

Fire alarms in schools found in need of repair or replacement

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Funderburg also told the board that he and Fire Chief Paul Epler had attempted to conduct fire drills from the pull stations. Among the difficulties encountered were many stations are an older type that cannot be re-set, and the discovery that the stations are not routed through the district's alarm company, ADT. According to Funderburg, it is not required that the fire alarm go through the alarm company, then to county emergency dispatch. Pull stations and alarm controls will be updated where needed and future fire drills will be conducted from pull stations, rather than by triggering the alarm from the office.

Michele Blum asked when the board was going to pick up the question of the failed bond measure and how long the district would continue to "throw money down a black hole," referring to the lengthening list of required

repairs and overdue maintenance activities now under consideration. Strand responded that the board has the condition of school facilities on "the front burner."

At the start of the meeting, Mist Grade School students Kaitlyn Carr, Nora and Megan Hironimus and Joe Benes explained the school's activity in remembrance of September 11th. Willie Hansen, now an eighth-grader at WGS, gave the board an amusing look at "what it's like being an eighth grader." Hansen told the board that the change from the 25-student Mist School to WGS, was "unbelievable" and that the worst thing about the school was the old, worn-out lockers. He told the board that he enjoyed the presentation of Rattling Thunder (A Run for the Arts Program) even though the singing "didn't sound like singing" to him.

Natalie Rombach, a Vernonia

High School student from Mist, gave the board a run-down of activities planned for Homecoming Week, October 14-19.

Principals Kirk Sherrill and Mike Durbin concluded the school reports by informing the board of the WGS Homework Club and Twilight School at VHS.

In other business the board:

- Hired Justin Ward as Junior High Language Arts Teacher, Brent Eagleson as Maintenance Custodian and Allen DeWeber as VHS Custodian.

- Approved policy revisions for payment of vacation days and the staff complaint procedure.

- Set October 24 for a hearing on a staff grievance.

- Received comments of appreciation from Marie Botchie and Michelle Blum for the open forum, tolerance of questions and interaction with the public.

- Noted that district enrollment of 735 students at the end of the first quarter, is a slight reduction from the expected enrollment of 740.



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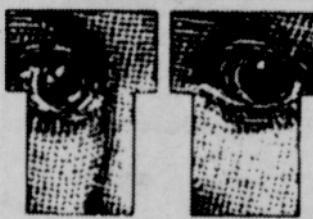



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