

# Board Highlights!

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The Newsletter of the Sumner School Board

## NEWS

## REPORTS

### HIGH SCHOOL SHUTTLE PLAN

The Secondary Programs 2005 committee presented two options to provide students with shuttle service between Sumner and Bonney Lake High School beginning in September 2005. Because both high schools will have a small number of programs unique to their school, the committee considered shuttle service to allow students flexibility to move between schools during the day. After lengthy discussion, the Board determined neither proposal seemed warranted and, in general, students would be better served through the modified open enrollment plan that allows them to enroll in the school which best meets their academic needs. Students who choose to go to a non-resident school will need to provide their own transportation.

### BOND REFINANCE

The Board authorized the District to proceed to refinance the 2000 bond issue in the amount of \$25,505,000. The District will realize savings of \$1,680,189 over the life of the bonds, if the bond refinance conditions continue to be optimal and the District is able to complete the refinance.

### PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER

Original education planning and decision-making for the new high school did not provide for a high needs special education program. Sumner High School was designated as the exclusive school to provide those services. Due to increasing numbers of high needs special education students at the high school level, we now require both Sumner High School and Bonney Lake High School

to offer a High Needs classroom. At Bonney Lake High School there is an opportunity to construct a specialized classroom specifically designed to meet the needs of these students before opening in September 2005. The Board directed the Administration to proceed with the project. A change order will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

### CHANGE ORDER #11:

The Board approved a change order for 14 proposal requests for additional work and modification to the contract for architectural, structural, civil, landscape, mechanical and electrical changes for a total of \$81,975.00.

### TRANSPORTATION FUND

The Board approved a revision to the Transportation Vehicle Fund budget for additional revenue from bus depreciation to be spent on additional buses.

### PLAN 2005:

#### STUDENT TRANSITIONS

In preparation for the opening of Bonney Lake High School and the shift to middle schools, staff members are carefully planning activities to provide information and experiences for students that will prepare them for success at their new schools. Principal Chuck Eychaner is coordinating student transition activities for elementary and junior high students. In his update report, he detailed progress of the plan and highlighted upcoming activities including registration deadlines, school tours and open houses for families. A complete schedule of transition activities is posted on the Web site.

### JOURNALISM CLUB

Curtis Hurst, Co-Principal of Mountain View Junior High, introduced Karen Black, advisor for the school's journalism club. Student staff members of the online newspaper "The Howl," presented their publication with articles featuring an insider look at the new Bonney Lake High School. The Board congratulated students Kent Wilson, Megan Noborakawa, Clayton Haselwood, Callista Dale, Josh Dale, Alison Wells and Kristen White.

### PIERCE RESPONDER

Pierce County recently presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Sumner School District acknowledging the District's participation in the school safety mapping project, Pierce Responder. The Pierce Responder System provides public safety teams with school information that is vital for an effective emergency response. Deputy Superintendent William Noland presented Cindy Acosta, Risk Manager, to the Board. Cindy has been instrumental in contributing school information to the system and serving as a liaison between schools, law enforcement, fire and emergency services.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the month of January parents, students and educators recognize the dedication and hard work of our school board members in preparing our students for a successful future. With leadership from our school board, the Sumner School District provides an excellent education for our students and contributes to the quality of life in our communities. Board members will present books to school libraries in observance of School Board Recognition Month.

# STAFF ACTION

## OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT

*Ongoing position unless otherwise noted.*

Renee Tinder, Program Specialist, STARR, time-limited position; Jeanine Merritt, Aquatic Specialist, Pool; Evan Erickson, Custodian III, Sumner High School Floater.

## SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

Laurie Phelps, Head Coach – Gymnastics, Mountain View Junior High; Stephanie Lange, Assistant Coach - Gymnastics, Mountain View Junior High.

## CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Nichole Zuger, Teacher, Sumner High School, 1.0 FTE time-limited contract, January 24, 2005 through remainder of 2004-05 school year; David Stokke, Marketing Teacher, Bonney Lake High School, 1.0 FTE provisional contract for the 2005-06 school year.

## CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

Julie Gustafson, Teacher, Lakeridge Junior High, continuing contract increased from .50 FTE to 1.0 FTE effective with the 2005-06 school year; Donna Knutsen, Counselor/Intervention Specialist, Daffodil Valley Elementary, 1.0 FTE time-limited contract extended through the remainder of the 2004-05 school year; Amy Orm, Teacher, Sum-

ner High School, increase in continuing contract to 1.0 FTE for the second semester, beginning January 25, 2005, from a .40 FTE leave of absence.

## RETIREMENT

*Effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year unless otherwise noted.*

JoAnn Gear, Teacher, Sumner High School, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year. JoAnn has been with the District for 26 years.

Kathleen Bailey, Speech Language Pathologist, Victor Falls Elementary, effective October 31, 2005, following a 1.0 FTE leave of absence from the beginning of the 2005-06 school year. Kathy has been with the District for 19 years.

Judy Caviezel, Professional Development Specialist, Maple Lawn Elementary, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Judy has been with the District for 23 years.

Victor Sparks, Teacher, Emerald Hills Elementary, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Vic has been with the District since September 1978.

## RESIGNATIONS

Kathrene Olsen, Food Service Assistant, Crestwood Elementary, effective January 14, 2005; Kathy Bisig, Support Technician, Technology, effective January 31, 2005; Gregory Smith, Teacher, Sumner High School, effective January 24, 2005.

## STAFF TRAVEL

Ann Cook, Communications Director, to attend the National School Public Relations Association conference, July 10-13, 2005, Boston, Massachusetts.

Jeff Baines, Assistant Principal, SHS; Ed Dunn, Work Based Learning Coordinator SHS; Sarah Briehl, CTE Director; 2 representatives from the BHS team; and two middle school representatives to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, February 10-11, 2005 to attend a workshop on a program entitled Fish for Schools.

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**Next Board Meeting...**  
The next meeting of the Board is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, Central Office Board Room, 1202 Wood Avenue, Sumner.

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