

Schools install district attendance rules

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non-resident district; -students whose parents move from the district during a school year; -students whose parents are employed within the non-resident district, and where "before and after school" care and supervision would create a hardship. The initial revised policy included the following addition: "The superintendent's decision or attendance variance request for other reasons may be appealed to the board. Appeals should be directed to the superintendent's office and will be acted upon at the next regular school board meeting after their receipt." After some discussion and concerns raised by board member Bill Kuhn and Craig Miles, the board added a section whereby the superintendent is required to report to the board the variances he approves. "We won't even see it unless it's appealed," said Miles, prior to the addition. "I remain confused on variances," added Kuhn.

"I haven't seen anybody meet them (the standards)," said Miles, prior to the addition. "I see this as being arbitrary." At the meeting, the board heard a variance request from grandparents of a girl living within the Morrow County School District who had been attending school in Hermiston. The grandparents said that they requested the variance because their granddaughter was a talented athlete and the Morrow County Schools did not provide the coaching and athletic advantages, and subsequent possible athletic scholarship opportunities that the Hermiston school did. They also said that she had been attending the Hermiston school for three years and cited family hardships as contributing factors. While the request did not meet current criteria, Burrows told the board that it met the criteria three years ago. The board approved the requested variance and four others on the consent agenda.

Also at the meeting the board adopted a revised district honors diploma as follows:

- language arts-four credits, one credit must be advanced/honors/college level;
 - science-three credits, one credit must be advanced science-physics/chemistry/ad. life science/AP;
 - math-three credits, one credit must be at or above algebra III/pre-calculus level;
 - social science-four credits, one must be advanced area-law, psychology/AP;
 - health-one;
 - career education-one;
 - foreign language-two, two credits study of the same language;
 - technology-one, PTE/business/ag. Science/computers;
 - electives-six for Riverside and Irrigon junior/senior high schools for 26 total credits;
 - electives-eight for Heppner Junior/Senior High School for 30 total credits (eight-period day).
 - grade point average of 3.5 or 3.25 and 1650 SAT or 23 ACT score.
 - other requirements: students must earn a state issued CIM (reading, writing, mathematics and science); receive no D or F on transcript; pass 11th-grade benchmarks and complete all work samples; additional requirements.
- "Honors diploma criteria will be published in all junior/senior high school stu-

dent handbooks and other pertinent school materials. Students interested in attaining an honors diploma must begin planning with their guidance counselors, class advisors and parents/guardians early on in their high school careers to insure (sic) GPA and credit requirements are being met."

In other business, the board: -approved 2010-11 board goals and reviewed the district strategies to achieve the goals.

-accepted the following resignations/retirements: David Norton, Heppner Elementary School/Heppner High School counselor; Ben Bonser, Riverside High School English language learner program; Kristen Caldwell, RHS language arts; Veronica Cortez, RHS advanced math.

-approved the following employment: Joni Hawthorne, Irrigon Elementary School special ed; Kaira Rysdam, A.C. Houghton Elementary School third

grade; Ricky Fay, Irrigon Junior/Senior High School; Matt Wells, IJSHS temporary social studies/business teacher for teacher on military leave; Joselyn Piper, RHS special ed; Robin Stalcup, RHS science; Laura Owens, RHS Spanish; Tyler Barrie, RHS advanced math; Gerald Turner, RHS basic math; Robert Gruber, Windy River Elementary School/Sam Boardman Elementary School PE; Jennifer Cornelius, WRE; Kelli LaBrumboise, WRE.

-heard from Burrows about a possible \$117 million federal jobs bill that could mean about \$400 thousand for the district. However, added Burrows, "We've yet to see a federal program without strings attached. Burrows told the board however, that "Schools are going to continue to struggle financially." At the last meeting -learned from Burrows that the Morrow County Grain Growers is initiating a new program whereby MCGG would donate \$1 to the schools in the community when they make a propane fill stop in that community.

City to expand search for interested contractors on upstairs project

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of the city hall building at that time, Buschke said.

In other business at the Monday meeting the council heard that the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton is interested in placing a monument at Heritage Plaza park in Heppner. The Institute was invited by DeMayo to place a statue on an empty cement pad in the park.

"We do intend to take action on your kind offer as Heppner area continues to be an important cultural area to our tribes," Susan Sheoships of Tamastlikt wrote in an email to the city.

When asked what kind of statue would be placed there, DeMayo said he did not know at this time.

The council was presented with various costs of placing an advertisement in the Oregonian

Newspaper advertising the livability of Heppner. The ad costs ranged from \$541 for a two column by three inch ad, to \$3,002 for a five column by seven inch ad. The council took no action, but decided to think about it for another month.

The council also received the following police report for the month of July:

-Three driving complaints were received, all minor with no property damage.

-Three fireworks complaints, deputies responded, no property damage or injuries.

-One dispute was reported, deputy responded, no injuries.

-One fraud/forgery reported, attempted fraud by mail.

-One threat reported, a frustrated citizen made veiled threats and was contacted by a deputy and advised comments were inappropriate.

-One trespass in progress reported, a deputy responded and learned that the subject was allowed at the residence.

-Two harassment reports were made, one was by telephone and caller was advised to stop, one harassment call resulted in a subject being arrested for harassment and lodged at Umatilla Co. Jail.

-Four missing juvenile calls were reported, all found okay.

-There were seven traffic stops resulting in five traffic citations being issued and two traffic warnings issued.

-There were 19 animal complaints in July.

-One barking dog, two animal neglect/abuse complaints, five dogs at large and 12 general animal complaints, six animal lost reports and two animal found reports.

-One burglary incident with the theft of prescription drugs.

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Property Location

\$225,000

Diner and Bakery Located in Heppner, Oregon. Operating diner and bakery business with attached 3 bedroom home in the back. Includes all equipment to operate and run the business. Real property included. Including separate lot w/ large shop

\$65,000

Spick & Span in Heppner. Cute 2 bedroom 1 bath home in Heppner. See pride of ownership in this newly remodeled home. New carpeting, linoleum, lighting and much more. Don't spend your time fixing things up, spend your time enjoying your home. Efficient to heat and easy to care for. Stop renting and start owning. Call today and have a look inside.

\$45,000

Sale Pending

Two homes for the price of one. These two fixers are ready for the handy man to turn into lots of living space. The big house in front has 4 bedroom 2 bath and the back house has 2 bedroom 1 bath. Both need lots of work but the price is right. Have your own home and a rental, two rentals, or a place for the mother in law to live out back. The possibilities are there. Owner will carry contract.

Price Reduced

\$210,000

Beautiful home overlooking Willow Creek Lake. Impressive 3 bedroom 2 bath home set on hill overlooking Willow Creek Lake. Entertain guests in front of the fireplace in the Great Room just off of the dining room and kitchen. Lots of extras including diamond premier cabinets, lazy susan turntables, tile look laminated flooring and under cabinet lighting. Enjoy the recessed can light throughout the home with 9 foot ceilings. There is a two-car garage, underground sprinklers and an immaculate kept yard. Washer, Dryer & Refrigerator included.

\$260,000

Reduced Price

Top of the world view Or at least top of the town. Great view of Heppner from the exciting 4 bedroom 2.1 bath home on the hill overlooking the fairgrounds. Visit with friends and family while preparing meals in your beautiful open kitchen. Enjoy the expansive carpeted living room in this one of a kind home. Must see to fully appreciate, call for an appointment today.

\$160,000

3 bedroom 1 bath on 1.6 acres in Lexington. You'll enjoy this cozy 3 bedroom home snuggled beneath pine trees on 1.6 acres inside the city limits. Has a barn for horses and a large shop with cement floor. Comes with 2 tons hay and 2 cord of firewood. New siding and windows. 1.6 acres fenced for animals. Seller says will pump septic before moving. Refrigerator, washer & Dryer, freezer included.

\$72,500

Three bedroom one bath home in Lexington. 1520 square foot home built in 1946. Good roof and foundation. Wood stove and propane heat. Aluminum siding.

\$120,000

3 Bedroom 2 bath near downtown This two story home is close to grade school and has fenced back yard. Central A/C and Electric F/A. Carpet, laundry room and large family room downstairs. Dishwasher refrigerator and stove included.

\$410,000

Price Reduced

Highway frontage Commercial Property with rental income in Power City, Oregon 4.52 acres of commercial highway frontage property in Power City between Hermiston and Umatilla, Oregon. Several businesses providing rental income. Includes bare land and 62 acres of residential zoned property. Owner will carry contract. Call me for financial details and potential for this property. **Make an offer, price reduced motivated seller.**

\$45,000

Three Bedroom 2 bath in Fossil This fixer upper is priced right. 1220 square foot home with a small shop building. Do some work and have a nice little place to live or rent out.

Major Price Reduction!

\$96,000

160 acres with home site - Heppner 160 acres of rolling native grasses -deer, chukars, quail, 4 LOP tags, 3 miles to town, level home site with power and DEQ approved, fully fenced and separate pasture with small horse corral and year round spring, raise 1-10 animals year round and drive your golf cart to Willow Creek County Club. Good view of the valley. School bus runs on county road through the property. Owner will consider carrying contract. Call for details.

Reduced Price!

\$130,000

This nice 2007 Marlatt home is in excellent condition. Everything was done right when this home was put in. It has a deck, cyclone fenced yard and a 18 X 31 garage. Ceiling fans, along with the energy package will keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There is a den/office, living room and lots of extras. Must see inside this one. Call and schedule an appointment today.

\$15,000

City building lot 2 adjoining city lots make up 10,250 sq ft. Overlooks town on Chase Street. City water, sewer and power all there. Owner will carry contract.

\$116,000

3 Bedroom 2 bath home in Lexington This home has metal roof, cement foundation & propane F/A. 128 X 121.66 lot. 2465 sq ft home has full basement and large fenced yard with apple, nectarine and cherry trees. Garage.

\$89,500

2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop has been completely rewired.

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\$59,000

4 bedroom home in Heppner This large older Victorian home has a new furnace and a new deck. Large living room and lots of quaint features like old style hand railings, dormers and indoor transoms. Call me for an appointment to look at this unique home.

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