

IONE SCHOOL BOARD

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report card and surpassed schools statewide. The district met the federal adequate yearly progress rating.

In reading for grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight and 11, 85 percent of Ione students met or exceeded standards, compared to 86 percent for comparison schools, 85 percent for district schools and 82 percent for schools in the state. In mathematics for grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight and 11, 72 percent of Ione students met or exceeded standards, compared to 69 percent for comparison schools, 72 percent for district schools and 64 percent for schools in the state.

In science for grades five, eight and 11, Ione had 76 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards, compared to 79 percent for comparison schools, 76 percent for district schools and 73 percent for schools in the state.

In writing for grades four, seven and 11, Ione had 55 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards, compared to 59 percent for comparison schools, 55 for district schools and 54 percent for schools statewide.

In terms of SAT scores, however, Ione lagged behind the state and the nation, with students scoring 460 in critical reading, compared to 520 statewide and 497 in the nation; 479 in math, compared to

521 statewide and 514 in the nation; 467 in writing, compared to 499 statewide and 489 nationwide. The board discussed the disparity between results of the OAKS (Oregon) testing and the SATs.

"Our goal is to be outstanding," said Archer. "We're not there and we want to know why." The board also discussed teaching to proficiencies. "If a kid can't pass some of the proficiencies by the third grade, should they go on to the fourth grade?" he asked.

-heard from Superintendent Mark Mulvihill, IMESD, that the Eastern Promise plan to offer college level classes in biology, math and the fundamentals of speech will be implemented soon. Through the Eastern Promise plan, high school students can obtain college credits while still in high school.

-heard an update on the English Language Learner program, which, said Archer, involves not just English as a second language children, but also children having a low economic status. It was noted that children whose parents have perhaps just barely graduated from high school have an estimated vocabulary of around 3,500 words when they enter school, compared to children whose parents have both graduated from college, who have an estimated vocabulary of around 13,500 words when they enter school.

-learned that the Rietmann Building, which had been used as a fitness room, is now padlocked because of insurance liability issues. The owner of the building has agreed to lower the rent charged the district since the building is not usable.

-approved a contract with IMESD for business, human resources, board services contracts, superintendent services contract and special education services with a \$500 increase over the previous year in business services.

-approved the 2011-14 district goals as follows: Ione School District students will annually perform above the state averages on all Oregon assessments; ISD will increase the number of high school students who are college and career ready through participation in the Eastern Promise; and ISD will implement proficiency-based education.

-approved policy on student absences and excuses, with students excused: if the student is ill; if an immediate family member is ill when the student's presence at home is necessary; in emergency situations that require the student's absence; for field trips and school-approved activities; for medical (dental) appointments (confirmation may be required); other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made. The school will notify parents by the end of the school if their child has an unplanned absence. Truant students may be subject to detention, suspension, expulsion and ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities.

-learned that the boiler and HVAC equipment has been delivered and will be installed; learned that a new solar system will heat the pool. Archer told the board that he has learned that in this area the solar heating system is expected to be more than sufficient for the pool, even when the weather is not sunny. But he added that the hot water heaters will not be removed and will serve as a backup system if necessary.

-heard the September financial report as follows: the district received \$128,351 in basic school support, \$60,435 in state "subaccount" money, which is part of an additional \$125 million in state school funding for the 2011-12 school year for "increasing educational opportunities and school days"; and \$587 in property taxes.

-learned of a supplemental budget to be submitted in November with adjustments as follows: increase food service budget from \$91,154 to \$105,000; increase Ione Pool budget from \$21,000 to \$30,000; and increase student body fund from \$72,000 to \$105,000.

-heard the following upcoming meetings and conferences: Oregon School Board Association annual conference Nov. 10-13, Portland; next school board meeting Nov. 22.

County Court news

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea

The Morrow County Court met on October 12, 2011 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of Oct. 5, 2011. The court also reviewed and approved account payables, retirement taxes and payroll APs in the net amount of \$120,099.12.

Public Hearing Continuation: LUBA Final Opinion and Order: Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.: The court reviewed a letter from Love's dated 9/21/2011, a letter from Devin's attorney dated 9/28/2011 and a letter from Love's dated 10/5/2011. After reviewing this and prior information, the court's decision was to allow Love's to site their facility near the Tower Road I-84 interchange and required Love's to install a left turn lane for traffic safety. The Ordinance will be presented to the court in the next few weeks.

Planning Dept.: Planning Director Carla McLane reported that the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that was adopted in December 2006 is scheduled for its five-year update. McLane stated that she has been keeping notes on items that have been brought to her attention that need to be included in the update. McLane stated that she will return to the court with recommendations for the steering committee members.

After the update has been completed and approved, McLane hopes each of the communities will also adopt the plan. This would create continuity throughout the county.

Justice Court: Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer reported to the court how the payment structure will be changing on Jan. 1, 2012. The state will be receiving the first \$60 from citations, then restitution is paid and then finally payments will come to the county. In addition to this, if it is a State citation, the State will get one half of the fee paid before the County will receive any compensation. After hearing from Spicer that she was experiencing great difficulty in obtaining court appointed attorneys, the court authorized an increase in fees paid to \$60 per hour. Other fees were reviewed and Spicer was advised that fees are changed twice a year and that would be the time to bring the matter to the court's attention.

Veteran's Quarterly Update: Veteran's Service Officer Linda Skendzel presented the court with the 1st quarter report as follows: 42 in-office interviews, five out-of-office interviews, filed 13 new applications, recovered \$18,545 and reported that there are currently 177 open files for veterans.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and approved the following transfers for CSEPP: Video display system currently located at the Hermiston Fire Dept.

Incident Command Post to the Center; The Morrow Co. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the CSEPP Safe Room located in Heppner and Irrigon respectively to Morrow Co.; Video display system currently located in the Hazard Analyst office at the Depot; The EOC Building UPS, the EOC Media Wall, the Projectors for the Media Wall and a Kohler Generator all located in Heppner and a Generac Generator located in Irrigon to Morrow Co.; The vehicle bay expansion and generator at the Irrigon Fire Hall to Irrigon; Surplus radio equipment transferred to the Umatilla/Morrow Emergency Service Radio Operators volunteer organization; The AP2C chemical monitoring equipment will be transferred to the Oregon State Police-Oregon Office of the Fire Marshal. The court reviewed a proposed letter that will be sent to the county residents that are in possession of the Tone Alert Radios. Reviewed and approved an Emergency Shelter Grant Program Work Plan managed by CAPECO for Tony's House (shelter for female teens), Domestic Violence Services and Prevention and essential services for homeless or at risk households in the net amount of \$31,186.

Reviewed misc. correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes, please contact Karen Wolff at 541-676-5620.

Boardman offers new home development incentive

At Tuesday's council meeting, the Boardman city council discussed Resolution 17-2011, a resolution that offers a development incentive in an effort to encourage new homes to be built in Boardman.

The resolution encourages new development by waiving the city's sewer and water system development charges (SDCs), up to \$10,000, to property owners developing residential property within the city limits, a cost of about \$2,500 per unit. The property owner must sign a promissory note with the

city stating they will pay the SDCs if the project does not obtain a Certificate of Occupancy within one year of the purchase of the building permit. If the Certificate of Occupancy is issued within the time limit, the City will provide a SDC waiver letter, which will benefit the property owner in their financing efforts.

This incentive is one of two incentives the council has passed in recent months. The other resolution offers new homeowners a credit of \$100 on their water/sewer bills. Both of these incentives are effective July 1, 2011 through July 1, 2012.

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In other city news, the council heard an update from Riverside Jr/Sr High School's new Principal, Robert Elizondo, and Assistant Principal Marie Shimer. The council also passed a resolution supporting a grant application to the State of Oregon for the South Main Street Enhancement Project.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1 at Boardman City Hall Council Chambers.

Morrow SWCD board meets

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) board will meet Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner. The regular meeting agenda includes the October 4 meeting/treasurer's report, 2011-2012 fiscal year first quarter report, written staff report, ODA first quarter report and partnership reports.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or

for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48

hours before the meeting to Janet Greenup, 541-676-5452 X109.

The Heppner Jr/Sr high school wrestling team is collecting batteries for an ongoing team fundraiser. Auto, tractor, RV, and four wheeler batteries will be accepted. Please bring your batteries to the South end Transfer station free of charge located at 57185 Hwy 74, Lexington, OR. For further information or if you need batteries picked up, call Mark Lemmon at (541)215-9248.

Heppner Family Foods now has gift certificate cards... Now you can come in and load any amount onto your new gift card and give it as a gift or have your student come in and purchase groceries for you!! Make your life easier with our new grocery gift cards.



REMEMBER
Pharmacy Department Closed on Saturdays
Please pick up Rx's by Friday 6 pm or call to make arrangements.
Thank You!

WE HAVE HALLOWEEN ITEMS!

-Candy -Costumes
-Make-up -Fall decor

Wedding Tables

Robert Whalen & Elizabeth Titus

Erik Patton & Lisa Speeler

Jaci Hughes & Adrian Drigen

Wednesday, November 9th Saturday, November 12th Wednesday, November 23rd



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