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## Home for the holidays

Every year, Adam and Kristi Israel on Skyline Drive in Seaside show their holiday spirit with a light show extravaganza. This year is no exception! Happy holidays!

## Strategic plan wins unanimous passage

### With campus relocation underway, district looks beyond to the future

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

As Seaside School District looks ahead to a new campus, members of the district's board of directors set their sights a little further out Thursday, Dec. 14, with unanimous approval of a contract with consultant Jerome Colonna to provide a strategic plan for the district.

The cost is estimated at \$15,000 and will be paid by existing areas of the budget, including the district's professional training budget, Superintendent Sheila Roley said.

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## Renovations complete, pool opens

### Lighting, flooring replaced at rec center

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Everybody into the pool! After a more than two-month closure, swimmers returned to the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District pool Dec. 11 to resume classes, meets and swims.

"It feels new to me," the recreation district's executive director of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Skyler Archibald said Friday, Dec. 15.

The project, launched in October, was originally intended for opening Dec. 4, but a delay in delivery of the sand filtration system pushed that back a week.

The largest portion of the project, resurfacing, was performed by a contractor over a six-week period at a cost of about \$80,000, Archibald said. The pool was repainted, LED lighting installed in the pool and outside of it, and improvements in the men's locker room added to the renovation. A new boiler system was installed to reduce heating costs, and push-button showers installed to conserve water. In the lobby, a new floor was installed, along with fresh coats of paint and lighting.

While temps started on the cold side — between 60 and 70 degrees before of boiler issues — by the end of the next day those had been resolved.

At week's end, swimmers enjoyed activities in the learner pool while regulars

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT RELEASES SCHEMATICS FOR NEW CAMPUS

## BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

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"A work in progress," is how Seaside School District Superintendent Sheila Roley referred to campus design plans delivered by BRIC Architecture Inc. this week. The project's first schematics and drawings include interior renderings of the elementary, middle and high school campuses and maps of playing fields and outdoor spaces.

"Everything is still a work in progress," Roley said. "We are in rapid fine-tuning."

The building footprint is unlikely to change, but "tweaks" are likely to be delivered periodically, Roley added. "We have a challenging building site, so we are maximizing the areas with the least slope. Most of the work now is focused on refining the interior configuration of the building to meet instructional needs."

The high school features a main gym that can be divided into two full size courts, an auxiliary gym room and a wrestling and exercise room. The middle school has one main gym. Additional middle school gym space will be added as revenues allow, Roley said.

Shared program areas support both the middle school and the high school, and are located in the building between the two schools. Included in these are mechanical and heating systems and the cooking facilities.

The school administration offices also have some shared spaces such as reception, but where the students would access the middle school or high school offices during the day will be through separate entrances from the classroom wings, Roley said.

The classrooms that are shared are music and band. The teachers in these programs cur-



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### Renderings of the new campus buildings.

rently travel between Seaside High School and Broadway, but now each program will have its own space. Middle school and high school bands and choirs will still be independent. The one area that will serve all students during the day is the library.

Both east and west entry plazas include concrete paving with accent scores and amenities to include bike parking, benches and receptacles for trash and recycling.

The elementary school is adding 20 classrooms and reconfiguring some spaces in the current Seaside Heights building.

Renderings depict a two-story elementary school building with classrooms on both

floors. The first floor will house a cafeteria, gymnasium, library, wellness room and music room, along with about 20 classrooms. The second level offers 10 classrooms and two commons areas.

Covered play areas and sports facilities are designated, as are potential locations for future gyms, a fishery building, practice and playing fields. A future performing arts center is also included.

Sheltering in the case of a Cascadia Subduction Zone event has been described as a goal of the project. While there is nothing visible on the

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## Feeling 'Blue' in Seaside

### Artist opens studio on North Holladay Drive

By Eve Marx  
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Blue Bond, or Blue as he likes to be called, was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He says he was educated in Tacoma, Washington, but you may detect a bit of Southern charm in his accent. He's been a professional full-time painter since 1967.

"I've been painting for four decades," Bond said. "I love painting and I love showing my work, but what I really love is teaching. I like passing on all the knowledge of painting that was given to me."

Blue Bond Studio and Gallery opened just about a month ago in Seaside after a year in Cannon Beach.

"I specialize in private oil painting classes for beginners to professionals," Bond said. He works in oil himself, but his classes are in oil and acrylic. Students provide their own supplies, including paints, brushes, thinner, palette paper and canvas, which must be had by the second class. Students provide their own subject matter in the form of two photographs. Adult three-hour group classes are available; family members who take a class together get a discount. Two-hour private classes are also available with all basic materials provided. Art groups of up to six friends are encouraged.

"I teach the basics," Blue said. He said students are amazed how quickly their creations materialize. He's taught hundreds of people in Vancouver, Washington, who in turn produced thousands of paintings, some winning awards in art competitions.



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Karen and Blue Bond at their new Seaside studio.