

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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has been to “fix it when it breaks,” but stressed that the district wants to get out ahead with long-term solutions. He said that the building proposals would not be completed all at once, but over a period of time, primarily due to funding.

A long-range facility plan created by DLR, which calculated the estimated cost of repairing deficiencies of each school building compared to the cost of building replacement, put the Heppner Junior/Senior High School as the most in need, with Heppner Elementary coming in second. According to DLR the estimated cost of correcting deficiencies at HJSHS would be about \$16.5 million, compared to the estimated cost of a new building at close to \$23 million. At HES, the estimated cost of correcting deficiencies is estimated at \$5.8 million, compared to \$15.74 million to replace the building.

DLR Group facility assessments indicated that if the ratio of the combined value of deficiencies of each building, divided by the replacement value of the building, was around three percent, for example, the recommended solution was to leave as is; if it was 22 percent or above, the recommendation was to renovate; and if it was 48 percent or above, to off-load the building or replace.

“Deficiencies were limited to a facility’s ability to provide an environment that is safe, warm and dry,” said the DLR Group plan. HJSHS’s (seventh-12th grade) deficiency ratio was calculated at 71.9 percent; HES (kindergarten through sixth)-37 percent; IJSHS

(seventh-12th)-31 percent; ACH (K-third)-22.5 percent; Morrow Education Center (alternative education)-20.1 percent; Riverside Junior/Senior High School (seventh-12th), Boardman-17.8 percent; Windy River Elementary (fourth-sixth), Boardman-15.6 percent; Sam Boardman Elementary (K-third), Boardman-13.8 percent; Irrigon Elementary (fourth-sixth)-nine percent.

The Irrigon Junior/Senior High School would cost an estimated \$6.7 million for correcting deficiencies, compared to \$21.7 million to replace the building. A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon follows with an estimated \$3.8 million to fix deficiencies compared to an estimated \$16.9 million replacement value. The other schools in the district have a much lower ratio of the value of deficiencies, compared to cost of building replacement.

The district is not planning to put up a bond until 2021, but is striving to get ahead of the issue with respect to facilities and long-term plans. Data was also based on population of the communities, showing a dramatic increase in the Boardman population since 1910, and a projected “significant” growth a medium increase in the Irrigon population and a flat population in Heppner. Rose said that the Heppner area would be considered “stable, with little fluctuation in terms of jobs and population.”

DLR recommendations include:

“Site concept” for Irrigon schools: “Irrigon Elementary site would be expanded for kindergarten through sixth grade; IJSHS

to be modified to increase separation between 7th-8th graders from 9th-12th graders; Wyoming Avenue to be incorporated into school property-add closure devises and traffic circle to regulate traffic during school hours; reconfigure parking bus loops and pick-up/drop-off zones for both campuses-additional parking to be provided-longer bus loop on east side of Irrigon Elementary; repurpose remaining portion of A.C. Houghton: north classrooms to be used for Morrow Education Center; middle classroom wing to be used for district offices; existing computer lab, library and gymnasium available to the community after renovation for secure access and intuitive circulation-cafeteria to be renovated as a community café with classes and full kitchen for MEC students; retain MEC for district use/storage.

“Site concept” for Boardman schools: Sam Boardman and Windy River shared site-“Reconfigure Windy River site parking to create a continuous safe play zone south of the building; expand bus loop and locate bus parking center to the shared site; relocate Windy River’s visitor parking and pick-up drop-off zones to coordinate with re-located entry and bus loop; reverse direction of pick-up/drop off for Sam Boardman Elementary; provide covered play shelter areas for both schools; provide truck delivery zones from bus loop to Sam Boardman Elementary’s kitchen and ensure that schedules do not conflict; provide truck delivery zones from Windy River’s visitor parking to its kitchen; use newly acquired

Heppner Booster Club holds annual dinner, auction



Ken Grieb presides over the Heppner High School Booster Club’s annual dinner and auction last Saturday at the Heppner Elks Lodge. -Photo by David Sykes

land for soccer fields; use remaining newly acquired land for agricultural program to be shared with Riverside High School; build a shared maintenance shed central to the shared site. Riverside High School build a new agricultural center south of existing baseball field; parking and drive aisles to accommodate expanded building features.

Specific building concept plans for each school and estimated costs are included in the long range facility plan.

Long-range planning “Core” committee members include: Doris Brosnan, Kathy Calvert, Addie Cole, Matt Combe, Dan Dalton, Tammy Ellis, Curtis Johnston, Patrick Kerrigan, Mary Killion, Matthew Matz, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Amy Mueller, Toni Nichols, Gary Propheter, Kaira Rysdam, Erin Stocker, Brandi Sweeney, Dieter Waite and Smokey Wightman.

The long range plan

leadership team consists of MCSD representatives Dirk Dirksen, Andy Fletcher and Janice Huddleston.

In other business, the board:

-adopted a resolution accepting and appropriating \$25,00 for approximately 50 percent of the cost of refurbishing the gym floor at Heppner Junior/Senior High School, a donation from the Heppner Booster Club.

-adopted policy on federal family and medical leave.

-granted a request from an IJSHS student for early graduation.

-granted a request from RJSHS cheerleaders to attend a cheer conference in Orlando, FL in December.

-heard a presentation on the Windy River teacher mentor program from teachers Anna Browne and Katrina Bretsch.

-received the following enrollment report: ACH-269; SBE-341; HES-165; IES-192; WRE-219;

HJSHS-154; IJSHS-387; RJSHS-401; MEC-33; total-2,162.

-approved the following employment action: resignations/non-renewals-Michelle Pollentier, SBE ed assistant, Melissa Coiner, HJSH junior high assistant girls’ basketball coach; employment/promotions/transfers-Dawn Mills, IES ed assistant, Eric Solis, IJSHS ed assistant, Stefanie Swindler, SBE ed assistant, Robert Wilson, HJSHS ed assistant; extra duty contracts-Megan Fischer, IJSHS junior high assistant volleyball coach, Russ Nichols, HJSHS JV/varsity high school track coach, Laura Winters, HJSHS JV/varsity high school track coach.

-heard the following announcements: Oct. 29-end of first quarter; Nov. 12-15-Oregon School Board Association annual convention in Portland; Nov. 9-next board meeting, IJSHS.

Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street.

The public is welcome to attend.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. Lunch will include chicken fettuccini, mixed vegetables, broccoli salad, parmesan bread sticks and sweet potato pie.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk’s office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

October 7, 2015: -Shena April Shaw, 33, of Boardman and Casey James Baker, 38, of Boardman.

October 8, 2015: -Pioquinto Ramirez, 21, of Boardman and Brenda Zamora Velasco, 28, of Boardman.

DA’s Report

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

-Anthony Thomas Toombs, 27, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to two years supervised probation subject to 90 sanction units and 30 jail units. Probation conditions include five non-jail sanction units converted to 80 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. In addition, Toombs was convicted of Theft II, A Class A Misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. In addition, Toombs was convicted of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender,

a Class A Misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution (joint liability with Whitney Rose Smith), totaled \$2,285.

-Whitney Rose Smith, 24, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to two years supervised probation subject to 90 sanction units and 30 jail units. Probation conditions include five non-jail sanction units converted to 80 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. Additionally, Smith was convicted of Theft II, A Class A Misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to two years

bench probation, to include 80 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution (joint liability with Anthony Thomas Toombs), totaled \$2,185.

-Wade Merle Padberg, 58, was sentenced to Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor; sentence of 90 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours of community service and no offensive contact with the victim. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

-Nicolas Navarro Landeros, 42, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentence of 90 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 30 hours of community service and no offensive physical contact with the victims. An additional count of Menacing was dismissed.

Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$750.

-Corey Timothy Gray, 38, was convicted of Theft I, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to 24 months bench probation, subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Probation conditions include 80 hours of community service, no contact of any kinds with the victims, and evaluation for the theft counseling program and any recommended treatment. Gray was additionally convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Probation conditions include 40 hours of community service and 10 days jail time with credit for time served, to run consecutive to any previously imposed sentences. An additional count of Criminal Trespass II was dismissed. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$400.

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ON NEW FIRE HALL!



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Oktoberfest

Presented by Friends of Gilliam County • Oct. 16-18 • Arlington, OR
A Benefit for The Woolery Project

Friday, October 16
Scarecrow Contest – Judged Friday; on display all weekend
4 pm Parade of Goblins – Prizes for best costumes

Saturday, October 17
Morning activities to be held in the City Park
8:30 am 5K Run/Walk. Registration at 8 am
9 am Park opens for vendors – Brats & Kraut, Beer & Wine
10:30 am Opening Ceremonies – Honoring Our Seniors
11 am Joe Lindsay & Family – Musicians
12 pm Old Time Fiddlers – Musicians
2 pm One Hum – Musicians
4 pm Social Begins – Arlington Fire Hall
Wheeler County Ramblers – Musicians
5:30 pm Prime Rib Dinner – Paradise Rose Chuckwagon
7 pm Auction Begins. Dance – Countryfied, immediately after Auction

Sunday, October 18
9 am Volleyball – City Park
10 am Paddle Board Race – City Park
Noon Pie Eating Contest – City Park
1 pm Oktoberfest Golf Tournament – China Creek Golf Course

In the park, seating is limited – Bring your own chairs and blankets. For More Information, call 541.454.0025.


