level; no more targeting up for advanced students, who must now be tested at their own grade levels; other modifications do not count and there will be no more juried assessments. Currently, most Oregon schools that receive acceptable scores by Oregon standards do not meet stricter federal criteria. However, the state has not yet determined new testing criteria and it may take months to do so. In the meantime, schools and students are in limbo until new standards can be established and standards will be retroactive. He also said that previous passing

test results cannot be used.

-approved joint athletic programs with Heppner High School for golf, baseball and softball and with Arlington High School for tennis.

-approved the second reading and adopted a policy on personnel.

-approved the second reading and adopted policies on wellness, nutrition and food services and health education to enable the district to receive free and reduced lunch funding.

-passed resolutions opposing upcoming ballot measures 48 and 41 and urging parents, students, staff and community members to actively oppose these measures.

According to an estimated impact statement, if Ballot Measure 48 (which institutes a population-plus-inflation constitutional spending cap on most services funded by the state general fund) passes, the Ione School District could lose up to \$219,022 for the 2005-07 biennium and from \$192,739-\$438,044 for the 2007-09 biennium. According to the estimates, the state could lose up to \$2.5 billion for 05-07 and between \$2.2 billion to \$4.9 billion for 07-09; the general fund would lose up to \$1 billion for 05-07 and \$880 million to \$2 billion for 07-09; the state school fund could lose \$460 million for 05-07 and from \$404.8 million to \$920 million for 07-09.

According to the impact statement, if Ballot Measure 41 (a state tax break for most individuals by reducing the amount of gross income used to calculate taxes) passes, ISD could lose \$178,503 for 07-09. The state general fund could lose \$815 million and the state school fund could lose \$374.9 million.

-learned that handrails for the gym bleachers were built by Dick Allen and Ron Haguwood, which brings the bleachers up to code.

-honored Joe McElligott with a plaque for his service as board chair from 2003-06.

-toured the school shop, led by teacher Tom Shear, and viewed a garden shed built entirely by his students, including planter boxes, shelves, doors and even hinges.

-heard a power-point presentation on a field trip by wildlife management and natural resources classes.

At the work session held prior to the meeting, the board-

-heard from Robinson and Browning about reducing the amount of instructional time lost during basketball season for Tuesday contests. They said

they will look into acquiring two additional referees for the five home contests so that both JV games can run at the same time and begin at the end of the school day. The Tuesday away contests will be only for the varsity teams, allowing the students to finish the school day before leaving.

-looked at a proposal from Jim Swanson and Joel Barnett to replace aging valves in the pool chamber. The building committee of

Joe McElligott and Gregg Rietmann will assist Barnett in replacing the valves which will be paid by the Ione Pool account, monitored by Swanson.

-postponed action on the 2006-07 goals and bring revised detailed goals to the next meeting on Nov. 20.

-heard the following announcement: Oregon School Board Association annual conference Nov. 10-12, Portland; next board meeting, Monday, Nov. 20.

## County hands out \$132,839 to local groups

The Morrow County Court earlier this month awarded over \$132,000 of "tippage fee" money to local groups, organizations and governments.

The money comes each year from fees received by the county for every ton of garbage dumped at the Finley Buttes Landfill.

The county uses much of the money in the county budget, but awards a certain amount for projects throughout the county.

Various groups submit applications each year for the money and a citizen's group prioritizes the projects for the county court.

Following is a list of the projects and amounts selected this year.


<b>City of Lexington</b> Alarm System for Current Well	\$7,000
<b>City of Ione</b> Sidewalk for Flood Control	14,000
<b>City of Irrigon</b> SE Thirteenth Street and SE Idaho Ave	16,000
<b>City of Boardman</b> Four Basketball Courts at City Park	12,500
<b>Heppner Little League</b> Softball Field Concessions Building	5,000
<b>Heppner Day Care &amp; Preschool</b> Curriculum Expansion & Program Improvements Including Supplies and Equipment	4,911
<b>Irrigon Community Park and Recreation District</b> Irrigon Youth Sports Complex	13,000
<b>Boardman Community Development Association</b> City Entrance Beautification Project	8,500
<b>Morrow County Sheriff's Office</b> Dive/Rescue Team	6,500
<b>Inland Development Corporation</b> Morrow County Telemedicine/Distance Learning	8,800
<b>Creative Care Preschool</b> Equipment	1,000
<b>Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living</b> Required Extension of Fire Protection Sprinklers	2,100
<b>Heppner Little League</b> Minor Field Concessions Building	5,000
<b>City of Irrigon</b> Relocation of Recycle Bins	7,200
<b>Ione Community Agricultural and Business Organization</b> Ione Park Project	2,800
<b>North Morrow Community Foundation</b> Boardman Historic Relocation Documentary Project Expansion	1,528
<b>Holly Rebekah/IOOF</b> Upkeep and Remodel of IOOF Hall/Community Hall	5,000
<b>City of Irrigon</b> High Way 730 Green Way Project	10,000
<b>City of Heppner</b> Radios	2,000

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**A Small business owner working to create jobs:**  
After 20 years as a small business owner, Greg knows the challenges rural communities face in creating jobs. That's why he's supported incentives to revitalize the economy, stood up for Oregon resource-based jobs, and strongly advocated for farmers and ranchers throughout eastern, central, and southern Oregon.

**A father and husband who cares about quality education:**  
As the parents of a 16-year-old in an Oregon public school, Greg and his wife understand the importance of providing our children the best education possible.



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