

# Banks School Board hears from the Facility Planning Committee

Kathy Edison was sworn in as the newest member of the Banks School Board of Directors at their meeting July 9. Edison, who said that she was excited to be there and looking forward to working hard, replaces outgoing director Gene Kelly.

Since two board members, Duane Lundsten and Will Moore, were not at the meeting, the other directors voted to postpone electing a board chair and vice-chair for the 2007-08 school year until the next board meeting. Normally, no meeting is scheduled in August, but because of this issue and things that may arise with the Facility Planning Committee, a meeting may be called in the next few weeks.

Pete Edison, co-chair of the Facility Planning Committee,



updated board members on what the committee had been doing and explained two requests. The first request was for the board to authorize a hazardous material study. The junior high and high school have been identified as containing a significant amount of asbestos in the building materials, a major factor in the original committee's recommendation to remove these buildings. However, other reports have been found that indicate the schools do not present a hazardous materials exposure risk. The difference in these reports is most likely that the materials are safe until disturbed. The Facility Planning Committee is requesting that the board authorize a hazardous material study so the extent of any hazardous material removal involved in demolition or remodeling can be determined. The board voted to approve the

study. The Committee also requested that an agenda item  
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## Citizen asks council about potholes on Banks Road

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Citizen Marion Steinbach asked who she should contact about potholes surrounding the railroad tracks on NW Banks Road. Not only is it loud when cars "clunk over the tracks" but it is dangerous, she said. The City Recorder, who already had calls in to Washington County and the railroad, will forward Steinbach's maintenance request.

Edison commended City Attorney Jim Lucas for his good work on the emergency franchise ordinances; David Milky,

from Verizon, contacted Lucas and voiced his astonishment that the city passed a franchise ordinance. A Verizon representative will be in Banks July 25, to meet with Lucas and Council to review contracts Verizon cur-

rently has with the cities of Tualatin and Forest Grove. The City has not heard from NW Natural Gas. The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be August 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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