

Vernonia School Board sets band fees

Recently re-elected school board member Bill Langmaid was sworn in to office at the August 11 Vernonia School Board meeting.

The board approved new Band Participation Fee Guidelines. Band fees will be \$50 for 6th grade band students and \$75 for 7th through 12th grade band students. Grades 6 through 12 will also have a \$50 fee per school instrument. Reduced fees are available and the maximum family or household fee per year is \$150.

Superintendent Dr. Ken Cox reported that the Chalkboard

Project awarded the district a \$51,250 grant to work on the CLASS Project. The CLASS Project is to set up a merit based system for teachers based on student results. The district had asked for \$150,000.

After holding an executive session (closed to the public) on labor negotiations, the board approved agreements with the administrative employee group and the confidential and supervisory groups. They also approved a 2-year contract extension and a secondary contract for \$1,000 per month construction supervision

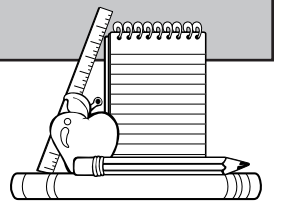
stipend for Cox.

The new school construction is on schedule, Cox told the board, with work being done on the weight room/wrestling room roof and more steel going up in the classroom wings.

School starts for students on September 1, instead of after Labor Day, and the board heard a report from Curl's Bus Service that all routes are set up and ready to start picking up students for that opening day.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the district office.

Chalk Talk



Chalk Talk is a column of information about Vernonia schools. This column was provided by Curl's Bus Service.

It's "Back to School" time. School buses will be back on the roads, and students are walking along the side of the road and waiting for buses.

Tips for motorists:

It is a \$500 fine for running a stopped school bus with their red lights on. But if you kill a child it is a lifelong sentence you will have to live with the rest of your life. Please take the extra time to be safe for you and the children we care about. It's not worth destroying a life for the few minutes you will be stopped.

1. Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed laws.

2. Be alert and ready to stop. Prepare to stop for school bus when overhead yellow lights are flashing. Drive with caution if you see the yellow hazard warning lights flashing on a moving or stopped bus. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.

3. When red overhead flashing lights are on, possibly accompanied by an extended stop arm, they tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop at least 20 feet from the front or rear of a school bus when red lights are flashing and not proceed until the school bus resumes motion.



Above, a happy majorette leads the band during the Jamboree parade.

Right, a shot of the action at the Jamboree Lawnmower races.

Far right, kids choker setting at the Logging show.

All photos by Garry Kinney.

Lawnmower race results

The results for the 2011 Jamboree Lawnmower Races were as follows:

Stock Class

- 1st – Trevor Wedgworth
- 2nd – Neil Vandehey
- 3rd – Andrew Johnson

Modified

- 1st – Dooley
- 2nd – Joe Potter
- 3rd – Andrew Johnson

Super Modified

- 1st – Jim McCracken, Sr.
- 2nd – Jim McCracken, Jr.
- 3rd – Brian Fennell



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