

MCSO BUDGET

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possible reworking of the burgeoning Public Employees Retirement System is a critical portion of the budget.

Dirksen said that the district is continuing to work toward Governor Kitzhaber's education targets: district achievement compacts, making sure kids meet state benchmarks, developing a plan for pre-kindergarten education, which aligns with Kitzhaber's new pre-K through age 20 education plan, and Eastern Promise, which allows for students to complete college courses while they are still attending high school.

Also at the meeting, the board and administration recognized outgoing MEC Director and lead teacher George Shimer, who has left the district to take a position with the Boardman Police Department. Shimer will be replaced by Randal Olsen.



George Shimer

Olsen, 28 has bachelor's and master's degrees in exercise sport science. He previously taught elementary PE at Windy River and Sam Boardman Elementary schools.

In other business, the board:

-learned that the district's Title III audit has been completed, submitted and approved.

-scheduled a work session and subsequent board meeting to begin working on the superintendent evaluation.

-heard a brief report on the DEQ's hearing on the Ambre Energy coal project.

-learned from finance director Andy Fletcher that

the boiler at Windy River Elementary has a crack in it and may have to be replaced, but it is still under evaluation.

-adopted the 2013-14 budget calendar as follows: March 23-budgets due from buildings and departments; April 17-publication of notice of budget meeting (posted on MCSO website); May 3-distribute budget document to committee; May 6-first budget meeting-budget message; May 13-regular board meeting, second budget meeting if needed, with additional meeting dates to be set by committee if needed;



Randal Olsen

May 20-deadline for budget approval; May 31-publication of notice of budget hearing; June 10-budget hearing-adopt budget and make appropriations; June 10-regular board meeting; July 1-beginning of 2013-14 fiscal year; July 15-deadline to certify levy to assessor.

-approved the first reading of new/revised/rescinded policies on administrators' evaluations, superintendent's evaluation, student transportation services; use of district activity vehicles for student transportation, student conduct on school buses, criminal records checks and fingerprinting, staff evaluation, core teaching standards and assessment program.

-approved a cooperative sponsorship between Ione High School and Heppner High School for golf and tennis.

-received the follow-

ing enrollment report: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon-275; Sam Boardman Elementary, Boardman-347; Heppner Elementary-173; Irrigon Elementary-203; Windy River Elementary, Boardman-204; Heppner Junior/Senior High School-175; Irrigon Junior/Senior High School-362; Riverside Junior/Senior High School, Boardman-388; Morrow Education Center (M.C. School District)-54; total-2,181.

-approved the following employment action: employment/promotions for Michael Cates, Sam Board-

man Elementary/Windy River Elementary PE teacher, replacing Randal Olsen; transfer for Randal Olsen to Morrow Education Center, replacing George Shimer; extra duty contracts for TJ Burnett, Irrigon Junior High assistant boys' basketball coach, and Chris Rauch, Riverside High School assistant boys' basketball coach.

-adopted a resolution accepting and appropriating \$5,000 for Riverside High School donated from the Oregon Community Foundation to further the auditorium technology at RHS. The grant was written by teacher Rick Drake.

-held an executive session concerning negotiations.

-heard the following announcements: Finals week-December 10-13; Christmas break-Monday, December 17 through Tuesday, January 1; school resumes-Wednesday, January 2; next board meeting-Monday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Heppner grad part of 100-year naval service celebration

A Heppner graduate got the chance to be a part of a historic event this summer.

Kevin Scott, a 1994 Heppner high School graduate, and his wife, Jennifer, were invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in Washington, DC earlier this year.



Kevin and Jennifer Scott

The Navy Dental Corps centennial gala at the National Building Museum concluded a four-day celebration of 100 years of Navy dentistry. The event included a video greeting from the American Dental Association (ADA) and a U.S. Senate resolution, S. Res. 544, commemorating the occasion.

"The Navy Dental Corps has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the dental profession," said ADA president William R. Calnon in the video, viewed by more than 200 participants at the Aug. 22 event. "During your century of service to the United States, you have served as advocates for the oral health of Navy personnel and their families. You have contributed to organized dentistry on an ongoing basis."

S. Res. 544, approved unanimously by the U.S. Senate, was offered by Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va.

and cosponsored by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okl. The ADA was the prime mover of the resolution with the assistance of the West Virginia Dental Association.

Congress passed an act on Aug. 22, 1912 recognizing Navy dentistry as a distinct branch among naval medical professions. Since then, the dental corps has provided routine and emergency dental care during peacetime and war, participating in the "spectrum of military combat, peace-keeping, and humanitarian operations and exercises," according to the resolution.

The Senate, through the resolution, congratulated the corps on its 100th

anniversary, commended the corps for working to "sustain dental readiness" for the military and recognized the thousands of dentists who have served in the corps over the past 100 years.

Scott was commissioned as a lieutenant into the Naval Dental Corps in August 2011 and completed basic training at officer training command at Newport, RI.

Serving as a reservist allows him to continue to live and maintain a dental practice in southwest Montana and travel monthly to provide dental support to Marines and Sailors all over the United States.

COAL TERMINAL

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the project far outnumbered those opposed and included elected officials from Hermiston, Heppner, Boardman, and Umatilla and Morrow counties. Many of the Port of Morrow commissioners spoke in favor of the project, saying it would add up to 35 good jobs and give needed tax money to Morrow County and the schools. Ambre has pledged 10 cents per ton of all coal shipped will go to local schools, which could add up to more than \$800,000 per year once the project is at full capacity.

Opponents of the project say the coal will pollute the air even though the coal will be shipped and stored in covered containers. Nearly all the opponents urged the DEQ to expand its environmental impact study to include the entire shipping project from the mines to burning the coal in other countries.

The environmental activists were easy to recognize in the crowded room, as almost all wore red shirts. The significance of the red clothing was not explained, but many also wore large stickers saying "No Coal Exports." Proponents of the project wore lapel stickers

and baseball caps in support of the project. In order to keep the meeting orderly and quiet, ground rules established by the DEQ moderator required people to show their support for statements by raising their hands in the air and wiggling their fingers.

A physician from Hood River said coal dust would cause respiratory problems, especially among young children and those with existing medical conditions. Proponents of the project said Ambre Energy was committed to the most environmentally-safe coal-shipping system ever devised.

Opponents of the project also believe in man-made global warming, and that burning coal contributes to climate change. When asked who in the crowd believed in global warming, all those wearing red shirts raised their hands, while very few of the proponents of the project indicated they believed in the theory.

Three DEQ officials from Bend, who will write the rules on the project, insisted over and over that their authority only applied to the Boardman coal terminal and they had no regula-

tory authority over the rest of the project.

The DEQ had originally said Ambre would not need an air-quality permit but then, under public pressure, changed its mind and is requiring an air permit, a switch that did not set well with Umatilla County planning director Tamra Mabbott.

"In January you decided there were not enough emissions to issue a permit, but you received a lot of public input and changed your mind. We cannot do that in local government," she said. She accused the department of "moving the goal posts."

The meeting in Boardman was only an informational meeting and was one of three being held. Other meetings were held Dec. 5 at Clatskanie and Dec. 6 in Portland. In addition to an air discharge permit, DEQ is also requiring several wastewater discharge permits for the facility.

Those who did not have an opportunity to comment at the public meeting may send comments by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, to Air Quality Permit Writer Mark Fisher, 541-633-2022 or fisher.mark@deq.state.or.us.

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Ariona Looney, kindergarten; Kelly Doherty, first grade; Daralynn Teeman, second grade; Julie Teeman, third grade; Jordan Rollis-fourth grade; Wyatt Aleksa, fifth grade; and Renee Peterson, sixth grade.

Perfect Attendance



Makiyah Christian, Liam Heideman, Ariona Looney, Martin Medina, Madison Orem, Jerson Peralta, Corey Rice, Dylan Christian, Kelly Doherty, Karensa Jones, Cameron Proudfoot, Ethan Ramos-Lopez, Luis Ramos-Lopez, Lewkus Burreight, Sunem Calvillo, Carson Eynetich, Fernando Ramirez, Kalvin Rietmann, Bryce Rollins, Charles Smith, Daralynn Teeman, Morgan Alldritt, Blake Carter, Emily Ehrmantraut, Faviola Juarez Alvarez, Grace Ogden, Colt Parker, Taylor Rollins, Tom Rudolf, Julianna Teeman, Katelyn Thompson, Gary Walls, Tiffany Hollis, Eva Martin, Jessica Medina, Jordan Rollis, Wyatt Aleksa, Madison Alldritt, Megan Doherty, Elaina Ehrmantraut, Shaun Epperson, Jake Heideman, Mackenzie Heideman, Annabelle McDaniel, Matt Orem, Emma Rietmann, Jillian Rudolf, Gracie Crum, Lexie Garrett, Aaron Smythe, Susanna Teeman.



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| 3.0 DX Honda motor | 1981 GMC flatbed 4X4 |
| 6.5 Greyhound gas engine with pump. | 1990 Freightliner w/grain box |
| Hay elevator | 1975 Chevy flatbed truck |
| Pinball Machine (nice). | 700 Twin Polaris 6X6 |
| 3 saddles | 2400 Case hopper and drill |
| Troy-built rototiller | 1971 4X4 Ford F 250 |
| Collectors metal car signs | 1974 Ford F 250 flatbed |
| Lots of household items. | 20' Grain auger |
| 4 fuel tanks. | 200 gal fuel tank |
| Electric kiln w/50 doll molds | Parker Grain Buggy |
| Upright freezer | 1967 Chevy grain truck |
| Cherry picker | 1978 Ford 8000 w/box |
| Weaving loom | 1996 American 4 horse trailer |
| Cherry wood bedroom set (nice). | Triple deck mower |
| Craftsman 16 Dr. tool box | 2006 Goose neck trailer GBWR 6356 |
| Lincoln electric weld | Suzuki King Quad 4X4 |
| Hand tools | 1958 T-Bird |
| Wireless security home system | International Turbo Tractor w/ bucket |
| Craftsman 26 HP lawn mower | 1953 4 door Kaiser (street ready) |
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