

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2012

- 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 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Jim Krahn, Greg Kintz, Bill Langmaid, Ernie Smith, and Tim Bamburg. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:35 p.m. Absent: Camrin Eyrrick. BOARD PRESENT
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier, Ashley Rogers, Lynn Shaw, and Joan Jones, Teachers. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Rebecca McGaugh, Carol Cox, Steve Effros Amy Cieloha, Robyn Bean, Krystina Fields, Breanna Gardner, Jarrett White, and Matt Randall. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** **Agenda Review:** None AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
Ernie Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 12/08/11 Special and Regular Meeting MINUTES APPROVED
Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
VMS students – Breanna Gardner, Jarrett White, and Matt Randall reported:
- The students on behalf of VMS thanked the board and expressed their gratitude for all the school board does. They brought them candy.
 - Miscellaneous classroom activities and lessons were shared.
 - MS Leadership will join HS Leadership and foreign exchange students on a trip to visit the Oregon State Capitol.
 - Winter Formal will be held on February 3rd
 - Six students will be going to Washington DC this year. They are continuing to fundraise.
 - Girls' basketball and wrestling have finished
 - Boys Basketball started after winter break. Their first game is January 18th.
- VHS Student Krystina Fields reported:
- Basketball season is underway and going well. Boys are currently 9-2.
 - Winter Formal will be January 27th.
 - Pacific University PHD students have been coming in and helping set up peer support groups/
 - Two VHS students recently attended suicide prevention training.
 - A new fundraiser has begun with a goal of \$2000. They hope to be able to give tickets to students to attend the upcoming Nuclear Cowboys moto cross performance. Special thanks to Standard Insurance for donating their suite at the Rose Garden for

our students to be able to attend this event.

- Statewide HS challenge presented at the Leadership conference has started to receive money. A check for \$800 arrived from Scappoose HS this week. Currently there are eleven high schools in the state that have taken on the challenge.
- Foreign Exchange students held a progressive dinner over winter break with foreign exchange students from Jewell Schools.
- Wrestlers are competing in Redmond Friday and Saturday of this week.

Standard Ins donated suite at Rose Garden for students to attend moto cross

4.2 **Building Reports:**

BUILDING REPORTS

VMS/VHS: Nate Underwood was not in attendance. There was nothing to add to his written report.

MGS/WGS: Mr. Miller had nothing to add to his written report. There were no questions.

- #### 4.3 **Financial Report:** Dawn Plews was not in attendance. She will email all financial reports to the board. A report on Fund 280/Capital Funds was shared. Dr. Cox indicated that there is a need to get funds in soon. He and Dawn are working with Wedbush Bank to obtain interim financing.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.4 **Project Manager Report:** Steve Effros added to his written report:

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

On Site School Construction:

- Next month – water blasting test to windows
- West wing has relatively finished rooms.
- Site landscaping is moving ahead.

Off Site Road Improvements:

- Road work / utilities are a week or two from being complete. Had to extend work farther than they thought. The City of Vernonia infrastructure was undersized and the District had to upgrade this.
- ODOT is finalizing plans for road improvements. This will go out to bid in late spring or early summer.

Off Site Wetland Mitigation:

- Working closely with Mr. Miller and the wetlands landscape contractor. They plan to have over 150 trees planted by students at the wetlands. Completion for this project will be early Spring.

Amy Cieloha asked for clarification on the road construction project. It will start late spring or early summer. ODOT plans to complete this prior to school starting. Hwy 47 and Missouri Avenue will be bid as a single project.

- #### 4.5 **Catalyst Campaign Report:** Dr. Cox reported that the Ford Family Foundation (FFF) challenge grant officially ended in December 2011. In November FFF was asked if the deadline could be extended and they agreed to extend the deadline to October 2012. At the time the extension was asked for the fundraising match goal was at 75%. It is now at 92% or \$917,000 of the \$1 million FFF agreed to match. The Gordon Smith Vernonia business challenge of \$10K has also been met. A handout with excerpts from an email from the Metropolitan Group was shared with the board. Since the creation of the mail a \$25,000 donation from the Samuel S. Johnson foundation has been received.

MET GROUP REPORT

5.0 **INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**

- #### 5.1 **CLASS Grant Update:** Juliet Safier updated the board on the work the CLASS grant project has been working on.

CLASS GRANT UPDATE

- This year has been a good implementation year.
- The CLASS Grant Coordinator is Aaron Miller.

- The Project Manager position is shared between Doran Lower and Juliet.
- This is the year of the sub committees. They are putting together proposals and evaluations.
- The certified committee is made up of about 16 teachers. The group reviewed various evaluations from five different districts to see what they could use to help increase achievement overall.
- \$8,000 in Mini Grants will be awarded this year. \$6,000 in the Fall and \$2,000 in the Spring. They've had a great response in applications for the grants.

5.2 Project GLAD Video: The GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) program is professional development for teachers designed to help students gain stronger language skills. A video of the program was shared with the Board. PROJECT GLAD VIDEO

Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:35 pm

Lynn Shaw – 5th grade teacher. Thanked the board and acknowledged them for their dedication to the District and our students. She stated that she loved the GLAD training she attended. It inspired and motivated her. She has seen great improvement in her classroom by teaching in groups.

Joan Jones also attended the training in 2009 when she needed to get new ideas for her classroom. She would love to take this training again.

The training is six days and is expensive to send staff too. The District has had a total of 8 staff attend.

5.3 Budget Calendar: Ken – Dr. Cox presented a draft budget calendar for developing the 2012-13 budget. The calendar is basically the same as last year. Dr. Cox hopes to have the budget ready earlier this year. He has already started discussing options with the Administration. The BAT meetings will hopefully start in April. DRAFT BUDGET CALENDAR PRESENTED

5.4 Interim Financing Update: Dr. Cox shared a copy of the resolution that he will be asking the board to approve. It outlines the fact that Wedbush Bank will provide \$3M of interim financing. The District should get the loan within a couple weeks and when reimbursements come in the loan will be paid pay off. The loan is not revolving. INTERIM FINANCING UPDATE

Dr. Cox mentioned that the District opted to not borrow money from Jewell School District. They were not able to loan as much per their board policy.

5.5 Policy JECB – Admission of Nonresident Students. Bill Langmaid and Greg Kintz indicated that the 1st reading of this policy is a mix of what came from OSBA. They want to double check the Districts' rights to accept and reject within limits of the recently passed new law. There is some concern about recruiting athletes. Dr. Cox doesn't feel this would be an issue for our district. We currently approve district transfers each year. With the new law once approved they are automatically approved until graduation. Greg and Bill felt this version best represents our situation. The Board was asked to review the policy. POLICY FIRST READING

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Policy Updates and Approval: The following policies were presented for approval: POLICY UPDATES APPROVED

- AE – District Goals
- EB – Safety Program
- EBB – Integrated Pest Management
- EFAA – District Nutrition and Food Services
- GBCA – Staff Religious Dress

Bill Langmaid moved to approve the policy updates and approvals as presented. Tim Bamberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Interim Financing Resolution #11-01:

Ernie Smith moved to approve resolution #11-01 for interim financing as presented. Bamberg seconded the motion.

Tim INTERIM FINANCING
RESOLUTION
APPROVED

Discussion: Bill Langmaid asked for clarification about resolution numbering.

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 2012-2013 Budget Calendar:

Bill Langmaid moved to approve the 2012-2013 budget calendar as presented. Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cari 2012-13 BUDGET
CALENDAR APPROVED

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Cox reported on:

- Tentative move dates will be July 2-12 to move in desks & chairs.
- Building Flush will be July 20-Aug 13.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Other Issues:

In honor of School Board Recognition Month the Board was recognized during this meeting with various cards, candy and gifts from elementary students and VMS and VHS Leadership classes.

Greg Kintz stated that this week he has submitted his name again for the NWRES D budget committee. He also mentioned that the OSBA has recently had a leadership change. They now have an interim director. If you have anything to say they want to know about it. They are currently in the process of changing policies and staff.

Jim Krahn asked about districts pulling out of OSBA. Greg stated that since the executive director has been changed he feels this will make things better. All policies are being looked at. OSBA is interested in any opinions to help make it better.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr,
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Directors

Board Chair

District Clerk