

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

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build a 150-foot cell tower on the Irrigon High School Campus. He said the district is expecting to receive a lease proposal and then see how other issues work out, such as zoning, public meetings and how the city of Irrigon will handle the proposal.

-the district adjusted their state school fund projections to reflect the "true student count" and anticipates approximately \$300 thousand in reductions. He reported, however, that the state funded the district's small school grant for \$108 thousand.

-the district is moving forward to develop a 10-year plan.

-the Heppner High School boiler project is on schedule and the three boilers have been fired; however, one of the new boilers had broken down. He said he expected some fluctuations as the boiler controls are fine tuned. He also said the district was looking at a retro-commissioning project at Windy River Elementary and possibly Irrigon

Elementary.

In other business, the board:

-approved graduation requirements for modified and extended diplomas for students who are not able to meet the full set of academic standards.

To obtain a modified diploma students must complete 24 credits: three in English; two each in math, science and social studies; one each in health, PE, career technical education, the arts or a second language; one in career education; and 11 electives.

To obtain an extended diploma students must complete 12 credits, including two in mathematics, English and science; three in history, geography, economics or civics; one in health, PE and in the arts or a "world" language. Students obtaining an extended diploma must have a documented history of "an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or a medical condition

that creates a barrier to achievement; or a change in the student's ability to participate in grade level activities as a result of a serious illness or injury that occurred after grade eight." The new regulation specifies that "beginning in grade five or after a documented history to qualify for an extended diploma has established," the district will provide, on an annual basis, information about the availability and requirements of a modified diploma, an extended diploma and an alternative certificate.

Alternative certificates will be awarded to students to do not meet the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma or extended diploma if the students meet the district's minimum credit requirements.

Graduation requirements for the upcoming class of 2014, based on a seven-period day are as follows: English language arts-4 credits; mathematics at Algebra 1 or above-3 credits; science (scientific inquiry with

three lab experiences)-3; social studies (U.S. history, world history and government/economics)-3; health-1, arts (fine arts, world language, career and tech ed)-3 in any one course or a combination; career education-1; PE-1; electives-5; total course credits-24.

Starting in 2017, graduation requirements for an eight-period day will increase to 26 course credits. Starting in 2017 requirements include: English language arts-4 credits; mathematics-3; science (scientific inquiry with three lab experiences)-3; social studies (U.S. history, world history, government/economics)-3; health-1; arts (fine arts, world language, career & tech ed)-3 in any one course or a combination; career education-1, PE-1; electives-7; total course credits-26.

-approved administrative regulations concerning federal and state family and medical leave.

-approved changes in policy for ethics and conflicts of interest for board

members, board member ethics and nepotism.

-approved changes in policy on injuries and illness reports.

-approved changes in policy for special education-free public education; use of restraint and seclusion; administering injectable medicines to students.

-approved an increase in liability coverage for use of school facilities to \$1 million.

-approved a resolution to modify the adopted budget.

-approved the following employment action: resignations for-Tom Grimes, Riverside High School assistant track coach; Steve Brown, A.C. Houghton Elementary School assistant custodian; Teiko Szasz, RHS assistant girls' basketball coach; retirement of Linda Fox, Irrigon Junior/Senior High School head cook; extra duty contracts for-Tom Grimes, RHS head track coach; Rocky Turner, Heppner Junior High School head boys' basketball coach; Jeremy Arbogast, HJH assistant boys' basketball

coach; Jesse Rodriguez, HJH head girls' basketball coach; Linsey Mitchell, HJH assistant girls' basketball coach; Tristan Holechek, Riverside Junior High School assistant girls' basketball coach.

-received the following enrollment report for November: A.C. Houghton Elementary-283; Sam Boardman Elementary-331; Heppner Elementary-169; Irrigon Elementary School-175; Windy River Elementary, Boardman-201; Heppner High School-171; Irrigon Junior Senior High School-387; Riverside High School-392; Morrow Education Center-33; total-2,128.

-received the following calendar: Oregon School Board Association annual convention, Portland, November 14-17; next board meeting, Monday, December 9, Sam Boardman Elementary School, 7 p.m.; finals week, December 12-15; Christmas break, December 20-January 3.

-held an executive session concerning personnel and negotiations.

Sheriff's Report

September 26 (cont.): Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department received report of smoke from a building. It turned out to be a fog machine at a dance. No response was required.

-Heppner Ambulance received report from hunters in the Tupper Work Center of a 61-year-old man with diabetic problems. They reported they were headed back to Heppner and had their flashers on. The subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

September 28: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a brown cow on the side of the road on I-84/Tower Rd., Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a big black dog with a white stripe on his chest at Divide Wells/Four Corners, Heppner.

-MCSO received report of dogs in a fenced yard that growl and try to jump the fence in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Heppner that her husband didn't make it to camp. Her husband called while she was making the report.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that people keep parking in front of her house and blocking her mailbox for Little League games across the

street. A deputy responded and vehicles were moved.

-MCSO received report from a man in Irrigon that he has seen a woman whom MCSO is seeking for fraud. He had a description of her.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Irrigon that a subject's girlfriend took his cell phone and wouldn't give it back to him. The caller said she was threatening to run into her car, which was parked behind the girl wanting to leave. MCSO responded, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman who had earlier been the victim of domestic abuse that she could hear something outside and wanted a deputy to check the area. MCSO responded, but was unable to locate anyone in the area.

-MCSO received report of a fight in progress on Hwy. 730 in Irrigon with a window broken. It was unknown if there were weapons involved or if there were injuries. Five individuals were reported to be outside. MCSO responded and completed interviews.

-Heppner Fire Department received report of a burn pile in an alley in Heppner that was sparking and wind was coming up. The reporter said she had been running back and forth

putting buckets of water on the pile, but the fire was not going out. Heppner Fire Department responded and put the fire out.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a 71-year-old male unable to get out of bed. The caller was not sure if he was injured. There was no transport.

-MCSO received report of suspicious circumstances at an Irrigon residence. The caller said someone knocked on her door about 10 minutes earlier. She reported she heard loud rapping and requested a patrol.

-MCSO received report from a caregiver at a location on Hwy. 75-Lena, Heppner, that she was having a problem with cats. She reported she had two feral cats trapped in the mud room and wanted them taken away.

-MCSO received report that Heath B. Colvin, 30, was arrested by the Umatilla Tribal Police on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended-misdemeanor. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,682 bail in full.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a male subject made a phone call to a third party, violating the restraining order she has against him.

-MCSO received report of a blue heeler/dingo mix found in the mountains and dropped off in Heppner. The dog was taken to Pet Rescue.

-MCSO received report

from an Irrigon woman that her neighbors have a large trailer in the back yard that was full of garbage, smells terrible and was attracting rodents.

-MCSO cited Lisa Gaye McCallum, 52, was cited for using a mobile communication device while driving on Tower Rd./Kunze Lane in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of telephone harassment from a Heppner woman who said that a male subject had been calling about three times a day for the past three weeks, saying inappropriate things. She said they had a block put on their phone, but he was still getting through.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that someone stole gas out of her garage and attempted to steal gas from her vehicle. She said they would have had to get inside the car to flip the fuel door open. A deputy responded and took a report.

-MCSO received report of a white Four Runner with a Washington plate that was passing vehicles and almost caused several accidents on Wyoming Ave. in Irrigon. A deputy located the vehicle.

-MCSO received a request for warrant service at an Irrigon location. MCSO arrested Virgil Wayne Morgan, 52, on a Washington County warrant. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

September 30: Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire

Department received report of a black Hummer that had rolled off the road near Frontage Rd. and the tree farm, Boardman. Boardman Ambulance, BFD and OSP responded.

-Boardman Ambulance received report from a subject in Boardman that she is en route to the ambulance hall with a 71-year-old male who was not able to urinate. Boardman Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a subject in Arlington who had fallen and had been there all night, with no visible injuries, but could not get up. The caller requested Boardman Ambulance to respond. The Ambulance advised they would not be responding.

-Boardman Ambulance received report from a Boardman subject that his one-year-old nephew was by a window, and then started complaining that his hand hurt. He reported that the boy's hand started to swell and turn purple. Boardman Police Department and Boardman Ambulance responded, but transport was declined.

-Boardman Fire Department received report of a possible illegal burn on Meadow Loop. BFD responded and determined it was a controlled burn. The subjects had forgotten to call dispatch to report burning.

-Ione Emergency Services received report from a woman who said her friend had called her to say she had wrecked her car and was trapped inside. She

originally advised it was on Hwy. 74/Emert Addition, but then called back and advised Hwy. 74 milepost 34. Ione Fire Department, Ione Ambulance, Heppner Ambulance, Heppner Fire Department and MCSO responded. The driver was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

-MCSO deputy advised he was out with a vehicle with a flat tire. The driver had roadside assistance en route.

-MCSO received request for a behavioral health transport for Community Counseling Solutions.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that a family's dog was missing.

-MCSO Deputy advised he was out on foot at the Irrigon Skate Park.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she owned a 1948 Ford pickup that was on her property, but she had lost the title to it. She said she contacted the DMV with no results and wanted MCSO assistance via telephone.

-MCSO Deputy advised he located a large green trash can in Boardman. He advised he would contact the local trash company.

-MCSO received request for agency assistance from the Hermiston Police Department, concerning the possible location of a vehicle stolen from the Hermiston area. The vehicle was a 2008 blue four-door Saturn Aura.

-MCSO received report of a subject threatening suicide.

-MCSO received report -Continued on PAGE TEN

**MEDICARE PART D
OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS
OCTOBER 15TH!**

**Morrow County Health District
will again offer free Medicare
Part D assistance during open
enrollment.**

**Please call 541-676-9133 or
1-800-737-4113 to make an
appointment.**

**Pioneer Memorial Clinic
& Irrigon Medical Clinic will
no longer accept
Familycare Health Plans
(Premier Care)
effective January 1, 2014.**



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DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Gene Ray Ball, 27, was convicted of Burglary II, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 25 months prison time with the Oregon Department of Corrections with credit for time served, sentence to run concurrent with other sentences, to include one year post-

prison supervision. Ball was further convicted of three counts of Theft I, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 25 months prison time with the Oregon Department of Corrections on each count with credit for time served, sentences to run concurrent, to include one year post-prison supervision. Total fines, fees, assessments and restitution were \$4,095.49.

**If you or someone you know has a gambling problem,
help is available and that help is FREE of charge.**

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Ione brothers take first in motocross



Brothers (L-R) Timothy and Luke Emmel each won first place in their motos, winning their divisions at the Bike Pit November race at the Pilot Rock OHV Park on Nov. 17 in Pilot Rock. Timothy raced his quad and Luke his motorcycle. -Photo by Paula Emmel