

New 47J board members are sworn in, Hansen is elected Chair

New school board members, Kim Wallace, Debbie Brown, Dick Brunzman and Angie Taylor, were sworn in as the first item of business at the Vernonia

School District 47J board meeting on July 14. Superintendent Mike Funderburg explained that the district had already applied and been approved for

Principal Nate Underwood gave the board a draft of the Grade School School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Principal Curt Scholl handed out drafts of the High School SIP, the Participant Code of Conduct and the Athletic Policy Handbook.

these items each year, but that 47J does. These items will be finalized at the next board meeting.

There was discussion regarding filling necessary committee positions. There are openings for school employees

pated by August 5; interested parties should contact Superintendent Funderburg about committee assignments.

There will be an August 11 workshop training session for board members by a representative of the Oregon School Boards Association. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vernonia School District office, 475 Bridge St.



Above, new 47J board members Dick Brunzman and Angie Taylor take the oath of office. Right, Debbie Brown (left) and Kim Wallace being sworn in at their first meeting on July 14.

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Randy Hansen was elected chairman for the coming year and Brunzman was picked for vice-chairman.

The board approved a resolution allowing the district to ap-

ply for QZABS interest-free loan funds. Superintendent Mike Funderburg explained that the district had already applied and been approved for \$487,000 in QZABS funds, but the resolution is required. After approval of the resolution, the state will find a bank to handle the funds. At prior meetings, it was explained that the funds will be used for the middle school project.



Scholl told the board that he plans to have more testing next year and to do a better job of focusing on goals. On the Athletic Code of Conduct, Scholl said the changes include clarification of Vernonia's code versus OSAA 2A codes, to bring the two into line and avoid confusion. Funderburg said that many districts do not review

and the public on the following committees: Long Range Planning Committee, Consolidated Improvement Plan Committee, Curriculum Committee, Safety Committee, Maintenance Committee, Athletic/Activity Advisory Committee, Negotiations Committee and the Job Description Handbook Committee. Final appointments are antici-

Change in road to Lost Lake

Because of road work designed to improve vehicle access and safety to Lost Lake, visitors will need to access the southeast Clatsop County lake from Highway 26, not from Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground.

Public access to Lost Lake has been closed from Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry. The closure is expected to last at least 10 days.

For more information about the road closure and its reopening, call Larry Sprouse at the ODF Astoria District office, 503-325-5451.

Computer camp in St. Helens

Summer computer camps for kids are being offered through August by the Columbia Learning Center. Camps are for ages 7-17 and are four to eight hours long over the course of a week.

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A one-time discount of \$5 is given to each child who registers with a friend or family member. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to take the classes provided for the teenagers along with their teens! Parents or guardians must be accompanied by a teen.

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