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The Sheridan School District is joining the other 196 school districts throughout the Oregon to celebrate January as "School Board Recognition Month." Serving on our local school board are:

Position #1	Michael Griffith	Served since 5/22/2013
Position #2	Larry Deibel	Served since 6/13/2002
Position #3	Samantha Bagby	Served since 9/18/2019
Position #4	Judy Breeden	Served since 7/1/2007
Position #5	Scott Burke	Served since 10/24/2017

"Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students," said district Superintendent Sugg. "They also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the community's public schools, Sugg said. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon.

"Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized," Sugg said.

The school board's main goal, is to support student achievement, Sugg added. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

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- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals, and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

There will be a public reception to celebrate our board members prior to the January 15, 2020 board meeting. The reception begins at 5:45 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at the Sheridan School District Office at 435 S. Bridge Street.

“Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students,” Sugg said.