

Banks School Board hears results of bond survey at extra meeting

A special meeting of the Banks School District Board of Directors was held June 3 to hear the results of a voter information survey conducted by Moore Information. Bob Moore, president of the company, presented the results and talked about the implications of the numbers. The school district's approval rating was 63%, which, he said, is quite high. The survey found that there was support for a \$30 million

bond, but that there was stronger support at \$25 million level, with 57% of those polled saying they would support it.

The survey also broke out different components of what could be included in the bond measure and gauged the support for these individually. Construction of additional classroom space and safety issues received the strongest support. Rick Rainone, consultant to the school district, said that by tai-

loring the bond proposal to include items that have the most support, a \$25 million bond could prove to be a good choice for the district.

During its work session on June 9, the board discussed what level of bond to seek in November. Rainone presented a plan that included the items that had received the strongest support, such as new classrooms and science classrooms, and excluded elements that had not

received strong support, such as turfing Kelly Field and building a performing arts center.

Consensus of the board was that a \$25.5 million-dollar bond was the most responsible choice, because that level of funding would allow the district to address safety issues, including traffic flow, and would provide new core services at the junior high and high school. They felt that a \$20 million bond was not responsible be-

cause it would require keeping many outdated structures and using money for costly repairs instead of new construction that will be cheaper to maintain.

At the board meeting June 9, the school board voted unanimously for a resolution to place a bond measure for capital improvements not to exceed \$25.5 million, on the November ballot. Final approval of the measure will be at the July 14 board meeting.

School Board told that track and track shed should be named

The Banks FFA Dairy Judging Team that placed first in the state this year spoke at the Banks School Board of Directors meeting on June 9. The team will go to Indianapolis in the fall for the national judging competition. The five-person team explained what is involved in a dairy judging competition and gave an example of giving reasons for placing a class of dairy cows. This was the first year that the team competed and they beat 18 other teams at the state level. The board approved two trips for the team in the fall; one as a prelude to the national competi-

tion, the other to national competition. The board will consider whether the district can help with funding the trips, although the team has already started fundraising.

Stephanie Vandehey, a 2001 graduate of Banks High School also spoke to the board. She is proposing that the district name the high school track after Robert Frank and the track shed after Ken Robinson. Frank, who will retire this year, taught and coached track in Banks for 33 years. He also coached junior high football and basketball and kept statistics for high school football.

Robinson also coached and taught in the district for 30 years. He retired two years ago. Vandehey called many school districts and found that most do not have a policy regarding naming facilities after people, but that most of them did it. She also found that, of the teachers and coaches honored in other districts, none had served more than 25 years. She said that what was most important was that the men be honored; she did not think that a large display was needed.

The board was to discuss the proposal and may take action at the next board meeting.

The board approved a budget resolution for the 2008-09 school year and also a custodial contract for Sodexo for the next school year.

During the board's work session prior to the meeting, the board discussed a possible land acquisition. Land adjacent to the post office is for sale and would allow for construction of a new entrance for buses. This would help ease congestion before and after school and make it safer for students who walk or are picked up by parents. No action was taken.

The consent agenda included the following personnel

changes:

Resignations:

Tanya Lauckner, elementary kindergarten teacher

Karen Fox, elementary Title I teacher

Gabe Pagano, high school language arts teacher

Hiring for 2008-09:

MacKenzie Peter, third grade teacher

Kevin Cliff, secondary math teacher

Jenelle Calendar, special education instructional assistant

Dawn Slifka, elementary life-skills instructional assistant.

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There will be ogres at BPA show

Ogres Are Nice People Too! is the name of the Banks Performing Arts production that will start June 27. The show will play at the Theatre in the

Grove, 2028 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove. Performances will be held on Friday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 28, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door.

Ballet, tap, jazz and Highland dancing will be featured in this interpretation of the Dreamworks-based story of Shrek, staged with dramatic elements.

Dancers and performers, ranging in age from three to adult, will culminate their year as Banks Performing Arts students with this production.

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