

Lundsten will chair board as it gets organized for the coming year

The Banks School District Board of Directors met Monday, July 11, for their last session until school resumes in September.

Board members Angi Duyck, Gene Kelly, Duane Lundsten, and Doug Nordholm attended, along with new superintendent Marv Ott. New board member Will Moore was absent, as were all other administrators. Nordholm and Duyck were sworn in for their new terms. Lundsten was elected Chairperson and Nordholm was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2005-06.

The Board adopt a policy for modified diploma attainment

that brings the district into compliance with state and federal law. The policy was adopted without discussion, following a yearlong staff study, to update the previous policy. A modified diploma is available to students who cannot undertake a regular curriculum. It requires the same number of credit hours as a standard diploma, but allows a modified curriculum and emphasizes gaining the skills necessary for adult life.

The board also decided to uphold previous superintendent Marilyn McGlasson's decision to deny an inter-district transfer to a student who would be entering tenth grade this fall. After some discussion, the board unanimously decided that there was no compelling reason to override the superintendent. The family had appealed the decision in June.

Superintendent Ott reported that he, Moore and Duyck had attended an Oregon School Board Association conference in Wilsonville and gained new insights into running a school board and the ethical decisions involved. He also discussed selecting a date as soon as possible for a goal setting session that will be conducted by the OSBA. As part of the superin-

tendent search, the OSBA provides a 3 hour session for the new superintendent and board members to set district goals for the coming years. Pending availability, the session will occur in August.

All of the board members extended a welcome to Ott. Lundsten also commended Duyck, Moore and Ott for attending the OSBA workshop and stated that all board members should take advantage of such opportunities. Duyck agreed that it had been time well spent and that she had gathered information and ideas that she planned to incorporate into her service.

The consent agenda was approved, designating the News Times as newspaper of record; Jim's Market as bulletin board; Nancy Hungerford/John Peterson as the district's attorneys, Waltz, Sheridan & Crawford as insurance agent of record; US Bank, West Coast Bank and Local Government Investment Pool as depository of funds; Jones & Roth as district auditors; and Herb Drew Associates as insurance benefits agent of record.

Regular meeting dates were designated as the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room. Sub-

stitute teacher pay for 2005-06 was set at the state rate of \$139.17 for the first 10 days in assignment. Bus service, custodial service and extra-duty contracts were approved for 2005-06.

The following personnel contracts/changes were approved:

- Joseph Accuardi, full-time secondary band/choir teacher;
- Bethany Moore, .8125 time locker room/instructional assistant;
- Resignations of Kelly Ford and Jim Wiechmann;

• Pam Bailey transferred from .7 time student services teacher to full time first grade teacher;

• Gayle Plumb transferred from full time first grade teacher to .5 student services teacher;

• Jenelle Rankin changed hours from full time sixth grade teacher to .6 time.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the school district board room.

County seeks public comments on updated strategic plan draft

Washington County is inviting comments and feedback regarding the draft County 2010 Strategic Plan (www.co.washington.or.us/county2010). This draft reinforces the principles and tenets of the original document and our current commitment to the type of collaboration that will influence the long-term health and vibrancy of our community.

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ty's quality of life while responding to phenomenal population growth and increasing demand for County services.

Rapid growth led to an accelerated demand for County services at a level that would be more typically provided by established cities — not a "traditional" county government. At the same time, due to limits placed on county funding sources, it was evident that resources to meet the increased demand would be limited.

In 1986 the Board adopted the County 2000 Plan. The original Plan identified the County's fundamental approaches to its service delivery roles, principles and priorities, and was designed to be a blueprint for the development and implementation of policies, programs, and operations. The Plan was updated in 1990 and 1993 to refine the original document based on emerging issues and service priorities.

The Board of Commissioners has now begun the process of updating the County 2000 Strategic Plan with the draft of County 2010.

Citizen comments about the 2010 Strategic Plan should be made as soon as possible. It is anticipated that the update will be presented to the Board of Commissioners later this summer.

Public testimony before the Board will be welcomed. Comments may also be delivered by mail: Washington County Administrative Office, 155 N. First Ave, Suite 300, Hillsboro, 97124; by fax to 503-846-4545, or by email to <cao@co.washington.or.us>.

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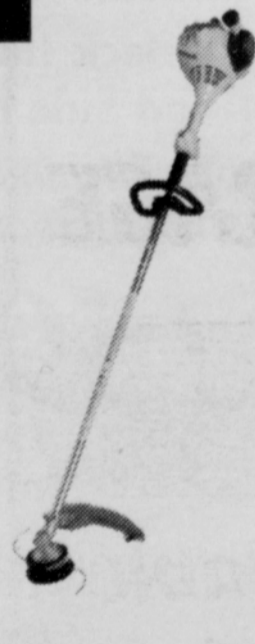
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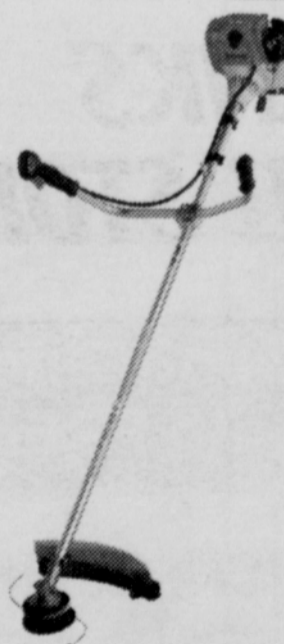
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