



Principal Roley to take top Seaside schools post

School board hears 11th hour application

By Nancy McCarthy
Seaside Signal

Sheila Roley is the new Seaside School District superintendent.

Although the deadline to receive applications from potential candidates was March

18, the Seaside School Board unanimously approved Roley's appointment at a board meeting Tuesday night.

Roley will begin her new job July 1, following the retirement of Superintendent Doug Dougherty. A salary hasn't been determined,



Sheila Roley

but the job description calls for a range of \$118,000 to \$128,000.

"The qualifications for the superintendent fit Sheila to a T," said board member Tom Maltman, who noted that 125 community members had told what they wanted in a district superintendent.

"There was a definite concern by teachers, students and the community about a superintendent who would not

know the district. This made sense to me."

Roley, 64, has been with the district for 26 years, eight as a teacher and 18 as a principal of Cannon Beach Elementary, Broadway Middle and Seaside High schools. She recently announced her retirement as Seaside High principal, effective June 30.

But last Thursday, Roley contacted school board Chair-

man Steve Phillips and told him she had "re-evaluated her retirement and put her hat in the ring for Doug's job," Phillips said.

Phillips said his first reaction to Roley's application was excitement about the "opportunity" her experience presented to the district.

"But I was genuinely concerned that we had started a process (to search for candi-

dates) and what it would look like to the community," he said. He also wondered why she hadn't applied sooner.

Phillips decided to put the board members in two groups to interview Roley. By having the groups meet separately, they wouldn't have a quorum and would be complying with Oregon's open meeting laws.

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TAKING FLIGHT

DRONE RULES ARE UP IN THE AIR

Seaside Airport not ready to regulate drones

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Drones are everywhere these days, it seems, as eyes in the sky at weddings and special events, providing assistance for law enforcement and offering a glimpse into otherwise unnavigable geographic territory.

But risks from drone flights — including potential accidents, terrorism and privacy concerns — drew attention at a meeting of the Seaside Municipal Airport Advisory Committee, as members debated whether to enact regulations on the evolving technology.

"This is all a new world," Randall Henderson, the committee's chairman, said. "There are no regulations at all."



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Gearhart's Jeff Gage demonstrates a drone to the Seaside Municipal Airport Advisory Committee.

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FAA recommendations: <http://1.usa.gov/1p5OAvi>

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FAA recommendations

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles.
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times.
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations.
- Don't fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying.
- Don't fly near people or stadiums.
- Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 pounds.
- Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft — you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft.

Volunteers clean up at the beach

Local effort makes a difference for residents, environment

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

It started out as the personal mission of a few neighbors living on Beach Drive: keep Seaside's beach clean in between SOLVE's semi-annual beach cleanups.

About three years ago, the group — dubbed the Beach Drive Buccaneers — partnered with the Seaside Downtown Development Association and the Seaside Visitors Bureau to host beach cleanups the first Saturday of each month, the most recent of which took place March 5. The next cleanup takes place Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gini Dideum, who oversees the project with the help of current SDDA President Ruth Swenson, said people come from both the community and out of town to assist each month for a variety of reasons. Some do it as a service project for a particular class or club; others do it because "they just like coming to the beach," Dideum said. The number of volunteers is unpredictable, as few as 10 or as many as 100, and sometimes surprising, as people still volunteer during rainy or stormy weather.

"It's never just us," Swenson said, referring to Dideum and herself.

Statewide event

For the monthly cleanups, SOLVE, a statewide nonprofit organization that works to keep Oregon clean and green, donates signage, gloves, bags and publicity to support the project leaders. Additionally, SOLVE puts on its own Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup at 45 coastal locations across the state, including Seaside, each year, as well as the SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup each fall. The fall event brings out fewer volunteers, but encompasses more projects.

"Overall, it's a bigger event," said Kaleen Boyle, outreach coordinator for SOLVE.

SOLVE solicits volunteers from large corporations, clubs, schools, organizations and other entities to participate, but anyone can join in. Last year, 5,150 volunteers cleared more than 68,000 pounds of debris from the Oregon coast during the spring cleanup.

Because Seaside's own efforts to get trash off the beach have been so successful, SOLVE is trying to encourage groups to volunteer at other coastal locations during the statewide spring cleanup to "have a little more of an impact," according to Boyle. In the past, Seaside has been a popular work site, with a few hundred volunteering in the town during last year's spring event.

The next semi-annual cleanup in Seaside and elsewhere is March 26. For more information or to sign up, search Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup

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Superintendent Doug Dougherty testifies with students Nathanael Ward, Kyna Lin, Claire Ogilvie and Kara Ipson at the Oregon State Capitol.

Seaside students take tsunami project to Oregon legislators

By Lyra Fontaine
EO Media Group

Seaside School District superintendent Douglas Dougherty and 11 Seaside High School Associated Student Body leaders took to Oregon state representatives to seek support for a tsunami-safe school.

They testified during the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness in Salem on Feb. 23.

"The experience was unbelievable," said student Kyna Lin. "I didn't think I would ever present in front of a committee. Our only purpose is to spread awareness and let them know that we are doing this project and we really care about it."

In his testimony, Dougherty emphasized relocating the students out of the tsunami inundation zone, allowing them "a better chance of surviving the inevitable." He said the four aging schools in the district are in "the most sensitive and vulner-

able areas of the Oregon coast" and spoke about taking sensible steps to prepare for a Cascadia event and remain resilient after it occurs.

"Our students' physical safety cannot be guaranteed without each community's partnership and support."

Students gave a "Don't Catch This Wave" presentation on the Cascadia subduction zone, disaster preparation, the 1.6-mile walk from the high school to the tsunami safe zone, and the likely effects of a natural disaster on Seaside bridges and schools.

"Presenting to the Oregon legislature is definitely a big step in our project," student Nathanael Ward said.

The students have also presented to the Seaside City Council and high schools throughout the state. Their efforts have received ample media attention.

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