

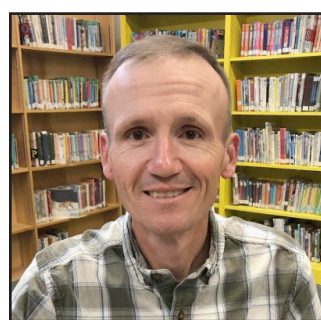
New MCSD Board Chair sworn in



Barney Lindsay



Becky Kindle



Richard Cole

By April Sykes

Barney Lindsay, Lexington area, was sworn in as the Morrow County School Board Chair at the board's first meeting of the 2019-20 school year Monday night at Heppner Elementary. He succeeds Becky Kindle of Heppner who has served as chair for the last four years. Richard Cole was sworn in as vice-chair. The entire board was also sworn in by the new chair.

At the meeting, Superintendent Dirk Dirksen presented a timeline for the upcoming district bond levy which will go to a vote in May of 2021.

A bond levy meeting between the board and architects, the DLR Group, discussing the vision for district-wide workshops is planned for this September. Advisory workshops are

planned in Boardman in October 2019, Heppner in November, Irrigon in January 2020 and then again in Boardman and Heppner in February and March of 2020. A presentation of the draft will be held in Irrigon at the April 2020 board meeting and community listening sessions with the DLR Group are planned in each community in May 2020. An advisory workshop by DLR is scheduled for September 2020 and the final presentation to the board is planned for the October 2020 board meeting. Community presentations are planned for January, February, March and April 2021 before the bond goes to a vote in May 2021.

In other business, the board:

-approved the Heppner softball facility lease agree-

ment.

-adopted the 2019-20 Board Goals;

-adopted a resolution naming bank signers.

-accepted and appropriated unanticipated revenues consisting of \$2,000 to A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon, from Exxon Mobile; and \$33,679 to Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School from the CREZ II Board.

-approved the following employment action: resignations/non-renewals for Riley Gorham, RJSJS junior high assistant football coach, JoAnna Lamb, ACH ed assistant, Laura Ponce, Windy River Elementary ed assistant,

Adrian Roa, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School junior high assistant boys' basketball coach, Sean Shimer, RJSJS ed assistant, Jacquelynn Whitesell, Sam Boardman Elementary special education teacher; retirements for Mary Ann Elguezabal, Heppner schools ELL teacher and Lois Tallman, SBE ed assistant; employment/promotions/transfers for Jerry Bair, ACH assistant custodian, Mariela Barrera-Garcia, WRE ed assistant, Adriana Cadenas Garcia, WRE ed assistant, Marikza Escobedo, District Office/WRE food service coordinator, Melissa Foster SBE temporary third grade teacher, Jim Gordanier, IJSJS head custodian, Christopher Hardcastle, ACH full-time assistant custodian, Rebecca Harris, RJSJS ed assistant, Bruce Krug, SBE temporary special ed teacher, Jordan Mittelsdorf, RJSJS temporary special ed teacher, Kevin Remington, SBE life skills/special



MCSD School board members sworn in by newly installed board chair Barney Lindsay. -Photos by April Sykes.

ed teacher, Becky Sewer, ACH half-time department secretary/half time ed assistant, Jessica Stelk, HJSJS behavior technician, Stefanie Sweeney, HES ed assistant, Sarah Wagoner, Irrigon Elementary/ABC Room behavior tech, Debora White, IES Title ed assistant; extra duty contracts for Cole Ashby, RJSJS assistant high school football coach, Tyler Davis, RJSJS head baseball coach, Hans Rockwell, RJSJS head high school girls' wrestling coach and Katrina Vander-

Ploeg, RJSJS head tennis coach.

-heard the following announcements: Oregon School Board Association regional meeting October 17; OSBA annual convention, November 14-17; 2019/20 staff in-service August 19-22; students begin August 26; MCSD attendance campaign meeting August 28, 6 p.m., Sage Center, Boardman; no school Monday, September 2, Labor Day holiday; next board meeting, Monday, September 9, RJSJS.

Public Use Restrictions lifted on the Umatilla National Forest

Recent widespread rainfall and cooler weather conditions across the Umatilla National Forest has decreased fire danger, prompting fire managers to lift all public use restrictions pertaining to recreational chainsaw use, smoking and off-road travel, effective 12:01 a.m. on August 13.

The public is encouraged to practice safe campfire principles when recreating in dispersed and developed campsites. Forest officials recommend the

following campfire safety precautions:

-Campfires should be in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread. All flammable material shall be cleared within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.

-Campfires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished prior to leaving.

-Persons with campfires should carry a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession. The intent of this recommendation is to ensure individuals with a campfire to have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire.

The public's awareness of the current fire danger and cooperation is essential to a safe fire season. Recreationists, firewood cutters, hunters and other

forest users can all help by closely adhering to restrictions, operating safely and cautiously and keeping up to date on the latest orders and regulations.

For more information about the Umatilla National Forest's Public Use Restrictions, please contact our Pendleton office at 541-278-3716, call our Forest Information Hotline at 1-877-958-9663 or visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

Correction

In last week's G-T it was reported that Ida Farra celebrated her 102nd birthday at the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living. It was actually celebrated at the Pioneer Nursing Home. The editor apologizes for this error.

Cindy Greenup
Benefit Dinner and Auction

Saturday, September 7, 2019
Starting at 6:00 pm
Morrow County Fairgrounds

QUALITY FOOD CONCESSIONS

This weekend at the
Morrow County Fair
&
Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

We will be serving up tasty
Hand-Dipped Corn Dogs
Elephant Ears
&
More!

541-571-3997
Heppner, Or.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Agricultural, Construction, Commercial and Home Loans.

We've got you covered.

Plus Friendly Branches where you can bank!

AMBER SCHLAICH
Loan Officer

Come visit us.

CONDON BRANCH 326 S. Main Street	IONE BRANCH 280 Main Street
HEPPNER BRANCH 279 N. Main Street	MORTGAGE OFFICE 269 N. Main Street, Heppner

Rates & terms may vary. All loans subject to credit approval.

Bank of Eastern Oregon

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER
Member FDIC
NMLS# 414469

HEPPNER LES SCHWAB WISHES EVERYONE A FUN AND SAFE FAIR & RODEO WEEKEND!

**124 N MAIN ST
HEPPNER, OR
(541) 676-9481**