

# Banks school board will form committee to look at facility needs

Banks first-graders Mary Short and Logan Storms read their stories to the Board of Directors at their meeting March 12. Each page of their stories started with "When I was young in the town of Banks" and the kids filled in what they liked to do: ride bikes, eat pizza, draw, read. Elementary principal Bob Huston had invited them to showcase how well this year's first graders are doing with literacy.

Board chair Doug Nordholm reported that, during board work sessions, they have discussed the findings of the facilities planning committee and wants the public to know what the board will do. At this time, he explained, because the district has needs that require further exploration, they will form a committee to look at those

additional needs.

The board voted to grant Superintendent Marv Ott a three-year contract that will run from July 1, 2007 to June 30 2010. They also discussed the evaluation process used to reach this decision. Ott is rated by the board on nine standards and six goals. Ott scored between good and excellent in all areas except leadership and district culture, where he scored between needs improvement and good.

Gary Hartman, director of technology and assessment for the district, said that the TESA computer system used for state testing is down and may not be usable for this year. This is because of a contract dispute between the Oregon Department of Education and the contractor responsible for the system.

Schools statewide are working to arrange for paper and pencil testing before the end of the year.

Director Will Moore opened discussion of moving the date or time of the school board meeting so it would not conflict with the high school PTO meeting. Board consensus was that they would like to hear from the PTO to see how necessary the change is and what can be done to accommodate them. The board will revisit this item next month.

The board had a first reading of an updated job sharing policy that would allow participants in a job share to accrue seniority at a pro-rated rate. The previous practice had been that job share participants lost their seniority. The board also looked at policies regarding board member standards of conduct, conflicts and interest, and meeting procedure. These policies will be voted on next month.

The 2007-08 school calendar was also presented for a first reading. Inservice days will be spaced evenly throughout the year, as they were in prior years. Ott said that the vacation mirrors what surrounding dis-

tricts are proposing to do. He said that the district tries to line up with other districts and with college schedules. The calendar will be voted on next month.

The board approved three

trips for high school students. Advanced Biology will go to Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center, Honors English will go to Ashland, and FFA will go to the state convention.

## Washington County seeks new members for Disabilities council

The following board is currently seeking applications for new members:

The Washington County Developmental Disabilities Council is seeking applications for new members. There is one vacancy, and two terms are expiring.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of Commissioners on program development, planning, monitoring and funding issues.

The 15 member board includes recipients of service, advocates, and professionals in the field, key referral sources, provider representatives, and lay citizens. Members are residents of the county or have work interests in the county.

Each term is for three-years.

The usual time requirement is 2-3 hours per month.

The application deadline is April 3, or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling 503-846-8685. Descriptions of all boards can also be found on the website: [www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commiss.pl](http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commiss.pl)

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