

# MCSD SETS GRADING STANDARDS

-Continued from PAGE ONE and returning newly-elected board members, Thad Killingbeck and Barney Lindsay.

Previous board Chair Thad Killingbeck was re-elected chairman and Lindsay was elected vice-chair.

Following several administrative resignations, the district announced several new hires and reassignments.

Tina Joyce has been hired as Irrigon High School assistant principal; Marie Shimer, previously

with the district (not pictured) is now Riverside High School Principal, replacing Robert Elizondo;

Brandon Hammond was hired as RHS Assistant Principal; Mark Jones, A.C. Houghton Elementary School Principal/Morrow Education Center Principal; Erin

Stocker, Irrigon Elementary School Principal/head teacher. The remainder of the administrative team includes: Dirk Dirksen, superintendent; George Mendoza, assistant principal; Craig Benson,

Irrigon High School Principal; Matt Combe, Heppner Elementary/Heppner High School

Principal; Joel Chavez, Windy River Elementary School Principal/English Language Learner program director; and Matthew Matz, Sam Boardman Elementary School Principal.

At the meeting the board heard a presentation from Kim Mabry, Nutrition Services Director for Morrow County/Sodexo.

Mabry briefed the board

on the Healthy Hunger Free Kid's Act, which was federally mandated for schools in January of

2012. Under the act, every student's lunch must consist of five components, including grain, meat or meat alternative, fruit, vegetable and milk. Students must take three of the five components and must have a half-cup of fruit or vegetable.

Mabry said that the district must submit menus and documentation to the Oregon Department of Education for an additional six cents per meal reimbursement and that MCSD went through an ODE nutrition administrative review in April of this year, with ODE helping to "correct and educate staff and the district of the new rules." She said that the MCSD nutrition staff also went through a National Sanitation Foundation audit, which ensures that all staff are following all safety and "Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points" procedures.

Mabry said that the Sam Boardman Elementary nutrition staff received a gold award, scoring 98.5 percent in health and safety, and a green award, scoring 96 percent on food safety. Heppner High School earned a gold award with 99.5 percent in health and safety and a gold in food safety, scoring 98 percent.

Mabry said that the partnering company,

Sodexo, with which she has been employed for 12 years, provided ongoing training for the food service staff.

In other business, the board:

-approved the first reading of the following policies: bonded employees and officers, academic achievement, grading system, admission of resident students, students with HIV, HBV and AIDS, reporting requirements regarding sexual conduct with students and local wellness program.

-adopted policies on requests for medical leave, education records and records of students with disabilities, special education procedural safeguards, special education free and appropriate education and pediculosis (head lice).

-adopted the 2013-14 board goals, which include: improving by three percent the number of students in grades three-12 improving their math skills by meeting or exceeding the benchmark as measured by the OAKS tests and the number of students in grades three-12 who improve their English language skills by meeting or exceeding the benchmark, as measured by the OAKS; providing necessary programs for all students to meet the Oregon Essential Skills requirement for high school graduation; developing and fostering strong communication practices that support the district's mission and goals with all stakeholder populations, including building trust and improving partnerships with communities, including parents, business, civic and cultural groups through the use of social media and development a "transparent and consistent communications system that keeps stakeholders informed and connected to important news and events in our school district"; and "maintaining a strong financial management plan that supports staying current with infrastructure and providing diverse learning opportunities for students."

-approved the following employment action: resignations/retirements- Alice Thomas, RHS and Irrigon Junior/Senior High School counselor, Melissa Hocker, SBE second grade teacher, Kelli LaFramboise, WRE fifth grade teacher, Laurie Snyder, IJSH

assistant cook, Darlene Snyder, SBE head cook, Ida Alfaro-Navarro, RHS special education assistant, and Bonnie Matlack, WRE head cook; employment/promotions/transfers-Marie Shimer, RHS principal, replacing Robert Elizondo; Erin Stocker, IES principal/head teacher; Tina Joyce, IJSH assistant principal; Brandon Hammond, RHS assistant principal; Jen Gelineau, SBE kindergarten teacher; Michael Cates, SBE/WRE PE teacher; Kaira Rysdam from classroom teacher to PE teacher at ACH/IES; Angela Dames, transferred to ACH, replacing Gail Horning; Stacey Wainwright, from HES to ACH, replacing Kaira Rysdam; Sybil Stewart, from WRE fourth grade teacher to HES fourth/fifth grade teacher/ Title I, replacing Karen Smith-Griffith; Jarena Santillan from IES to SBE kindergarten; Michelle Hopper, SBE second grade teacher, replacing Stephanie Bigham; Gaylynn Calvert, SBE kindergarten teacher, replacing Ashley Nicodemus; Darlene Jacobsen, SBE kindergarten teacher, replacing Michelle Raible; Tessa Gourneau, SBE department secretary, replacing Dawn Dyer; Alysun Burns, ACE temporary second grade teacher; Laura Jordan, SBE second grade teacher; Alesia Webber, SBE third grade teacher; Brenda Victorio, WRE fifth grade teacher; Phil Joyce, WRE sixth grade teacher; Betty Chesnut, IJSH multiple subjects; Barbara Phillips, IES ed assistant/food service assistant, increase in hours; Billie Barkef, IES ed assistant; Christina Maddox, ACH ed assistant/food service assistant, increase in hours; Natalie Aylett, SBE ed assistant/food service assistant; Cris Olson, transfer from MEC to WRE ed assistant/food service assistant; Evalinda Verley MES ed assistant, replacing Cris Olson; extra duty contracts-Francisco Velasquez, RHS head boys' soccer coach; Eric Shular, IJH head football coach.

-heard the following announcements: Monday, August 19-teacher in-service training; Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20-21-teacher work day, in-service; Thursday, August 22-teacher work day; Monday, August 26-first day of school

-held an executive session concerning negotiations.

use. Excavation and grading on the Barratt Boulevard project will be discontinued during fair and rodeo. Work crews will return Sept. 3 to prepare for paving on Sept. 4. During this time, the streets involved in this project will remain open to local traffic only.



Tina Joyce



Brandon Hammond

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## HEPPNER CONSTRUCTION

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Preparation for new sidewalks will begin on Hager Street the week of Aug. 19. Sidewalks may be completed during that week. If not, said Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth, there will be a small amount of inconvenience, but the park will be open for public

use. Excavation and grading on the Barratt Boulevard project will be discontinued during fair and rodeo. Work crews will return Sept. 3 to prepare for paving on Sept. 4. During this time, the streets involved in this project will remain open to local traffic only.

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