



**DIVERSE IN CULTURE  
UNIFIED IN MISSION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: October 15, 2015  
CONTACT: Superintendent Chuck Ransom, Woodburn School District  
(503) 981-2727 [cransom@woodburnsd.org](mailto:cransom@woodburnsd.org)

### **School board selects members for bond oversight committee**

[Woodburn, Ore.] The Woodburn School Board appointed two new members to the Bond Advisory and Accountability Committee at a special meeting on Oct. 8.

In May, voters approved a \$65 million bond to maintain and repair schools, add student space and integrate technology into classrooms. The BAAC was established to monitor the progress of bond projects and provide regular updates to the school board and community.

The committee supports the district's goals of accountability and transparency to make sure tax dollars are spent wisely as bond projects are executed. The BAAC will meet quarterly and includes the following community members who were selected for their expertise in specific areas related to project work:

- George Gubbins: He is a parent of children enrolled in Woodburn schools. He works in the IT department of a large school district where he assisted in the district's bond purchasing decisions and implementation of their technology acquisitions.
- Orlando Lopez: He is an alumnus of Woodburn and brings an interest in incorporating sustainable energy options into schools.
- Ellen Bandelow: She is a retired real estate broker with more than 20 years of experience working with developers and contractors. She also served 12 years on the city of Woodburn's Planning Commission.
- Patricia Hyatt: She is retired and has a background in construction project development.

The BAAC also will include the school superintendent, district officials and two board members.

The BAAC's first meeting will be on Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the French Prairie Middle School library, 1025 N. Boones Ferry Road, Woodburn, OR 97071. The purpose of the meeting is to set a regular meeting schedule and review committee oversight roles and responsibilities. The public is welcome to attend.

The school board is currently accepting applications for a fifth community member. For more information about the position, visit [www.woodburnsd.org](http://www.woodburnsd.org).

###

The Woodburn School District provides a world class education to almost 5,700 students. Woodburn has rigorous academic programs such as all-day kindergarten, dual language programs in English and Russian or Spanish, Advanced Placement, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Woodburn is in the top 10 percent for graduation rates in Oregon; tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in graduating students with English as a second language; and, is 4<sup>th</sup> for students from low income households. For more information about Woodburn School District, visit [www.woodburnsd.org](http://www.woodburnsd.org).

**965 NORTH BOONES FERRY ROAD WOODBURN, OR 97071-9674  
(503) 981-9555 [www.woodburnsd.org](http://www.woodburnsd.org)**