

**Brownsville Chamber
General Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2010**



Attending this meeting were: Mandy Cole, JoAnn McQueary, Linda McCormick, Kathleen Swayze, Scott McDowell, John Morrison, Susan Schwendiman, Don Ware, and Nell Hanft.

President Mandy Cole called the meeting to order.

Ms. Cole introduced Susan Schwendiman, Director of Transportation and Safety at Central Linn School District as our guest speaker. Ms Schwendiman gave updates on Transportation. She mentioned the bus drivers were doing an excellent job and also how dedicated they are to doing what is right for the children's sake. There are no substitutes for the bus drivers and sometimes this is a real burden for the existing bus drivers to help cover this problem, often taking on more children from the absent drivers route. Some of the bus drivers we have now are close to retirement age and we will need some replacements soon. Right now we have 10 buses, three of which are new. Others need to be replaced at a price of \$110,000.00 each. By the year 2017 all Oregon school buses will be using propane for power. The population of students is at a maximum right now.

Ms. Schwendiman mentioned that the custodians will be retiring soon and we need to think about a replacement. Also, one of the Secretaries just left her job, so we will be looking for a replacement there too.

Ms. Schwendiman mentioned that Harrisburg has cameras in schools and Central Linn is planning to investigate the costs to do the same.

She mentioned the school is looking into solar heating as an energy source for lighting. When they replace the old system they will be saving approximately \$5,000.00 in lighting bills each year. She said they saved \$14,000 per year by fixing the boilers after deciding this was an efficient way to heat. Several projects have been done to see how to save money and one was at the elementary school with the old refrigeration units, they are efficient. High School freezers are in a metal building. They need new doors, new insulation and a new little building to keep it in. She stated that her main goal is not to cost the district money, but to save them money. The population of students is at a maximum right now. Transportation 10 buses and three are new. Others need to be replaced at a price of \$110,000.00 each. By the year 2017 all Oregon school buses will be using propane for power.

Committee Report: Pioneer Picnic

Linda McCormick reported that the climbing wall we had two years ago will be back again and the kids are very excited about this happening. The National Guard is about 90% sure they will be bringing a Black Hawk helicopter. Also there will be a petting zoo for kids. Raffle tickets are being sold....some of the prizes are 2 tickets to an event at the Hult Center, 1 Night at Valley River Inn along the banks of the Willamette River.

Pioneer Picnic Breakfast: Kathleen Swayze reports there will be a breakfast on Sunday morning of the picnic and they are hoping for a huge turnout of hungry people.

The meeting was adjourned.

No Meeting will be held in July, so we will see you again at the meeting on Aug 12 in the Community Room.