

Krahn will lead 47J board, Hamblett is vice-chair, Buckner seated

The 2003-04 year for the Vernonia School District started July 10 with the swearing in of new director Ed Buckner and second term board members Tim Titus, Darrell Hamblet and Randy Hansen.

The directors elected Jim Krahn to serve as chairman, with Darrell Hamblet as vice-chairman.

Student Amanda Watts urged the board to retain alternative learning courses, such as the wildlife science and forestry courses that were offered last year. Watts told the board about the classes as part of a speech she made to the board. Watts is applying for a State Fair Achievement Scholarship and her speech is part of the application process.

Randall Aultman was awarded a Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Award for his efforts in bringing the Lions Club vision and hearing screening tests to Washington Grade School. The board also discussed ways to make P.I.E. awards more meaningful to the recipients.

Career Learning Project

Superintendent Mike Funderburg presented a new policy for the Career Learning Project (CLP), which will replace the Senior Project beginning in the 2004-2005 school year. The graduating class of 2004 will continue with the Senior Project, with a few minor modifications.

The CLP will be take place primarily during the advisory period. This short period was originally instituted as a district-wide silent reading program but, in the high school, will now be used as a time for students to meet and work with CIM/CAM advisors. All teachers will have 10-15 students to advise through high school, and a student will have the same advisor for all four years. The advisory period will also be used for class meetings, club meetings and some assemblies in order to limit academic time used by these activities.

The current careers class will be replaced by CLP projects in the ninth and tenth grades. Students will develop a six-year academic and career/student plan, explore various careers in science and liberal arts, complete exploration activities, perform career information searches and begin a career-related learning portfolio. During the sophomore year students will give a career pres-

entation on a subject tied to a career pathway.

Juniors will give a five-minute presentation based on a job shadow opportunity, write a research paper and choose

involved in extra-curricular activities. Funderburg agreed with board members Tim Titus and Randy Hansen that coaches should follow the requirements of the Code.

ment and strategic plan) using a numeric rating scale. Funderburg told the board a similar tool is currently in place for administrative team members, allowing a more quantitative and

board members in general and in executive session. Funderburg told the board that the Oregon Ethics Commission annually receives the most complaints about unpaid members of boards such as school boards and city councils.

Leaky pipeline illustrated

Maintenance Supervisor John Lewis brought a piece of galvanized pipe that he had removed from an exposed water pipeline in the Washington Grade School boiler room, to illustrate its poor condition. The two-foot section of pipe had three serious leaks and a great deal of corrosion and rust build-up on the interior. Lewis told the board that the pipe is probably typical of the entire supply line, much of which is inside the walls, making leaks inaccessible and impossible to repair.

In other business the board:

- Accepted the resignations of Dennis DeWitt, Joan Metzger and Leslie Barnes.

- Approved a revised calendar for board and budget committee meetings for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

- Approved various designations, set borrowing limits and established substitute teacher pay.

- Adopted a policy for Charter Schools.

The next board meeting will be August 14 in the district office.



Vernonia School Board, from left, Randy Hansen, Jim Krahn, Leslie O'Leary, Tim Titus, Cari Levenseller, Ed Buckner and Darrell Hamblett.

whether to follow a technical or professional endorsement for the Certificate of Advanced Mastery.

Seniors will complete an internship or project, followed by a presentation to a panel of judges. The presentation must be tied to a career pathway and based on the internship or project opportunity (which requires an adult mentor). Students will be allowed to make their presentation soon after completion of the internship or project, either in January or May.

Code of Conduct

Draft copies of student handbooks were distributed to the board. Funderburg told the board that the administrative team will be finalizing the handbook, including a new handbook for coaches, at an all-day work session August 5. Next year, there will also be a Code of Conduct for all students in-

Funderburg said that schools sometimes blame parents for poor behavior but that the school has students for more of their waking hours than they are with their families. According to Funderburg schools need to provide good, positive role models, especially since the reality is that these often don't exist in the home.

Superintendent evaluation tool

Funderburg introduced a superintendent evaluation tool that will help the board evaluate the superintendent on each of ten standards (leadership and district culture, policy and governance, communications and community relations, organizational management, curriculum planning and development, instructional leadership, human resources leadership, values and ethics of leadership, labor relations, and district improve-

objective evaluation than has been the case in the past. Once the evaluation plan is completely implemented it will be consistent throughout the district and all employees will receive evaluations in March.

Funderburg concluded the meeting with a short review of ethical and procedural questions covering the actions of

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