

McGlasson is offered extension

Banks School Board adopted three measures at Monday night's meeting which will help guide the district for the next several years.

Superintendent Marilyn McGlasson's contract will be extended for the next three years. Her work over the last two years has helped to get the district on the road to fiscal health, including obtaining a loan from the state allowing the district to continue to operate.

Appropriately, the board also adopted a set of Budget Guiding Principles, 2000-2004. The district is under a four-year debt repayment program, which is the primary budget consideration. However, the board saw fit to outline priorities in the areas of finance, fa-

cilities, curriculum, activities/athletics and technology. The guiding principles are intended to provide a framework for future appropriations and are subject to annual review and possible change.

A budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m., in the Banks High School Library.

The board also adopted a revised set of graduation requirements. The class of 2003 will be required to complete three math credits (up from two), allowing graduating students the opportunity to complete basic algebra and geometry instruction.

A total of 24 credits will be required for graduation, with four in language arts, three in



Mayor Ray Deeth spent a busy day reading to several classes at Banks Elementary School as part of the Reading is Fundamental celebration of stories by Dr. Seuss. Deeth's striped sweater was a fine sartorial addition to the striped hat from Seuss's *The Cat In The Hat*.

math, two in science, eight in electives and one each in U.S. history, global studies, government/economics, senior civics, health education, physical education and applied arts/fine arts/foreign language.

Sixth grade teacher Rob Frank gave a presentation on technology in the elementary classroom. Board members were invited to try out a device

called a DreamWriter (word processing laptops that can be downloaded later to the computer). Half of the students in an average class can use these devices while the other half is actually in the computer lab, allowing more students to practice word processing and other computer skills simultaneously. The district currently has 30 DreamWriters.

Biehl heads Banks planning panel

The Banks Planning Commission, at its regular meeting Feb. 29, elected new officers. Brian Biehl was elected chairperson and Kirk Andrews will fulfill the role of vice-chairperson.

Former chairperson Jack Li-etl resigned at the Nov. 1999 meeting after fulfilling a three-year term on the commission.

Remaining members of the commission are Katie Murdoch, Richard Bowden, Jerry Adamowicz (new member) and lone Pilate (non-voting member).

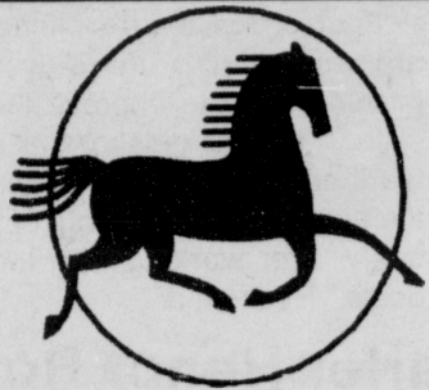
The commission still needs to fill one non-voting member position. Interested persons should contact City Hall at 324-5112.

Banks FFA alumni slate meeting

The next meeting of the Banks FFA Alumni will be Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vo-Ag classroom at Banks High School. Everyone

is welcome, and you don't have to be a past member of any FFA Chapter to join.

For more information, call Tracy Clinton at 357-5685.



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