

Ione school board

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student enrollment is 150 with 61 students in grades kindergarten through five, 38 in grades six through eight and 51 in grades nine through 12, which is also the projected enrollment for next year. Since the November enrollment report, three students enrolled, five withdrew and two more enrolled.

-heard a brief report on the proposed weight room, which will be built with donations and grants. Board member Joe McElligott said that size of the weight room will be limited if it is built on the old wading pool site. Preliminary plans and cost estimates are still pending.

-learned from Browning that a maintenance worker set off a fire alarm in the elementary school November 30 and elementary and high school students were evacuated. She noted, however, a delay from the time the alarm went off in the elementary school to when it went off at the high school, which prompted a suggestion to have the two alarms connected.

-approved an amendment to policy on special academic recognition so that courses taken at another institution will be weighted along with courses taken at the Ione School District, unless those courses were graded pass/fail.

-learned from Browning that the city of Ione will not raise the district's water rates from \$35 to \$40 per month, voting instead to maintain current water rates for non-profit organizations.

-learned that the football field was driven on during Thanksgiving break and the sports storage container was broken into. The district has since locked the Cherry Street access gate. The case is under investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

-learned that the district is still awaiting locks to arrive for the new entry doors. Six extra doors delivered have been returned and the bill adjusted to reflect the four that had been ordered.

-heard a reminder to listen to local radio and television stations, check the school's website, www.ione.k12.or.us, or dial the school's regular number, 422-7131, and then dial one for school closure or delay

information.

-learned that teacher Erin Heideman received a \$1,300 grant from the Lone Education Foundation to take the seventh and eighth grade students to Portland for an overnight field trip. The students will spend one day in private labs at OMSI and another at the OHSU Primate Center.

-learned that the OSU research division is creating a program where local students assist with research. OSU would provide instruction and students would collect, sort and classify insects according to research needs.

-learned that the sixth grade class is selling poinsettias grown in the school greenhouse for \$15 per pot with two plants in each pot.

-learned that the Site Council discussed preliminary graduation requirement survey results received so far. Online results will be available in January.

-learned from Browning that the number of unexcused student tardies has decreased from a high of 16-20 in September to zero from November 27 to December 11, due to attendance procedure revisions implemented this year. The Site Council was credited for working on the revisions.

-learned of numerous charitable projects undertaken by students and staff-elementary and high school students conducted a canned food drive, at the suggestion of a third grader; the Lady Cardinals basketball team is spearheading a mitten tree where people can donate gloves, hats and scarves for children; the Ione staff bought gifts for local families instead of holding a staff gathering and exchanging gifts among themselves; and six through eighth-grade students met at CAMP 5 (the district's Friday activity school) to create wreaths that will be included in the ICABO gift baskets distributed to local seniors.

-learned that teachers met to "brainstorm, prioritize and develop a plan" for the remaining in-service days. They specifically addressed the need for teachers to learn Spanish as approximately 12 percent of the ISD student population speaks Spanish as a first language.

MCCCCF looking for new membership

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families (MCCCCF) is currently seeking application for vacant positions on the Commission. The MCCCCF works with communities and organization to improve the health and welfare of children and their families. It conducts local planning and serves as a policy advisor to the Morrow County Court Commissioner's on a range of children's issues. The Commission also promotes citizen involvement, volunteerism, public and private partnerships and local decision making within communities.

With the decrease in state funding for children and families programs it becomes even more important that local citizens take an active part in deciding how these scarce funds can be used to make the greatest impact on our communities. Individuals who have a


strong interest in and knowledge of child and family issues and who are willing to assist in engaging communities to work together to enhance the lives of children and families are encouraged to apply. Regular attendance at a monthly evening meeting and occasional separate specialized workgroups meetings are expected.

Interested Morrow County residents should contact the MCCCCF at 541-676-9675 for an application. Qualified applicants will be recommended for membership by the MCCCCF and the Morrow County Court Commissioners will make final appointments.

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