PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

• For supplemental budgets proposing any change in a fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Boardman Fire and Rescue District (Agency name), Morrow (County), State of Oregon, for the current fiscal year, will be held at 300 SW Wilson Lane, Boardman (Location). The hearing will take place on October 28, 2021 (Date) at 6:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. Join in person or via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/9179442009?pwd=Yzk2UHJaSXlTUThBbzZWM2gyNS9zQT09

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after October 25, 2021 (Date) at 300 SW Wilson Lane, Boardman (Location), between the hours of 9:00 ☒ a.m. ☐ p.m. and 4:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND: Bond Debt Services

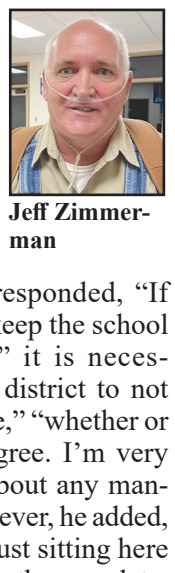
Resource	Amount	Expenditure–indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. Property Tax on GO Bond	$ 400,027	1. 6-9380 BOND payment	$ 400,027
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
Revised Total Fund Resources	$ 400,027	Revised Total Fund Requirements	$ 400,027

Published October 13 & 20, 2021 Affidavit

Vaccine mandate puts pressure on school board

The Morrow County School Board is under pressure from President Biden's and Oregon Governor Kate Brown's mandates with a Monday, October 18, deadline to dismiss teachers who have not received their second COVID shot or declared an exemption. The board, however, can dodge the deadline somewhat because they won't meet again until next month.

Board member Barney Lindsay told the Gazette at the meeting Monday night that only about four or five teachers in the district are pushing the deadline by not getting a COVID shot or declaring an exemption as of Monday night. To receive an exemption a person must declare that he or she has a medical or religious exemption. The exemptions may be challenged and denied if the criteria is determined to not apply to that employee.


Jeff Zimmerman

MCSD superintendent Dirk Dirksen, via video-call, responded, "If we want to keep the school doors open" it is necessary for the district to not defy the state," "whether or not we disagree. I'm very concerned about any mandates." However, he added, "We're not just sitting here and adopting the mandate. We are working on it and addressing it."

"COVID cases are higher than a year ago, but we've continued to stay open," said Dirksen, adding that he was "worried about the fatigue of staff", students and parents. "It feels like it's late in the year, but it's October," he said. "We have to be as thoughtful as possible as we go forward." He added, "There was no evidence of in-school spread, in this year or last."

Dirksen said that he was also very concerned about the "huge learning loss" and "achievement gap", which is "widest in children from poverty," especially during the COVID epidemic.

"Morrow County citizen Jeff Zimmerman testified against the mask mandate saying, "Putting a mask on a child for hours a day…in my opinion, that's child abuse. It's personal to me. I don't know your child, but I care about them."

Also at the meeting, the board approved appointment of three board members to the upcoming Oregon School Board Association superintendent search for the Morrow County School District in preparation for the retirement of current superintendent Dirksen.

In other business the board:

-heard a presentation from the Heppner TSA club and approved a travel request for the club to attend a national conference in Dallas in June.

-learned the district was up 55 students over last year's enrollment report. District totals for October 2021 were 2,261, compared to 2,020 for October 2020. The 2021 enrollment report is as follows: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon-212; Sam Boardman Elementary-338; Heppner Elementary-177; Irrigon Elementary-179; Windy River Elementary, Boardman-246; Heppner Jr./Sr. High School-164; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School-370; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, Boardman-498; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon-77; Total-2,261.

Boardman schools were up 61 students, from 1,021 in October 2020 to 1,082 in 2021; Heppner schools-up 42, from 299 in 2020 to 341 in 2021; Irrigon schools, plus 19, from 742 to 761; MEC less 67 students from 144 in 2020 to 77 in 2021; district totals, up 55, from 2,206 to 2,261.

-approved the general fund anticipated revenue of $28,264,944, 2022, estimated expenditures of $28,068,518 for $196,426 in revenues over expenditures for a beginning fund balance of $4,503,426 and a projected ending fund balance of $4,700,272.

-approved a resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenues as follows: $4,750 for Heppner Jr./Sr. High School fund 221 from supporters of the Heppner FFA; $39,000 for Sam Boardman Elementary fund 450 from the Boardman Community Development Association.

-approved the following employment action: resignations/non-renewals-Terri Gentry, IJSHS junior high head volleyball coach, Tresa Grieve, District Office/Morrow Education Center assistant custodian, April Olsen, Irrigon Elementary Title I teacher, Albert Phillips, IJSHS junior high basketball coach, Jared Purcell, RJSHS junior high head girls' basketball coach, Ken Thompson, IJSHS head track coach; retirements-Carol Jones and Zack King, both RJSHS ed assistants; employments/promotions/transfers-Krystal Carroll IJSHS ed assistant, Lori Henderson, HES ed assistant, William Maddox, WRE temporary PE teacher, Lucero Medel, WRE library tech/ed assistant, and Aislynne Pope, ACH temporary ed assistant; extra duty contracts, Leah Harris assistant high school track coach, Ramon Montes, assistant high school football coach, Joshua Roberts, junior high head track coach and Edith Velasco, junior high assistant track coach, all RJSHS.

-received the following announcements: October 15-STEAM Friday; October 28-end of first quarter; next board meeting, Monday, November 8, Morrow Education Center, Irrigon.

-held an executive session "To consider records exempt from public inspection."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission for the City of Heppner will conduct a public hearing on Nov 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Heppner City Hall regarding the following applications: Variance permit to allow the placement of a 4 feet height by 8 feet wide pole sign in the lot located in a downtown commercial zone. Map #2S 26 35 BD Tax lot 4300 AKA 315 Center St. Applicant The sign man.

A Copy of the application and copies of all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of applicants and copies of any applicable zoning criteria are available for inspection at no cost with copies provided at a reasonable cost. Contact Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main ST. PO Box 756 Heppner OR 97836. Phone (541) 676-9618. Persons who wish to attend this meeting and need assistance are asked to call city hall or TTY relay 1-800-735-2900. Heppner is an EEO employer.

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Students to wear pink next week

Heppner High School will be holding a pink week in recognition of breast cancer awareness month. On Tuesday, October 19, the Heppner High volleyball team will be hosting Stanfield in their final regular season match. The student section will be wearing pink and fans are encouraged to wear pink as well.

During the volleyball games, the high school will not be requiring fans to pay admission, rather they are asked to put their admission cost into a donation box. The money donated will be donated to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

On Thursday, October 21, the football team will be hosting Irrigon. This game will also be a pink out, however admission will be required.

The FBLA will have a donation box, as well as selling various pink items. The FBLA is also starting their annual pie sales. If you are interested in ordering pies, please contact Mrs. Collins at the high school for prices and flavors.

Burn bans lifted

The burn bans for Heppner and Lexington will be lifted effective October 15, 2021, for all burning within the city limits.

Heppner residents may still request natural vegetation and debris piles to be burned by the fire department. A signup list for fire department burning is available at Heppner City Hall or residents may call fire chief Steve Rhea at 541-980-4232 or assistant chief Eric Chick at 541-701-4910.

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