

SCHOOL BOARD

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like to see MCSD establish an education foundation. Finance director Andy Fletcher said he would research the feasibility of establishing such an organization and report back to the board. The Lone School District has such an organization, the Lone Education Foundation, which spearheads fundraising and charitable donations to the Lone schools, often funding particular items or educational programs.

-learned from Dirksen that the district has received a \$140,000 "Gear Up" grant each year for seven years, beginning this year. The grant, designed to assist students in "gearing up" for college, was based

on the number of students who qualify for "free and reduced" lunches, so would apply only to north end schools, not Heppner High School, which does not have enough students who qualify for the reduced rates.

-learned from Apple of the first school district training day on the Eastern Promise program November 4 at Eastern Oregon University. The Eastern Promise program, created by Mark Mulvihill, InterMountain ESD superintendent, was designed to better coordinate education from kindergarten through the college level and would allow high school students to earn college credits while still in high school. Eastern Oregon school districts,

including MCSD and ISD, Blue Mountain Community College, Treasure Valley Community College and Eastern Oregon University are participants. Dirksen indicated MCSD's support of the pilot program.

-heard from parent Leonardo Martinez, who indicated his appreciation to the board for the district going forward in teaching English to Spanish-speaking students.

-learned from Dirksen that a Title 9 complaint against Oregon schools, including MCSD, has been dropped. Title 9 is the federal regulation mandating equal opportunities for girls and boys.

-received the following enrollment report as of October 3: A.C. Hough-

ton Elementary School, Irrigon-274; Irrigon High School-347; Heppner Elementary School-184; Heppner High School-188; Irrigon Elementary School-213; Riverside High School, Boardman-419; Sam Boardman Elementary-308; Windy River Elementary School, Boardman-205; Morrow Education Center-MCSD students-38; MEC-other students-10; total-2186.

-approved the following employment action: extra duty resignations-Breana Tolar, Irrigon Junior High School assistant volleyball coach; employment-Jessica Lentz, HHS special education assistant, Marissa Turner, Irrigon Junior/Senior High School special ed teacher, George Shimer,

IJSHS Spanish teacher; extra duty contracts-Betsy Shane, RHS Talented and Gifted program coordinator, Kristi Richmond, IJH assistant volleyball coach, Norma Ayala, RHS assistant girls' soccer coach.

-approved modifying 2011-12 appropriations as follows: General Fund-decreasing instruction by \$264,121 to \$12,780,122, decreasing support services by \$279,378 to \$7,335,446, increasing transfers by \$63,500 for a decrease in the general fund total of \$229,999 to \$21,554,068; Special Revenue Funds-increasing instruction by \$399,911 to \$2,609,335, decreasing support services by \$1,529,564 to \$1,315,580, increasing enterprise and community by \$619,035 to

\$1,178,490 for a decrease in the special revenue funds total of \$510,618 to \$5,103,405; Debt Service-increasing the debt service by \$510,617 to \$2,345,830 for an increase of the debt service total of \$510,617 to \$2,699,830; Capital outlay and increase of \$230,000 for a capital outlay total of \$230,000; Total Appropriations, All Funds-a decrease of \$604,000 for a total of \$28,983,303; Total Unappropriated Amounts a \$604,000 increase to \$604,000; Total Adopted Budget remains at \$29,587,303.

-rescinded previous policy on attendance boundaries, transfer and eligibility, and approved the second reading and adopted policy on transfers, transportation boundaries and eligibility. The new policy: states that students may attend any school in the Morrow County School District where their parents or guardians reside; sets up legal transportation boundaries; states that students may be assigned to a school other than the one where their parents or guardians reside, with a one time written application submitted to the superintendent for a transfer prior to the first student day and then annually with an application; students may also be permitted to transfer to another district school subject to applicable provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

-accepted the first reading on policies on attendance and student absences and excuses.

-heard the following announcements: Oct. 27-end of the first nine weeks; Nov. 10-13-Oregon School Board Association fall convention, Portland Marriott; Nov. 11-Veteran's Day holiday; November 14-next board meeting, Morrow Education Center, Irrigon, 7 p.m.

-held an executive session concerning negotiations.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office has released the following report:

-Angela Marie Currin, 39, was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony, based on a plea of guilty. The defendant was sentenced to 18 months formal probation and a drug package, with treatment to be provided by Morrow County Behavioral Health. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$208.

-Darwin David Smith, 24, was convicted of one count of contempt of court - punitive. The court waived 150 days of the 180 days of incarceration; the defendant was sentenced to 30 days jail time and two years bench probation.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

September 29: -Hank Brandon Moore, 33, of Irrigon and Trena Marie Day, 32, of Irrigon.

October 3: -Saul Llamas, 26, of Boardman and Kindra Sherry Leigh Johnson, 27, of Boardman.

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