



# Adrian School District Newsletter

March 2011

High School Office 372-2335

K-8 Office 372-2337

## Superintendent's Report

We are cautiously optimistic that no staff, or programs, will need to be cut for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Our earliest estimates of school funding levels will come from Salem shortly after the first of March.

Early indications are that we will see a 'manageable' figure. These are difficult financial times for most entities – schools will not be spared. However, district enrollment has stayed relatively strong. This is good! Cash reserves appear to be adequate. This is also good!

A special 'Thank you' to all who have supported our school at recent extra-curricular activities. The boys state play – off game with Cove was well attended. We hope to see you at our spring events, including the annual drama presentation. **Antelopes forever, Gene Mills**

## Principal's Corner

I found some ideas for parents without an author. It said, "1. Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day. 2. Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home. 3. Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or an e-mail. 4. Contact your youngster's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed. 5. Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

Our Middle School boy's basketball had a great season. They came in second in the WIC. Thank you for your continual support. **Sincerely, William H. Ellsworth**

## H.S. Principal's Report

I am not sure where the time goes, but, when you have measured your life by the school calendar for over forty years, it goes fast. Your life rolls by in quarters, semesters, productions and sports seasons. We associate our students with events and activities to try to remember what year everything occurred. It goes by so fast! So fast in fact that my daughter informed me this fall that one of her professors in college was a former student of mine over 20 years ago! I was able to have lunch with the two of them a couple of weeks ago, what a pleasure to see how former students turn out. You never know when the educational process is going to go full circle.

Having said all of that, we move from winter to spring, from basketball and wrestling to softball, baseball and track. We move from the hustle and bustle of senior projects to the few extensions which are left. You would think that we should be winding down our activities, but, like spring giving birth to new life, everything seems to come out of hibernation, including the school activities. Aside from the athletic change of season we still have the following to look forward to: Senior Citizen Luncheon, the drama production, this year it is "Beauty and The Beast", spring music concerts, choir and band competitions, FFA State Convention, prom and graduation! Just to name a few. Let us not forget that these are all extra-curricular activities.

I would like to encourage our students to maintain their academic focus amid all of the hustle and bustle. Third quarter is coming to an end and we have two RSD Fridays still available. I believe that our system of RSD Fridays is a wonderful thing for our students; however, they are only wonderful if you take advantage of them. Thank you for what has already been a great year, I look forward to the remainder of our school year.

**Go Lopes!! Kevin Purnell**

# FFA NEWS



Many members competed in events at the District Leadership Contests held in Ontario on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. With giving their best effort these members participated in Beg & Adv Parliamentary Procedure, and Creed Speaking; however no one placed in the top three. National FFA Week was the 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter celebrated National FFA Week by having the K-5 participate in a coloring contest, which consisted of farm related coloring pages. Each class has a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Our chapter also puts on a "Teachers Breakfast", where all high school staff members are welcome to come eat breakfast made by the chapter members. This year we had pancakes, sausage and bacon, and scrambled eggs, with fruit, and beverages. Up coming events are, State convention on March 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year the convention will be held at Crater High School in Medford, OR. Members participating are extremely excited for this event. Another up coming event is Shop Skills in Ontario, on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The chapter would like to thank the Community, along with many others for supporting us!!!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Morton  
Adrian FFA Reporter

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## Music Notes



The Adrian Pep Band has completed a successful basketball season. I appreciate our students dedication to building up team spirit through music.

Two students, Rebekah and Madolynne VanCorbach, represented Adrian at the District IX Solo/Ensemble Festival on Feb. 12. Both girls received superior ratings. Congratulations, girls! The advanced band, along with members of the high school choir, traveled to Nyssa to perform at the Senior Citizen Center on Feb. 23. They represented our school well and their music was enjoyed.

Now, it is time to focus on our spring concert season!

District IX large group festival is April 5th and 6th. We are still waiting for conformation on the venue, and our performance time! Look for this information in the next Adrian Newsletter

Finally, the spring concerts are set for Tuesday, May 24th! K-5 will be at 2:00 pm and the MS/HS will be at 7:00. We look forward to performing for you!

**Keep Music Alive! Mrs. VanCorbach**

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### Adrian 4-H Club

#### Important Dates:



**Club Meeting @ Mandy's March 6<sup>th</sup> (Call Elisa Pendergrass 541-339-4521 for more info.)**

**Steer Weigh Ins at the Vale Sale Yard March 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.-noon.**

**Maximum weight: 900 lbs**

## Got Breakfast?

National School Breakfast Week March 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of your child's day? It provides the nutrients and energy you child needs to concentrate in school. Research even shows that kids who eat breakfast get better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better. Jump start your child's metabolism with a breakfast including whole grains. Hot hearty oatmeal, cold whole grain cereal, and whole wheat pancakes, waffles and French toast are excellent choices to give your child plenty of complex carbohydrates, fiber and other nutrients needed for sustainable energy. Help your youngster start his/her day off on the right foot and instill the lifelong habit of eating a healthy breakfast.

JUST FOR FUN

Q. What did the teddy bear say when he was offered dessert?



A. No, thanks. I'm stuffed! Have a wonderful Spring Break!!

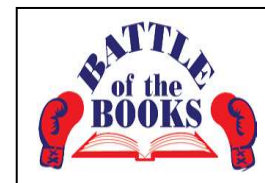
**The Kitchen Staff: Julie Morton, Linda Dominguez, Denise Ashton & Maria Almeida**

## Library Notes

March 18 is the deadline for submitting student names for the Reading Is an Investment program. Students who have read for 800 minutes and have read at least 3 books from the recommended reading list may report online at [www.ost.state.or.us/read](http://www.ost.state.or.us/read) or by mail to Office of the State Treasurer, 159 State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301. Each participant will receive a prize packet. The name of each participant will also be entered in a drawing for college scholarship money (in the form of a \$500 Oregon College Savings Plan account). Oregon residents in kindergarten through grade 5 are eligible to participate.

On March 5 two teams from Adrian will be participating in the regional contest for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) at LaGrande. Gavin Scott, Reagan Shira, Alandra Hartley, Jillian Nielson, and Mike Griffin will represent Adrian in the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade division.

Their coach is Heidi Purnell. Erin Nielson, Sundee Speelmon, Nicole DeHoog, Sadey Speelmon and Laynee Walker comprise Adrian's 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade team which is coached by Jennifer Nielson and Penny Speelmon. Winners at the regional competition will advance to the state contest in Salem in April. A successful Accelerated Reader (AR) store was held in the library on February 25. Students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade have earned points by reading or listening to books and taking AR quizzes on them. At the AR store students are able to exchange the points they have earned for prizes furnished by the Adrian PTO. Shawn Snyder was assisted by daughters Echo and Autumn in making this bonus available for our students.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2011

Kg: Ashtyn Osborn "Persistent Progress"

Kyle Paradis "Master Memorizer"

1<sup>st</sup>: Alyza Hartley, Riley Griffin & Tayler Jones "Great Participators"

2<sup>nd</sup>: Elizabeth Morford & Kylee Young "Excellent Academic Student"

3<sup>rd</sup>: Anel Beltran & Martina Ramirez "Super Speedster – Master of the Addition and Subtraction Fast Facts"

4<sup>th</sup>: Emilie Dyer "Very Responsible Student"

Shayla Griffin "Most Improved Reading Skills"

5<sup>th</sup>: Nicole DeHoog, Tristen Spiers, Sundee Speelmon & Joseph Sumpter "Super Scientists"

6<sup>th</sup>: Marcus Furtado "Positive Attitude"

7<sup>th</sup>: Kianna Scott "Great Study Habits & Excellent Progress"

8<sup>th</sup>: Emma Miller

## AHS Journalism focuses upon Senior Projects

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### Just a little bit girly—Rebekah VanCorbah

*Submitted by: Ssanja Kleps [Germany]*

“Good, better, best, never let it rest, until the good is better, and the better best.” Great advice and a favorite quote of Rebekah Marie VanCorbach.

Rebekah, or Bekah, is one of the Seniors this year in Adrian, and lives with her parents and her sister right next to the school in the Dorm, which means that she is every year one of the host sisters for some of the exchange students. Usually she is doing a lot of things with them like one of her hobbies playing basketball.

If you ask Bekah how she would describe herself she will tell you: “I think I am a happy, athletic and outgoing person. Oh and I guess I am little bit girly.”

But she wants to make the girly part to a really big one in her life because her big wish for the future is to own a beauty salon. That’s why she chose for her senior project to go into the cosmetology. Bekah says it would give her more choices than some other careers.



She job shadowed at lot of different places like TCL Adrian, Scottlewis schools, and Razzle Dazzle for getting more experience. Razzle Dazzle was her favorite one because she could try a lot of different things and she could see how a normal school day would look like.

Her advice for underclassmen is that they should pick a career they really like and job shadows should be fun. So make the right choices and think about your senior project early enough.

After High School Bekah plans to go to the Scottlewis schools because they work with her favorite hair products and she said that they are really professional there.

I know her now for about 6 months, and I have to say that the interview about her senior project surprised me a little bit because I saw before just the athletic really nice girl and I didn’t know that she likes beauty so much and wants to do that for her future. But all in all I wish you a lot of luck after the High School and I am really glad that I got to meet and know you because you are a really great person.

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### Doing what’s best—Luis Esparza

*Submitted by: Alysha Sifuentes*

He’s new to our school this year. He likes the Chivas, and at times, he may be shy, so tell me, who is this guy?

Luis Esparza is a new senior at Adrian High School. He has a mother and a father, and two amazing younger siblings, which happen to be twins! “How exciting Luis!”

In the view of the fact that this is Luis last year of high school, he thought it would be the best thing for him to transfer over to Adrian for a better change. He stated that since transferring over to Adrian, he

has faced a big dilemma, which is Mr. Camps English class, and meeting new people. Luis transferred to Adrian because he wants to complete his education and prepare himself for the future. After graduation, Luis either wants to find a high-quality job, or go to college.



Like all seniors we have, Luis had to pick three job careers that sparked his interest. Of the three which were, Education, Truck driving, and Probation Officer, he had to pick one of those careers that he enjoyed the most, which happened to be Education. He picked education so that he could work with little kids in the elementary. For Luis senior project, he had Ms. Goss as his advisor. His job shadows were very entertaining for him because he got to go to other schools and watch the way teachers teach differently. His most enjoyable job shadow was with Mrs. Latin. Mrs. Latin let Luis take the floor, and be the teacher for the day. He had a marvelous time being teacher for the day, and one day he hopes to be that teacher teaching younger kids.

For Luis physical project he taught the 4<sup>th</sup> graders the alphabet in Spanish. When he told me that he did that for his senior project, I thought that it was going to be very frustrating, for him, but I guess it wasn't. Luis said it was actually very easy and fun. In Luis' spare time, he likes to text (like all normal teenagers),

watch plenty of TV. , and sleep to the largest extent that he can. A couple of his hobbies is playing soccer, and once again, sleeping.

The most challenging part about senior project for him had to of been typing all of the papers for senior project. But, if you stick with it, and don't worry, about a thing, every little thing is going to be alright. – Bob Marley

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## Get Phat on Sports—Blake Purnell

*Submitted by: Tasha Garner*

High School memories are often filled with friends, teachers, funny moments, class trips and sports. After leading the Adrian High football and basketball teams to the 1A State playoffs, and preparing for mound and shortstop duty for the upcoming baseball season, Blake Purnell's high school athletic career is quickly approaching the end, but his collegiate sports will be a new venture as Blake plans on playing baseball and/or basketball. He also plans on a sports career—as an athletic trainer.



As Blake contemplated senior project, he selected three career areas to explore—business, education, and exercise science. In the end Blake decided that exercise science was the path for him.

His family, McKenzie, Madi, Kenny, Kevin and Heidi, influenced him by always being very supportive in his sports and being so involved in his sports. His peers also influenced him in becoming an athletic trainer. All of his friends are involved in athletics. He has met many people, “They are all very committed and good teammates.”

Blake’s selected Kelsey Zimmerman as his senior project advisor and Stephanie Allison as his physical project advisor. For Blake’s physical project he chose to do a program called Get Phat. (Physical health and training) Blake has now decided to do a second physical project for the Elementary school to get them more physically active.

Blake got the opportunity to job shadow four different colleges, BSU, NNU, C of I, and Treasure Valley Physical Therapy. On Blake’s job shadow he followed and assisted their athletic trainers; helping rap athletes’ ankles that had been previously injured. Blake’s favorite job shadow was TVPT and BSU. Everyone was open and willing to answer the questions that he had. They were also polite, professional and had fun at the same time.

Senior project comes with struggles; Blake’s biggest struggles would be all the due dates, schedule conflict with sports, and the lack of knowledge of senior project before entering the class.

Blake’s plans after graduation are to play in some All-star games, work a lot and then head off to college. He plans are to study exercise science and become an athletic trainer. Blake inspiration to pursue this field was created by his love for sports and the interest in how to become the best athlete he can be. Blake also intends to either play baseball and/or basketball at the collegiate level.

If Blake could be any candy bar he would be snickers. They are covered in chocolate “who doesn’t like chocolate?” The nuggets make him soft on the inside, the caramel...its sweet! Finally the nuts it makes him have and excuse for his craziness. If Blake could be a car he would be the one in the show room because everyone likes to stop and look at it, its clean, well taken care of and it is always warm and covered.

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## ***Animals, Outdoors, and Sand Castles— Jack Zittercob***



*Submitted by: Raquel DeHoog*

You are sitting on the beach with the sun on your face and the sand in between your toes while building a sand castle. You put so much work into building your castle...just for it to be washed away by the ocean waves. People ask the same thing about senior project. Why do seniors put so much work into simply graduating high school: the bottom line is that sometimes in life—we have to do what we are told.

Jack’s favorite hobby may not be building sandcastles, but we do know that he likes to be around animals. That is why Jack chose to do his senior project on Marine Biology. He chose Marine Biology because it sparked his love for animals and the outdoors.

Jack selected Mr. Culley to be his senior project advisor. Mr. Culley is the Agriculture teacher at Adrian High School.

To complete his necessary job shadow hours, Jack

completed job shadows with Ray Perkins at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Jack also job shadowed Steve Howard at the Boise Zoo. Jack stated he enjoyed the experience of job shadowing Ray Perkins because, "he learned the most about his chosen career field."

For his Physical project, Jack chose to teach a Hunter Safety education course. His mentor for this project was Tom Witchcraft.

Immediately after he graduates, Jack plans to work for awhile to raise money for college. Jack intends to pursue his career interest at Eastern Oregon University. From there on out he would just like to live life. One interesting tidbit about Jack is: if he could possess any super power it would be the ability to read girl's minds, because girls are confusing at times.

For many students, high school seems like it takes forever to complete—and the same can be said for sand castles. It seems to take forever to build your exquisite sand castle, for it to just be washed away by a single wave. However, the memory of the journey will always be there. Good luck on your life journey Jack.

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### *AHS Journalism class highlights community invisible heroes*

#### **Just Hang in There—Arlene Greening**

*Submitted By: Amanda Peutz*

Most all young adults face challenges—whether it is academics, work, social challenges, or family life. Considering Arlene Greening was an educator for 35 years, teens and adults could heed to her words for life—"no matter what, just hang in there." Arlene loves teaching and continues to be involved with students by volunteering at Adrian High School.

Arlene is originally from Peru, Illinois where she went from kindergarten all the way through to obtain her teaching degree. Unlike most married couples who met either in high school, college, or even after that—Arlene and David Greening met in Sunday school when they were two years old. Of course it wasn't like they knew when they were destined to be together, but when they both got into college they decided to start dating each other. As they dated they realized that they were meant to be, and tied the knot in 1965. After David and Arlene got married, they moved to Portland, Oregon so Arlene could continue her degree in education with a master's degree. After teaching in Gresham for 5 years, David and Arlene decided to buy a farm and move to the Adrian area where she received a job in the Nyssa School District as a Home Ec., Literature, and Special Education teacher.

David and Arlene have two daughters—Vicki and Lynn—both of which have grown up and graduated here in Adrian. Vicki is now a teacher in Eagle, Idaho where she is also raising her family, and Lynn is an attorney in Houston, Texas. For Arlene, seeing her children grow up to be happy, successful adults is one of the most rewarding experiences in her life.

When Arlene was in school, she also had an invisible hero—her 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who was also the principal. "He always had a super way with kids. He was always positive and always looked at the glass half full. He was the one that inspired me to become a teacher."

Arlene started volunteering at the school not long after she retired. When asked why she came back she responded, "I enjoy working with students, and I missed it when I was retired." One day a week isn't hard for her to fulfill, and if she is going to be gone—she just informs the school that she will not be coming in that week. Therefore, she still feels like she is retired, and she can still travel with her husband.

When asked if she sees herself making a difference Arlene responded, "I hope so." From what I have seen, I see Arlene making a huge difference by helping out in the Reach Room. Seeing kids that had difficulty in school and were able to overcome that issue and graduate gives Arlene a rewarding feeling knowing that she helped them overcome their problems and succeed in life.

Arlene wanted to tell teachers, "Hang in there." It may get tough but in the end watching your students graduate is rewarding. She also wanted to tell students, "Work hard and do your best beginning your freshman year! Your GPA matters from then on." This was something she stressed because so many students don't realize that fact.



She also wanted to commend the community on how supportive they are of all the students here in Adrian. "Continue being involved if you can and be supportive. It means a lot to the kids to see the community stand behind them."



As a closer we like to ask a fun question like, "If you could be any animal what would you be?" Arlene had to stop and ponder on this question. "I definitely wouldn't be anything fierce like a tiger...but something cute and cuddly..." After some thought she finally decided, "I would be a Panda because they look so friendly and inviting."

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Adrian High School cordially invites you to the

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Senior Citizen Luncheon



March 11, 2011  
11:00-1:00 p.m.  
In the Adrian Cafeteria

Come enjoy a hot meal, entertainment, and door prizes.

Please RSVP by March 5<sup>th</sup>

For information call the High School  
541-372-2335





# Golf for the Cause

This charity event is to raise money to benefit Breast Cancer Research and the Adrian Lions Club. As Autumn Snyder's Senior Project for Adrian High School.



- Date:** Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Time:** 8:30A.M. Registration ~ 10:00A.M. Shotgun/Start
- Cost:** 4 person scramble - \$260.00 per team.  
Price includes food, Awards , Green Fees & Golf Carts
- Place:** Ontario Golf Course  
1345 Golf Course Rd.  
Ontario, Or. 97914

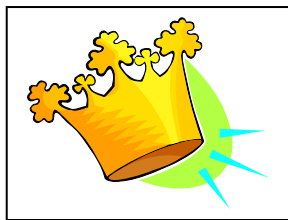


For information or to register your team, contact one of the following individuals:



- Shawn Snyder- (541-372-5483)
- Julene Bowns - (541-372-2337) ext. 3738
- Jim Haydock - (208-484-1295)

~Dead line for team sign-ups is 3/11/2011



## Mr. AHS Pageant

Adrian High School Gym

March 11, 2011

Dinner: 5pm Show: 6 pm

Adult Admittance: \$6

Child Admittance: \$5



For tickets, contact Madison Shira or Stephanie Allison at Adrian High School. (541)-372-2335

Come watch Adrian male students strut their stuff in a fun-filled competition of comical talent and witty Q&A.

# American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, March 4th  
High School Rear Parking Lot  
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



Contact LaRae Mazac @ 208-866-3272  
or 542-372-2299 to set blood donation  
appointment or for more information



# Bicycle Safety Rodeo

Friday, March 4th 2011  
11:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M

Meet in Mrs. Gordons room

For more information, contact Jesse Olsen at:

Phone: 541-216-1856

E-mail: [Jesse.olsen@rocketmail.com](mailto:Jesse.olsen@rocketmail.com)

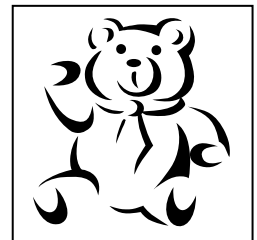


# Donate Hair Buy A Bear

When: April 2, 2011

Where: T.L.C Beauty & Barber of Adrian  
503 First Street  
Adrian OR 97901

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



For more information contact Jessica Morton at  
Home: 541-372-2860 or E-Mail: [queen\\_jessica\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:queen_jessica_1@yahoo.com)

The Adrian School District will have two board positions, Zone #4 Big Bend and Zone #5 Ridgeview up for election on May 17, 2011. February 5, 2011 is the first day candidates may file and March 17, 2011 is the last day candidates may file. Candidacy must be filed with the Malheur County Clerk at the Courthouse in Vale, Oregon. Information and forms needed to file for candidacy are available at the Malheur County Clerk's office or from the Adrian School District office.

## **RECOVERY ACT FUNDS SCHOOL LIGHTING PROJECT**

The Oregon Department of Energy announced that Adrian School District will receive \$20,100 in federal funds for an energy-efficient lighting project. The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awarded through the *State Energy Program (SEP)*. These funds are designated for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in public buildings.

The U.S. Department of Energy administers the funds, approves the projects and reviews the state's progress. Adrian School District will use the funds for lighting retrofits at the Adrian High School Buildings.

"We are pleased to make this award to the Adrian School District," said Paul Egbert, acting manager of the Oregon Department of Energy ARRA team. "Not only will students and staff enjoy a learning environment with better lighting, but the funds will put local contractors to work."

The Oregon Department of Energy received more than 1,100 letters of interest, representing a request of over \$2 billion in Recovery Act funding.

Darla Witty

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### Condensed Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2011

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Ryan Martin, Casey Walker (came at 7:30), and Jake Speelmon (came at 7:40 pm).

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended by adding action item, d) PERS Request. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously (Casey Walker and Jake Speelmon absent).

Student Reports/Requests Madison Shira reported that the FFA District contest is coming up on February 2. Raquel DeHoog and Tane't Campbell will be participating in the Creed Contest and we will also have a Beginning Parliamentary Procedure team. The Winter Music program was held on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, it went well and there were two employees who sang with the high school choir to help out. The basketball teams were at Imbler and Cove last weekend. The wrestling team has had a couple of their matches cancelled. January 14<sup>th</sup> is the Science Lab Open House. Next week is Tip-Off with the community pep assembly scheduled for Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that there are middle school boys and girls basketball games here today with Jordan Valley. The Winter Music programs, held before Winter Break went well. The middle school science fair that was organized by Ester Gordon as her physical project went well. We are taking advantage of the teeth sealant program for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Battle of the Books competition is starting.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the wrestling team did not go to their meet last weekend due to injury and illness and the meet scheduled today was cancelled by Marsing. The Science Lab Open House is open to adults and middle school students to come in and do a lab. There will be three games at Jordan Valley this Friday; varsity boys, and two JV boys' games, one of which will be with boys and girls combined as Jordan Valley only have 4 girls and are fielding a co-ed team so the girls have an opportunity to participate. Our girls will play in that game, but OSAA rules dictate it to be a boy's contest because it is co-ed. Mr. Purnell reported that he will be teaching personal finance this semester. He reported that he had given the staff a book "The Mentor", the staff will be going through the book and having weekly discussions.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the County Superintendent's meeting that was scheduled to be held in Adrian on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the ESD (Education Service District) where the Superintendents and Business Managers will review the ESD's Local Service Plan. The Local Service Plan will be on the agenda in February. The County Superintendent's meeting will be held in Adrian on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The basketball teams have been having a lot of away games. It is hard to get people to come here. We have tried to

get away games back to back and stay overnight in the schools and have Mrs. Purnell prepare meals to save on cost.

Financial Report Darla Witty presented a summary of receipts and expenditures and a balance sheet as of December 31, 2010, and a general fund financial summary showing how expenditure levels for the remainder of the year will affect cash carryover. A Student Body account summary as if December 31, 2010 was also presented.

Public Comment There were none.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the December 9, 2010 minutes as presented and to approve payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$163,103.10. Motion carried unanimously (Casey Walker and Jake Speelmon absent).

Action Items

Superintendent Evaluation Process and Timeline It was the consensus of the board that they did not feel a formal evaluation of the superintendent was necessary as every year the results and the comments have been about the same. They will discuss the superintendent's performance with him in executive session.

Budget Calendar for 2011-2012 Budget Darla Witty presented a proposed calendar for the preparation of the 2011-2012 Budget. The calendar proposes a single budget committee meeting at which the budget will be presented and public comment taken. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Jake Speelmon was absent).

Extra-duty Contract Aimee Goss recommended Eric White as Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Eric White would like to volunteer his time and to have the salary he would have received donated to the basketball program. Motion was made and was seconded to approve Eric White as the Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach and to allow his request to donate his time and have money he would have received in salary go to the basketball program. Motion carried unanimously (Jake Speelmon was absent).

PERS Request Mr. Mills requested the \$702.67 which was budgeted for PERS on the Head Girls Basketball stipend be donated to the girl's basketball fund as in past years because he is retired from PERS. Motion was made and was seconded to approve Mr. Mills' request. Motion carried unanimously (Jake Speelmon was absent).

Information Items

ESD Local Service Plan Mr. Mills passed out copies of the ESD Local Service Plan. This will be on the agenda in February.

Board Member Election Calendar The district will have two board positions, Zone #4 Big Bend and Zone #5 Ridgeview, up for election on May 17, 2011. An election timeline was distributed to the board. February 5, 2011 is the first day candidates may file and March 17, 2011 is the last day they may file.

Continuous Improvement Plan Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Purnell presented the district's Continuous Improvement Plan which includes specific goals for school improvement and detailed plans on how the district will meet these goals. The English Language Learner program plan, the technology plan, and the Career and Technical Education program plan are all part of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Penny Grotting from the ESD, assisted in the drafting of the plan, which will be submitted to the state and is critical to receiving federal funding. District improvement goals have been established for Math and Writing. The math goal is that 75% of high school juniors will pass the state math assessment and the remaining 25% will pass by 2011-2012 when they are seniors. The writing goal is that number of students passing the state writing assessment will improve from 58.4% to 80% by 2012.

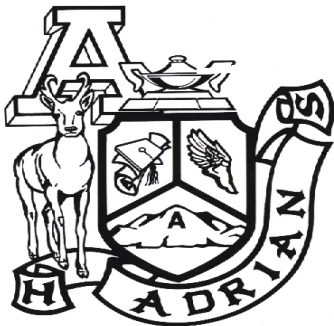
Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-----March 10  
Parent/Teacher Conferences----- March 17 p.m. & March 18 A.M.  
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