

IONE SCHOOL BOARD

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Data compiled by IMESD concerning educational differences between the two districts shows the following:

-Special Education: Ione Community School has 18.2 percent of students qualifying for special education, compared to 14 percent of Boardman students, both above a 13.2 percent state average.
-English as a Second Language students: Ione-7.7 percent; Boardman-3.2 percent; state average-8.9 percent.
-Highly Qualified Teachers: Ione-96 percent; Boardman-99.3 percent; state average-98 percent.
-Attendance Rating: Ione-94.7 percent; Boardman-94.8 percent; state average-93.6 percent.
-School Report Card Rating: Ione-Outstanding; Boardman-Satisfactory.
-OAKS Reading (percent met or exceeded state testing benchmarks 2011-12): Ione-83 percent; Riverside High School, Boardman-71 percent; Windy River Elementary School, Boardman-60.1 percent; Sam Boardman Elementary School, Boardman-65.8 percent; state average-73 percent.
-OAKS Math (percent met or exceeded state testing benchmarks 2011-12): Ione-72 percent; RHS-63.4 percent, WRE-69.4 percent, SBE-71.4 percent; state average-64 percent.
-Sports Classification: Ione-1A; RHS-3A.
-Average Class Size: Ione-13; Boardman-15.
-Safe Schools (expulsions): Ione-0; Boardman-1.
-Graduation Rate: Four year rate: Ione-83 percent; Boardman-74.9 percent; Five year rate: Ione-89.2 percent; Boardman-80.9 percent; state average-68 percent.

At the meeting that followed, Mulvihill swore in newly-elected board members Bill Jepsen, Ann Morter and Lisa Rietmann, all former members of the board.

Jepsen was elected board chair and Rietmann vice chair for 2013-14.

Jepsen and board member Joe McElligott

were named to the Building and Grounds Committee, and Rietmann and board member Ann Morter were appointed to the Negotiations Committee.

The board also adopted a corrected \$4,068,697 budget for 2013-14 with \$2,596,328 in the general fund, \$736,832 in the special revenue fund, \$256,600 for debt service, \$136,991 for capital projects, \$5,600 for the entrepreneurial fund and \$327,346 in unappropriated and reserve amounts.

The board imposed a \$4.0342 per thousand of assessed valuation for their permanent tax rate and \$245,886 for debt service on general obligation bonds.

In other business, the board: -received the following financial update as of June 30: the district collected \$9,431 in property taxes, \$2,392 for Title II-A Teacher Quality; \$12,145-Food Program; \$76,696-Miscellaneous Grants (\$74,792 from the Ione Education Foundation for music teacher reimbursement); \$16,076 for REAP funds.

-received a report on the SIP (the Oregon Department of Energy Strategic Investment Program). SIP exempts real market value greater than \$25 million from property taxes for 15 years. The program includes a Community Service Fee (CSF) which equals 25 percent of the tax savings on the remainder of the project, over the \$25 million, and is capped at \$500 thousand annually. Morrow County gives the CSF to local service providers based on their property tax rate.

According to the report, the county allowed the taxing districts to weigh in on how the CFS money would be apportioned.

The Willow Creek and Shepherd's Flat wind energy projects qualified for tax credits with the SIP. The taxing districts within the SIP will receive property taxes on the first \$25 million in property value in addition to the CSF and grants or other sums negotiated with the investors.

What this means for the school district is that property taxes collected on the first \$25 million will be offset by the state school formula. However, the CSF, which is allocated to the Ione Community Agribusiness Organization (ICABO), will be available to the district through a grant process and will not be offset by the state school formula. The Wind Energy Grant will also not be included in the state school formula because it was given to the district as a grant.

-approved a resolution concerning a number of annual housekeeping issues.

-approved a resolution accepting the gift of a tractor from Greg Winebarger with an estimated value of \$1,200.

-heard from Mulvihill concerning the \$6.75 billion "historic" record amount for school funding approved by the state legislature. He also reported that IMESD received \$4 million in state funding for Eastern Promise. Mulvihill had been working closely with Governor Kitzhaber on the Eastern Promise plan that allows eastern Oregon high schools to offer students college credits for certain classes through Blue Mountain Community College, Eastern Oregon University and Treasure Valley Community College. He said that 700 students have received around 4,000 college credits through Eastern Promise.

-rescheduled a planned board and staff potluck to August 21 because of a scheduled school board meeting on August 20.

-heard a report on the status of the Ione pool from Ashley McCabe. He reported that despite no operational heating system, the pool has had good attendance. He said that installation of a heater is planned soon.

-heard the following upcoming meetings: August 20-August school board meeting; in-service August 20-22; November 14-17, Oregon School Board Association annual conference, Portland. Setting a date for a board retreat was postponed until the August meeting.



Newly-hired ISD Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson

Special Olympics golf scramble benefits local athletes

Echo Hills Golf Course in Echo will host the eighth annual Special Olympics Fundraising Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Door prizes and special events are a part of the four-person, 18-hole team scramble. All proceeds will

benefit the local Special Olympics Program.

Cost is \$120 per team and is partly tax deductible. The field is limited to 18 teams.

Registration forms are available at the Willow Creek Country Club clubhouse, at Echo Hills

Golf Course, or through tournament chair Kristi Smalley.

For more information, call Smalley at 541-567-1546.

Golf cart reservations can be made by calling Randy at 541-376-8244.

NEOJGA tournament Monday

The Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association will be holding a tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Monday, Aug. 12, starting at 9 a.m. This is the seventh of eight tournaments scheduled for youth golfers this summer.

The purpose of NEOJGA is to provide competitive golf tournaments in Northeast Oregon for junior golfers ages eight to 18. The organization is run by a volunteer board consisting of two members from La Grande and locals Ken Grieb and Greg Grant. There are 48 golfers registered in

the organization this year.

Local golfers who are registered and have played in tournaments this summer include Landon Mitchell, Kellen Grant, Hunter Greenup, Nicole Propheter, Sage Ferguson, Reno Ferguson, Jake Lindsay, Sophie Grant, Logan Grieb and John Propheter.

The NEOJGA season ends on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with a tournament at Pendleton Country Club. At that tournament the prestigious season points awards will be given out to golfers who did the best all season long in their individual age divisions.

Several of the Heppner area golfers are in position to win or place in the season points awards. Kellen Grant currently is second in the Pee Wee boys division, while Nicole Propheter is first and Sage Ferguson third in the girls Pee Wee group. Sophie Grant leads all intermediate girls by a wide margin. Logan Grieb sits second in the boys division and John Propheter is second in the junior boys group.

Scores are close in some cases, so the results from these last two tournaments will mean a lot to these local golfers.

Over the Tee Cup

It was a pleasant and breezy day when 13 ladies took to the Willow Creek Country Club course Tuesday, July 30.

Carol Mitchell got low gross of the field, Lorrene Montgomery had low net and Beverly Steagall had least putts.

For flight A, Karen

Thompson had low gross, Eva Kilkenny had low net and Corol Mitchell had KP.

On flight B, Betty Burns and Sara Rucker tied for low gross, while Pat Dougherty got both low net and KP.

On flight C, Shirley Martin had low gross, Betty Carlson low net and

Beverly Steagall least putts.

In other events, Corol Mitchell had a chip-in on #9.

Team best scores were as follows: A—Corol Mitchell and Jennifer Jaca; B—Sara Rucker and Pat Dougherty; and C—Shirley Martin and Lorrene Montgomery.

WCCC men's club team results

The first half of the Wednesday Night Team Match Play competition was recently completed with the following results:

First - Tom Shear/Don Eaves

Second - Tom Wolff/ Mike Gorman

Third - Mark Schlichting/John Kilkenny

Fourth - Ray Cecil/ Shawn Wilson

Regular Sunday morning men's play will resume Aug. 11 with Bob MacDonald, Dave Mitchell and Dale Boyd in charge of the competition.

Area western swing artist to be at Music in the Parks

Area artist Barbara Nelson will entertain at the Boardman Marina Park at 7 p.m. August 5.

Nelson plays guitar and sings western swing music, which is a cross-section of folk songs, traditional cowboy, big band swing, jazz, blues and old standards. She has had two nominations by the WMA for western swing CDs. Rick Huff, WMA music critic, has written that "the principle feature of the Nelson releases is her rich, big band style of singing."

Corinne J. Brown,

CD critic for Round-Up magazine, says "...western swing comes alive with her (Barbara's) rich, sultry, smooth, and sophisticated voice. She makes every classic her own." Brown also writes that Nelson is "the real deal; a musical treasure."

She has performed at Pendleton, OR, Cattle Barons weekend; Ellensburg, WA, Spirit of the West; Lewiston, ID, Lee Earl Gathering; Albuquerque, NM, Western Music Association showcase; and Elko, NV, National Cowboy Poetry



Barbara Nelson Gathering. In February of this year, Nelson was named female western singer of the year by the Academy of Western Artists and was presented the Will Rogers award in Fort Worth, TX.

Nelson and her husband Nels live on a ranch near Pendleton, where they have raised kids, cattle, sheep, wheat and horses.

Free upland bird hunts for youth offered at 12 locations statewide in September

Irrigon hosts location for youth hunters

SALEM, Ore.—Irrigon Wildlife Area is one of 12 sites hosting free upland bird hunts for youth hunters 17 and under in September.

ODFW and partners stock pheasants at these special hunts that give youth a head start on regular pheasant seasons, which don't begin until October. Quail and dove can also be hunted during the events.

"If your child made it through hunter education but is still new to the sport, this is a great way to get them started," explained James Reed, ODFW hunter education coordinator. "These events happen before regular pheasant seasons open and are a great opportunity for kids to get out hunting."

Only youth already certified in hunter education

are eligible to participate in these hunts. An adult 21 years of age or older must accompany the youth to supervise but not hunt. Both hunter and supervisor must wear a hunter-orange hat, eye protection and a hunter-orange vest—equipment provided by ODFW at the clinics to anyone who doesn't have it. Hunters also need to check in and out of the hunt.

To register, sign up online, at a license sales agent, or at an ODFW office that sells licenses.

The hunts are free, though youth hunters need a valid hunting license (\$14.50) and Harvest Information Program validation (free) to hunt. Youth hunters age 14 and over also need an Upland Game Bird Validation


(\$8.50).

Some clinics begin with a free shotgun skills clinic; call the event contact number listed below for more information.


Only federally-approved, non-toxic shot is acceptable for use in many places; see pages 22-23 of the 2013-14 Oregon Game Bird Regulations (available later in August) for more information.

While most areas have a hunt both Saturday and Sunday, youth hunters may only sign up for one hunt. They are welcome to hunt standby on the other day.

Morrow County will host one of these hunts at the Irrigon Wildlife Area in Irrigon, Sept. 21, 22; sign up for morning or afternoon hunt. Call 541-276-2344 for more information.



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