

# Adrian School District Newsletter October 2009

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## Superintendent Notes

### Report on Facilities Improvement

As you may know, the Adrian School District has been working on plans to renovate our high school science facility. We are nearing the conclusion of the pre-bid phase of the project. The architect involved is Design West of Meridian, Idaho. The same firm was employed for planning and oversight of our new K-8 facility.

The school applied for, and was awarded, a grant to help with some of the costs. We will be able to sell interest free bonds to finance the up-date. Federal stimulus dollars will pay the interest. This will be a general fund obligation. No taxes will be levied.

Additionally, the school board has authorized us to proceed with the purchase of a new set of bleachers for our gym, if we can get an acceptable price. This addition to our gym is long overdue. The current bleachers are out-dated and very unsafe.

I am very excited to see these two projects come together. A special 'Thank You' to our school board for their support.

Yours respectfully,  
Gene Mills  
Superintendent



## K-8 Principal

Our sports season has started with all teams learning how to win graciously and lose with dignity. The PTO put on a nice open house barbecue where all of the staff were introduced. The PTO is appreciated for all that they do for our school. Our first students of the month were handed out at student assemblies for the elementary and middle school students. The teachers have been having mini in-services each week on how to better teach students and manage their classrooms from the Master Teacher pamphlets and how to be an effective teacher from, 'The first days of School,' by Harry and Rosemary Wong. The students and teachers are learning and seem to have memorized our motto, "Enter to Learn, Learn to work and Work to serve."

Thanks for all of your support.  
William H. Ellsworth  
K-8 Principal

Food Handlers Training  
Put on by TVCC  
November 6—Room  
249 Adrian Elementary  
Building  
Cost \$10  
Open to the Public!  
Get your Food Handlers  
Card, it's good for 2  
years!  
For more info contact  
Joan Gordon or Jake  
Mathews at  
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### *Adrian Sports Boosters*

A new season has kicked off for our youth football program and Coach Shira, along with assistant coach, Nick Strauch, have a full roster this year with sixteen 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Coach Shira says the kids are excited and show up to practice ready to learn and grow. We're looking forward to a great year for these young lopes.

Our middle and high school teams are well into their seasons with several games already under their belts. Come out and support the players and coaches, wear your green and let your school spirit show. The Sports Boosters have a wide variety of new Antelope apparel and school spirit items. We have hats, t-shirts, stadium chairs, umbrellas and much more, available for purchase at our home football games. We are also taking orders for photo pins of your favorite Antelope athletes. Come see us at the Sports Boosters' canopy just below the concession stands.

Love Adrian athletics? Like to help out? Join the Sports Boosters, where we support and promote the positive influence of athletics in the education of our children. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the elementary library.

Go Green!! Go Lopes!!

The Adrian Sports Boosters

Nickie Shira - President



Notes from the Music Department:

We are off to another great start this year! Fourth graders are gearing up to begin a fun recorder unit. In 5th grade music, I am excited to have a large class starting band. The Middle School band students are hard at work preparing for pep band season, while our High School band students are concentrating on symphonic music this semester. They are showing a high level of dedication as they prepare for upcoming festivals and concerts. In addition, Zero Hour choir and Zero Hour band are also meeting now. We can be proud of the students at Adrian who are committed to becoming well-rounded individuals who value the arts!

In other news, the music department will be starting a fundraiser at the end of October. We will be selling magazine subscriptions as well as gift and food items from the Holiday Showcase Collection catalog through Great American Fundraising. (just in time for your holiday shopping!)

Finally, our Holiday Concerts are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 21st. The K-5 program will be at 2:00 pm in the High School Gym. The MS/HS concert will take place at 7:00 pm.

Thanks for your continued support of the arts, and remember: Keep music alive!

Mrs. VanCorbach

Adrian Music Department





## Adrian PTO

The Adrian PTO would like to thank , Mr. Mills, Superintendent; Mr. Ellsworth, Elem./Middle School Principal; Mr. Purnell, High School Principal; all the Adrian School teachers and staff, the Adrian School Board Members, the Adrian PTO Board Members, the Adrian Sports Boosters Board Members, and all the parents for coming out to the Welcome Back to School Dinner/Potluck. We had a great turn out and thank you for wonder dishes that everyone brought to share. It was very successful and we are looking forward to hosting it again next year. Thank you again.

Kimberly Bertalotto  
Adrian PTO President

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## ***FUN NIGHT***

***CARNIVAL GAMES***

***DINNER***

***PUMPKIN PATCH-CAKE WALK***

***COSTUME CONTEST***

***ADULT DOOR PRIZES***

***AND SO MUCH MORE!***

***WHERE: ADRIAN ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE  
SCHOOL***

***WHEN: OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00pm to 7:30pm***

*Everyone where your costumes, it will be a thrilling night.*

*Treat mom and dad to dinner.*



Minutes continued

Rent out Onion Shed Mr. Mills shared that we have reached agreement with Central Produce who will rent the onion storage buildings; the large building and the two small buildings, for \$5,500 and they will pay the power and to get the sheds ready.

Lighting Retrofit Grant We have submitted a grant which, if approved, would allow us to retrofit the high school lights using federal energy stimulus dollars and Idaho Power rebates.

Board Comments Mr. Mill asked Neil Allison, Board Chairman to do a welcome back greeting to the staff at the in-service meeting. Mr. Allison agreed to do this. Board members have been asked about the class pictures that used to hang in the high school hallway. The pictures will get back up.

Executive Session Executive Session as provided by ORS 192.660 d) negotiations was not needed.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Complete copies of the minutes are posted in each building and on the district website, [www.adriansd.com](http://www.adriansd.com). Copies may be requested from the District Office.



Apple Pie Contest

Do you make a killer Apple Pie?  
You could win a REVERE WARE  
Cook set!

Bring your pie to the PTO Carnival  
October 26th from 5-6 p.m.

Submit it to "Jake's Apple Booth"

Judging begins at 6:30

(If you need apples or more  
information contact Jake Mathews at  
(541)372-5569 or

Joan Gordon at (541)372-2335



*International Club*

*Thanks to all those that have  
donated their cans and bottles. We'll  
continue taking them whenever you  
want to drop them by.*

*The Krispy Kreme donuts were a hit,  
thanks for all your purchases and be  
on the lookout for our next donut  
run!*

*For more information call  
Aimee Goss or Stephanie Alliosn at  
(541)372-2335*



Condensed Board Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2009

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Casey Walker, Ryan Martin, and Jake Speelmon. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended to add Action Item 6) d. Retainage Forfeiture. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports/Requests Mr. Haydock requested board approval for an overnight trip for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class Outdoor School at Celebration Park on August 24-27, 2009. The itinerary includes a natural history program presented by the Celebration Park staff, camping in tents overnight, and drifting the Snake River below Swan Falls in rafts. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the Outdoor School overnight trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that middle school students and new elementary students registered yesterday and there is some student movement both in and out, but he does not have an updated enrollment number. Teachers are beginning to come in to work in their classrooms.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that there are 99 high school students at this point; which is up four from last year. High School students registered Wednesday and the foreign exchange students registered today. There will be twelve foreign exchange students this year, all but two have arrived. The football and volleyball teams have started conditioning. Seventeen football players attended the Mountain Home football camp, and were the Passing League Champs out of the 12 teams that participated.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that Mr. Gordon is moving the maintenance shop to the North onion shed and when that is complete we will expand the weight room into the old maintenance shop. The swales have been repaired and look good. Teacher in-service begins Wednesday of next week and the Board is welcome to attend the 8:15 a.m. meeting. There are more public meetings coming up on August 25, 26, and 27, for the Idaho Power's power line project. Mr. Mills plans to attend one of the meetings. Harper would like to coop with us for football as they have only a few young kids. The league would need to approve the coop. Mr. Purnell explained that we could make stipulations that would govern the coop, for example, that they would only wear Adrian uniforms. We currently have a large turn out for football and adding a few more kids would make it very large. Concerns about the large number of students and playing time were raised. We would need to have a strong JV schedule to make it work. The board also recognized Harper's position that if they can't field a team this year and their students don't have the opportunity to compete it would hurt their program in the future also. The administration will support the coop if the head coach is willing to take on more players. Mr. Mills advised the board that they could approve the coop contingent upon the approval of the head coach; that way we could move ahead with the coop without reconvening the board, but would not be obligated if the head coach doesn't approve. Neil Allison suggested the following stipulations, that the students participate with the Adrian team as Adrian students, wear the Adrian colors, be recognized as Adrian Antelopes and otherwise participate without any distinction that they are from Harper. All games and practices would be in Adrian and there would be no guarantees of varsity participation or other playing time. Motion was made and was seconded to approve Harper students participating on the Adrian football squad, as Adrian players, if approved by the head coach. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mills reported that the legislative funding package includes a temporary income tax increase on high wage earners and an increase in corporate income taxes. This may be referred to the voters, and if it

doesn't pass, this would negatively impact the funding available to schools. The legislature did not pass the bill that would force the consolidation of the Education Service Districts (ESD); however, the Eastern Oregon ESD's are voluntarily restructuring. The Baker/Union ESD is disbanding and Baker County will join with Malheur County and Union County will join Umatilla/Morrow ESD.

Financial Report Darla Witty provided the board with the balance sheet and summary of receipts and expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The general fund ending fund balance is \$595,086.77, which is nearly \$20,000 more than budget. Mrs. Witty also explained that the legislature has appropriated \$6 billion dollars for schools over the 2009-2011 biennium. \$200 million of this is from reserves that will be released if the economic situation allows. Although, the state will be sending us more money than previously expected, there is no guarantee that the state will be able to fund the appropriation and spending too freely this fiscal year could put us in a situation to need to make more reductions next year. Mrs. Witty recommends taking a conservative approach with the budget this fiscal year, and as the year develops we will have a better idea what we will actually have to work with.

Public Comment Kim Bertalotto, PTO President, shared that the PTO will be providing lunch for the staff on Friday, August 21, 2009. Plans are in the works for a Welcome Back Dinner organized by PTO and Sports Boosters in early September.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to approve the July 9, 2009, board meeting minutes as presented and to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$178,502.89. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Action Items

Adopt Parent/Student Handbooks There were no further changes to the handbooks than were presented at the last meeting. A board member asked Mr. Purnell how he was resolving the English 12 and Senior Project issue raised last month. Mr. Purnell stated that English 12 second semester is a senior requirement, and can not be substituted with another English. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the elementary, middle school and high school Parent/Student Handbooks. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Budget Committee Members The following were recommended for appointment to the budget committee, Carl Morton to Zone #3, to complete the term vacated by Ryan Martin, there is one year remaining on the term which expires June 30, 2010; Elise Pendergrass to the Zone 5 position for a three year expiring June 30, 2012, and Russell Martin to the Zone 2 position for a three year term expiring June 30, 2012. Motion was made and was seconded to appoint budget committee members as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Extra duty Contracts Mr. Mills recommended that Julie Morton be offered extra-duty contracts for Middle School and High School Cheerleading, and to Kevin Purnell, for Assistant/JV Volleyball Coach. Motion was made and was seconded to offer extra-duty contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Retainage Forfeiture The \$2,000 remaining retainage on the construction to repair the swales is still holding in the account and since Mid-Valley refused to repair the swales, it was recommended the board declare the retainage forfeited and returned to the Bond Proceeds fund to help pay for the repairs to the swales. Motion was made and was seconded to declare that the retainage held from Mid-Valley Construction is forfeited and to transfer the retainage and associated interest to the Bond Proceeds account. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Information Items

District and School AYP The preliminary AYP (Average Yearly Progress) reports were shared with the board. Both schools and the district met AYP in all categories.



Important Dates

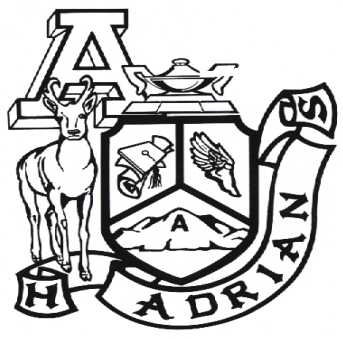
Oct. 15-Homecoming Activities  
 Adrian Parade  
 Community Pep Assembly  
 Bon Fire/Powder Puff Football  
 Chili Feed  
 Announce all sport teams K-12  
 Oct. 16  
 Games  
 Volleyball Senior Night  
 Coronation Parade ½ time  
 Coronation  
 Parent/Teacher conferences  
 Oct. 29 p.m.



Times to be announced

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