

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2013

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:03p.m. by Jim Krahn, Chair. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Jim Krahn, Bill Langmaid, Ernie Smith, and Tim Bamburg. Camrin Eyrrick arrived at 6:15 p.m. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:20 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** Greg Kintz
- Staff Present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; James Brookins, District Special Ed. Director; Juliet Safier, Eric Urban and Ashley Rogers, Licensed Staff; and Jan Dyer, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Carol Cox, Peggy Freund, Tera Roberts, Sherrie Ford, Susan Ely, Scott Laird, Daniel Fletcher, Brett Elliott, Alexis Baska, and David White. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Add item 5.4 Surplus Items AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Scott Laird shared that the City of Vernonia recently learned from State Parks of a plan to repurpose some grant money. Initially the city received \$250,000 for the bicycle skills park. This has been on hold since 2007 and they are trying to find a way to possibly use the money for the new Spencer park. With the repurposing of these funds and the use of some of the recycled materials from WGS and students from an engineering class perhaps a picnic shelter could be constructed. Scott wanted to share this idea, invite suggestions on how to move forward, and welcomed the input of ideas. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- Bill Langmaid moved to approve the consent agenda with adjustment to visitors in attendance at the 12/06/12 meeting. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 12/06/2012 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED
- Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
- High School** – Alexis Baska, Leadership student, updated the board:
- Seniors held the oral portion of the senior project by giving their project speeches yesterday.
 - Winter Formal will be next Saturday, January 26th.
 - Sports are doing well – Wrestling has PacRim tournament this weekend in Seaside.
 - Alexis and another student recently became certified Assist helpers. They are trained to help with student suicide prevention.
 - Leadership is working with all 3 schools on naming the wetlands in Vernonia. Each of the Elementary classes will present a couple options and high school students can submit individually.
- Middle School** - Brett Elliott and Justin Fletcher updated the board:
- Boys Basketball started this week. There are 31 boys out this year. First home game is Jan. 15th. 7th grade starts at 4p.m. 8th grade game follows.
 - Close Up students are working hard to fundraise. They helped with Concessions at the basketball tournament and will start selling Krispy Kreme donuts tomorrow. If you'd like donuts please email Ms. Rogers. The trip is April 14th.
 - Leadership will sponsor "Spirit Week" in February along with a dance.

- End of 2nd quarter is fast approaching – students are working hard to finalize assignments.
- VMS will be sending five 8th grade band students to OMEA District 3 honor band this weekend at St. Helens HS. The students will perform as part of an 80-90 piece band.
- Student of month recognition breakfast will be next Tuesday Jan. 15th.
- Misc. classroom activities were highlighted.

4.2 Building Reports:

BUILDING
REPORTS

Elementary: Aaron Miller had nothing to add to his written report.

Middle/High School: Nate Underwood had nothing to add to his written report.

4.3 Financial Report: Dawn Plews indicated we are up a few students. There was nothing new to add to the written report.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

4.4 Audit Report: Dawn Plews reported that the auditors have determined that the FEMA money received by the district needs to be reported differently than originally thought. Therefore the audit is being updated and will not be presented tonight. Our Auditors will deliver a revised audit to ODE tomorrow. Our State School Fund is not in jeopardy for delaying the presentation of the audit until next month. There will not be a management letter coming – the District is in compliance in all areas.

ANNUAL AUDIT
REPORT

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

5.1 Data Review: Jan Dyer is the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Coordinator for the District. She works closely with Eric Urban, K-8 Life Skills teacher, who analyzes district data.

DATA REVIEW

There are two categories of behaviors that require correction:

1. Minor (rough housing, minor inappropriate language, dress code violations, etc.)
2. Majors (dangerous behavior or items, fighting, harassment, property damage, theft, repeat offenders, etc.)

Moving into new building allowed staff to train all together and develop school-wide matrixes. The PBIS team meets monthly and has designed a district-wide system of documents that are simplified and align with the SWIS reporting system. There is a greater emphasis on reviewing data and determining areas of focus and creating a plan of action. When an area of focus is determined the PBIS team talks with students to review expectations.

They have seen dramatic decreases in the data from last year to this year. They compared the same time period last year to this year (Sept. 1 – Jan. 1) and the numbers of incidents are much lower at each grade level.

- Elementary: Minor infractions dropped from 141 last year to 77 this year. Major infractions dropped from 44 last year to 21 this year.
- Middle School: Minor infractions dropped from 112 last year to 74 this year. Major infractions dropped from 75 last year to 48 this year.
- High School: Minor infractions dropped from 48 last year to 18 this year. Major infractions dropped from 43 last year to 29 this year.

The most popular rewards requested by students are as follows:

Elementary – special table at lunch with a friend

Middle School – job shadowing a teacher for a day

High School– Free Subway sandwich or free pizza. Also popular is the special pass where they can go off campus during lunch for a week.

PBIS has also sponsored school-wide rewards –

Elementary: all students received a book

Middle School: all students received a wrapped gift / book

High School: ice cream at lunch

Jim Krahn asked if they see a lot of repeat offenders. According to Dyer and Urban, yes there are some students and the PBIS team has made this a focus for this year. They are currently looking at offenses and developing a plan to intervene. Some students can be referred to the BEST team if interventions are not working. The next step for these students would possibly be a SPED

referral.

- 5.2 School Based Health Center Staff Introductions:** Sherrie Ford, Columbia County Public Health, shared that the center will officially be open tomorrow. The name of the center will be Spencer Health and Wellness. Columbia County Public Health is the medical sponsor for the center. The hours of operation will be Tues & Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will accept walk-ins and appointments. The provider working in the center will be Tera Roberts, whom Sherri introduced. They hope to send home consent forms with the upcoming mailing of report cards. They also plan to visit classrooms to talk about the clinic and increase awareness. Roberts worked on health care in Columbia County for her Doctoral program. Her knowledge of different models of health care and which models will be sustainable will be an asset to the center.
- SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER STAFF INTRODUCED
- Juliet Safier asked if flu shots will be available. They are hoping to have them available in a couple of weeks.
- Sherrie Ford was thanked for her hard work in getting the center up and running.
- 5.3 Shop Program Extension:** Dr. Cox stated that current budget for 2012-13 allows for the shop program only through the end of the first semester. Cox has identified tasks that need to be done around the new campus such as installation of insulation in the shop/barn, dividers installed in the downstairs storage area, etc. Principal Underwood has come up with \$5000 he can save in his budget to keep the program extended through the end of the year. An additional \$15,000 is needed and Dr. Cox recommends taking this from contingency.
- SHOP PROGRAM EXTENSION THROUGH END OF 2012-13 DISCUSSED
- Principal Miller also mentioned that having shop students help with the upcoming Greenhouse project could save the district additional funds.
- 5.4 Surplus Items:** The District currently owns a generator that is mounted to a trailer that is no longer of use. Maintenance Supervisor, Mark Brown, researched this same type and model on line and felt the value of this generator would be around \$3,500. There are also multiple fire extinguishers that could be donated to fire department for practice. He would recommend disposing the fire extinguishers as a lot. Dr. Cox recommends approving these two items as surplus.
- SURPLUS ITEMS DISCUSSED
- 6.0 ACTION ITEMS.**
- 6.1 Policy Approval:** Bill Langmaid moved to approve policy CPA, JEA, JFCF, JHFE, JHFF, IGBAB/JO, JO/IGBAB, JOA, JOB, and LBE updates as presented. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- POLICY UPDATES APPROVED
- 6.2 Resolution #1213-02 NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2013-14:** Bill Langmaid moved to approve resolution #1213-02 authorizing the NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2013-14 as presented. Camrin Eyrrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- NWRESD RESOLUTION #1213-02 APPROVED
- 6.3 Shop Program Extension:** Bill Langmaid moved to authorize the Superintendent to extend the shop program for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year and provide staffing similar to last year. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- SHOP PROGRAM EXTENDED FOR REMAINDER OF 2012-13.
- 6.4 Declare Items as Surplus:** Cari Levenseller moved to declare the generator mounted on the trailer and the miscellaneous fire extinguishers as surplus. Bill Langmaid seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ITEMS DECLARED AS SURPLUS
- 7.0 RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION Under ORS 192.660 (2) (a) and (b) at 7:16 p.m.** Present: Ken Cox, Jim Krahn, Bill Langmaid, Ernie Smith, Camrin Eyrrick, Cari Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, Aaron Miller, David White, OEA Uniserv Consultant; Scott Laird, Vernonia's Voice Newspaper; Juliet Safier, Kari Hansen, teacher; and Barb Carr.
- RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session adjourned at 8:49 p.m.
Reconvened Regular Session at 8:49 p.m.

RECONVENED
REGULAR SESSION

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dr. Cox updated the board on the following:

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

- The next Achievement compact is due to ODE June 30th. Some of the major changes for this year include:
 - elimination of 3rd grade math metric (OAKS)
 - elimination of five year cohort graduation metric
 - addition of a 5th grade math metric (OAKS)
 - added 8th grade math metric (OAKS)
 - changing current 9th grade on track metric to two separate metrics
 1. 9th grade credits earned toward graduation
 2. 9th grade chronic absences

The Compact must be reviewed and put together by Feb. 1 for next year. The Board can review and approve before June 30. Last year the Board approved to use the design committee from the CLASS grant to work on the compact for the current year. Jim Krahn volunteered to help with this.

- Senator Wyden will hold a town hall on Monday 1/14/2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school commons. The Vernonia Police will be on site to provide security for Senator Wyden. Additional staff will help with checking folks in.
- Building Security – we are now locking all doors except front main doors. We had a fire alarm last week that was not a drill. Due to the freezing weather we had a sprinkler pipe outside in the covered play area burst. It drained the water lines setting off the fire alarm. During this event we discovered that we can follow our protocol better. We have a few bugs to work out but overall it was a great training situation. We have a lock down scheduled for Monday at 9:15 a.m.
- Local Projects: The bid for the greenhouse is complete. We hope to meet next week to start plans for the foundation. We are also considering replacing the roof on the brown barn/maintenance shop.
- Demolition Update: The old District Office is down and most of the east end of WGS as well. Historical artifacts are being salvaged. Unfortunately there has been significant theft on the site.
- Spencer Park Update: The next Spencer Park Advisory Committee will be on Feb. 6th at 9am in the District office.
- Col. Co. Education Funding Summit: coming up on January 15th at 7pm at Scappoose High School. This is a change in venue.
- Upcoming Board Workshop: Jan. 24th is a scheduled workshop. The Metropolitan Group will give a presentation.

9.0 OTHER ISSUES: Jim Krahn publicly thanked the Independent for reporting on our board meetings over the years. Jim also welcomed Scott Laird with Vernonia's Voice.

10.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr,
Administrative Assistant

Board Chair

District Clerk