

Notes from the April 23, 2008, School Board Meeting

Time and Location:

The April 23, 2008, School Board Meeting was held in the Administrative Office Board Room, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Paterson reported that after several months, a decision has finally been reached with regard to the ESD service plan. District administrators are now working on budget issues in preparation for the 2008-09 budget process. The elementary principal interviews are complete and the quality of the in-district applicants was very impressive. Both middle schools conducted Challenge Day activities focused on helping students have a feeling of belonging, influence and adequacy. The 5th annual "Truth, Lies and Videotapes" will be held on April 24 from 6 - 8:30 PM in the Rose Theatre on the high school campus. This is a youth media project sponsored by DC CAPS to promote healthy lifestyles through collaborative efforts designed to involve the community in preventing substance abuse. Several members of the high school Health Occupations (HOSA) team placed very highly in the State competition and the community should be very proud of these talented students.

Recognitions:

At each board meeting the School Board awards Certificates of Accomplishment to students of the month in the Roseburg School District. Students receiving the awards were: Quinlan Morrow/Fir Grove, Andreea Gosman/Melrose and Maci Brock/Winchester.

The Board honored Denise Emery, third grade teacher at Fir Grove Elementary School with the "Crystal Apple Award." This award is presented to teachers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to the school and the education of students in Roseburg Public Schools.

Special Presentation:

Steve Vincent, Regional Business Manager for Avista Utilities presented the school board with an energy conservation rebate check in the amount of \$102,420; an energy efficiency incentive.

The incentive check is in recognition of the school district's remarkable energy savings and for leveraging energy efficiency programs which ultimately saves patrons money.

Action Items:

The Board adopted Resolution 07-08-15: National Teacher Appreciation Week and Resolution 07-08-16: National Transportation Week. The Board also approved the employment of Dr. Larry C. Parsons as Superintendent and approve the contract language for his employment.

RHS Student Representative Report:

Danielle Nelson, RHS Student Representative, reported that spring athletics are going well and the Girls Golf Team placed second in their conference. Various student elections were held last week and Annie Austin was elected Student Body President for 2008-09. The Prom will be held on May 17th and this year's theme is the "Roaring Twenties". Home Going activities will be held the last week in May, Evening of Excellence will be held on May 5, and the Mother/Daughter Tea will be held May 12. Several fund raising activities were recently held by students, including a boys "Power Buff" volleyball game, various lunchtime activities, and a mini Relay for Life on the high school campus. These activities helped students raise \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society. National Honor Society held a carnival on May 8 to assist 28 math students in their fund raising efforts to attend the State Math Competition. The annual "Yanka Bash" will be held on Friday, April 25th at 7:00 PM in the Rose Theatre with a song writing competition. The fine arts classes recently took a field trip to visit art galleries in Portland, Oregon.

Committee Reports:

Director Cotton reported that the Building and Sites Committee met on April 17, 2008, to review the comprehensive Facility Forecast Plan provided by the Community Advisory Committee. They discussed local levy options to address the facility needs identified by the CAC that surpass the district's financial ability to address, and brought forward a recommendation to begin a preliminary investigation on community survey options that would assist the Board as they consider local levy options.

Next Board Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the School Board will be held on May 14, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Board Room.