

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 port Services-\$9,443,939, Debt Service-\$270,000, Transfers-\$2,120,000, Contingency-\$0, Total-\$26,997,903; Special Revenue Fund: Instruction-\$2,746,520, Support Services-\$1,014,415, Enterprise & Community-\$1,118,209, Contingency-\$2,148,889, Total-\$7,028,033; Debt Service Fund: Debt Service-\$2,597,185, Transfers-\$948,889, Total-\$3,546,074; Capital Projects Fund: Support Services-\$611,823, Facilities Acquisition-\$908,177, Total-\$1,520,000; Total Appropriations, All Funds-\$39,092,010, Total Unappropriated and Reserve Amounts, All Funds-\$220,200.

The board also adopted a resolution imposing the tax at the rate of \$4.0342 per \$1,000 assessed value for the permanent tax rate, \$1.0000 per \$1,000 assessed value for the local option tax and \$375,000 for debt service on general obligation bonds.

In other business, the board:

-learned from Dirksen that the district has ordered the following items this summer as a result of tech grants: 360 Chromebooks, 97 iPads, 13 Chromebook carts, four Chromebook

cabinets, three 70-inch TVs, one 70-inch ActivPanel Touch tv, two 3-D printers, one classroom instruction recording set, a Quadcopter class kit, two virtual welders and camera equipment for yearbook.

-approved a license agreement with the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Dirksen commended MCURD for providing extra-curricular cultural and recreational activities for district students and community events.

-learned from Dirksen that the school district enabled students to earn 1,816 college credits while attending high school for the 2015-16 school year. He noted that the program has come a long way since initiating the program in 2011-12, during which students earned 396 college credits.

-heard from Dirksen that MCSD high school seniors were awarded \$1,458,000 in scholarships this year as follows: Heppner High School-\$185,000, Irrigon High School-\$868,000, Boardman High School-\$405,000.

-heard a report from Assistant Superintendent George Mendoza and Dirksen concerning early education, specifically four-year-olds. Dirksen said that

while Umatilla/Morrow Headstart provides educational opportunities for children based on financial data, the district wants "all kids to have that opportunity." Mendoza said that while students entering kindergarten in Morrow County schools test below state and other school averages, data shows that they have caught up or exceeded averages by the third grade.

-approved a 10 cent increase in lunch prices as follows: elementary-\$2.45-\$2.55, junior/senior high-\$2.70-\$2.80, adult lunch-\$3.25-\$3.35, milk-.50 cents-.60 cents. There were no price increases for reduced price lunches, elementary breakfasts at \$1.00, junior/senior high school breakfasts at \$1.25 and reduced price breakfasts. The district was required to increase the prices by the "Healthy Hunger-Free Food Act" to meet federal equity pricing requirements and to offset continuing increases in the cost of food.

-learned of a work session on school security in August and another in October. Dirksen said that the schools will be working together with law enforcement so that "when issues arise, we're all on the same page."

-received the following enrollment report for June: A.C. Houghton Elementary-273; Sam Boardman Elementary-331, Heppner Elementary-182; Irrigon Elementary-189, Windy River Elementary-219, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School-160, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School-370, Riverside Jr./Sr. High School-398, Morrow Education Center-50, Total-2,172.

-approved the following employment action for June: Resignations/non-renewals-Shane Arndt, RJSJS head softball coach, Katie Burton, SBE first-grade teacher until the end of the 2015-16 school year, Michael Cates, WRE/SBE PE teacher, end of 2015-16 school year; Julie Escobedo, IJSJS high school assistant cheerleading coach, Jordan Mittelsdorf, RJSJS assistant softball coach, Randal Olsen, SBE head teacher, end of 2015-16 school year, Ken Thompson, IJSJS high school assistant football coach, Amy Wolters, HJSJS ed assistant, end of 2015-16 school year; Retirements-Carol Wilson, end of 2015-16 year; Employment/Promotions/Transfers-Elvia Ayala, Boardman schools temporary summer custodian, Devin Bailey, IJSJS junior high science teacher

2016-17, Ashley Beard, RJSJS junior high social studies teacher 2016-17, Julia Finch, SBE second grade teacher 2016-17, Kathryn Jones, SBE first grade teacher 2016-17, Jill Ledbetter, SBE head teacher 2016-17, Wendy McAlister, RJSJS library tech 2016-17, Richard Moore, WRE/SBE elementary PE teacher 2016-17, Rosa Norwood, SBE head secretary 2016-17, Michelle Raible, SBE Title I teacher 2016-17, Adriane Rodriguez, ACH third grade teacher 2016-17, Ken Thompson, Irrigon schools temporary summer custodian, Jill Williams, IJSJS junior high math teacher 2016-17, Laura Winters, WRE ELD teacher 2016-17, Tim Zacharias, IJSJS high school language arts teacher 2016-17; Extra duty contracts-Clair Costello, RJSJS high school head girls' basketball coach, head baseball coach 2016-17, Cindy Dieter, RJSJS assistant cheerleading coach 2016-17, Loren Dieter, RJSJS high school assistant football coach 2016-17, David Salas, IJSJS high school head boys' basketball coach 2016-17, Robert Saunders, IJSJS high school assistant football coach 2016-17.

-approved the first reading of rescinded, new

or revised policies on the following: whistleblower, sick time, student fundraising activities, graduation requirements, student absences and excuses, student conduct, student discipline, prescription medications, staff complaints and identification/talented and gifted students.

-adopted the following rescinded, new or revised policies on the following: local wellness program, drug free workplace, assessment program, public conduct on district property.

-adopted new, revised or rescinded administrative rules on reimbursable school meals and milk programs, employee requests for domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault or stalking leave, criminal records checks-fingerprints, bidding requirements.

-approved annual organizational details.

-held an executive session concerning real estate.

-heard the following announcements: summer school June 14-30; Oregon School Board Association summer board conference July 15-17; administration returns from summer break Aug. 1; 2016-17 staff in-service Aug. 22-25; students begin Aug. 29, next board meeting, Heppner Elementary School, Aug. 8.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner Farmer's Market will be held on Fridays now through Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heppner City Park. If you are interested in participating in the Farmer's Market, please contact Don or Jo Ann Shannon at 541-676-8957.

Tuesday, June 21, and Wednesday, June 22, - Free Agritourism development workshop coming to Boardman and Hermiston. This workshop is being sponsored by The Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, Northeast Oregon Economic Development District and Travel Oregon. Come get inspired and learn how to plan your project, navigate the county and state regulations and permitting and gain the most from your marketing dollars and efforts. Hear about best practices and examples from successful operations and discover how to be ready for visitors. The workshop is certain to be of value to people just starting or those with an established Agritourism business. The workshop takes place in Boardman June 21 at 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow office with a networking event at SAGE Center that evening, and in Hermiston on June 22 starting at 8 a.m. at the new Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston. Contact Janet Dodson at 541-786-8006 or janetd@eoni.com for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, June 24 - Heppner's annual sidewalk sale and customer appreciation

barbecue by Bank of Eastern Oregon. The sidewalk sale will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the barbecue will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plan on stopping and shopping.

Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tillamook Cheese Days at the SAGE Center. Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring Tillamook Cheese. The meal will consist of macaroni and cheese with cheesy corn muffins, salad, cookie and drink for \$5 per person. Tillamook cheese products, including Tillamook squeaky cheese curds, will also be available during this event.

Saturday, June 25, 4 p.m., western author and storyteller extraordinaire Rick Steber will be at the Oregon Trail District, Irrigon Branch. Steber is the author of more than 40 books and is the only Northwest writer to win the Western Writers of America Spur Award, as well as many other literary awards and honors. In addition to his writing, he is an engaging Western personality and has an exceptional ability to make his characters come alive. Refreshments and book signing will follow.

Wednesday, June 29, 2 p.m., Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization Public Meeting at Hermiston High School. Rep. Greg Smith will be bringing the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization to his district. The committee will listen to the public as they testify

on various transportation projects and policies they believe should be included in the legislation.

Monday, July 4, celebrations will be held in Boardman and Ione with full day activities. (Schedules to be available soon.)

Sunday, July 10, 5-7 p.m., Heppner's Music in the Park concert in Heppner City Park. The entertainment for this event will be Slipshod, with bluegrass tunes with Matt Snook and Steve Blanchard. Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of great entertainment sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Food will be available for purchase, to raise money for the Shared Ministry's continuing efforts to provide clean water to needy communities around the world. Rain location for concert will be All Saints Parish Hall.

Friday, July 29, 8:30 a.m., eighth annual United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties Charity Golf

Tournament to be held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino's Championship Golf Course. For the past eight years, the United Way of Umatilla & Morrow Counties has hosted this charity golf tournament to help raise funds for our local area United Way partner agencies. Remember, all money donated to your local United Way stays in our area. Call the United Way office at 276-2661 to secure your sponsorship; register a team or donate items for our raffle.

Saturday, July 30, 6-8 p.m., fourth annual Bowl-A-Thon at Desert Lanes in Hermiston, sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. Register your team today; the cost is \$30 per bowler or \$120 per team of four; includes three lines of bowling and shoes. This event is fun for all ages and there will be great prizes. All proceeds will go toward providing shelter, meals and supportive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Saturday, July 30, 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., City of Ir-

rigon's annual Watermelon Festival. Bring the whole family for great fun and enjoyment on the bank of the beautiful Columbia River. For more information, contact Renee Couchman at 541-922-1560 or city manager Aaron Palmquist at manager@ci-irrigon.or.us.

Tentatively, Aug. 3-4, ODOT to be chip sealing downtown Main Street. More information will be available soon. The dates are tentative as this is part of the project they will be working on this summer and will depend on how the schedule ends up. ODOT will continue to communicate status updates.

Sunday, Aug. 14, 5-7 p.m., Heppner's Music in the Park concert in Heppner City Park. The entertainment for this event will be Jezebel's Mother, a new configuration of seasoned guitar and vocal musicians Janis Carper and Carolyn Lochert. Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of great entertainment sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope

Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Food will be available for purchase, to raise money for the Shared Ministry's continuing efforts to provide clean water to needy communities around the world. Rain location for concert will be the Heppner Elementary School gym.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m., Heppner's Music in the Park concert in Heppner City Park. The entertainment for this event will be in recognition of the 15th anniversary of 9/11 - The Tailgators with Sharon Porter, Matt Cooper and friends. Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of great entertainment sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Food will be available for purchase, to raise money for the Shared Ministry's continuing efforts to provide clean water to needy communities around the world. Rain location for concert will be the Heppner Elementary School gym.

Nominations sought for 2016 Oregon Rural Health Hero Award

PORTLAND, OR—The Oregon Office of Rural Health at OHSU is seeking nominations for the 2016 Oregon Rural Health Hero of the Year Award.

The award will honor an outstanding person, program or organization that has improved the quality and availability of health care in rural communities around the state.

"Health care is changing rapidly, but no matter how it changes, it's about people," says Scott Ekblad, director of the Oregon Office of Rural Health. "Throughout our communities, there are individuals and organizations working hard to ensure health care remains focused on people. You can honor them by nominating them for the

Health Hero of the Year."

The 2016 Oregon Rural Health Hero will be announced at the 33rd Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference to be held Wednesday, Sept. 28-30, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Portland.

Nomination forms will

be accepted through June 24 and are available on the Oregon Office of Rural Health website.


For more information, contact: Linda Pepler, Oregon Office of Rural Health, 503-494-4450 or peplerl1@ohsu.edu.



BURNING BAN

Effective June 15, 2016, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a CLOSED SEASON for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.



WALKING WITH JESUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 27TH-30TH 6:00-8:00 PM HEPPNER SDA CHURCH

541-561-9132 TO REGISTER AND WITH QUESTIONS.

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