

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: A Workshop of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was convened at 6:22 p.m. by Chair Jim Krahn.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Board present: Jim Krahn, Bill Langmaid, Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg, Cari Levenseller, Greg Kintz, and Camrin Eyrrick.

BOARD PRESENT

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Ken Cox, Superintendent; and Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant.

STAFF PRESENT

Visitors Present: John Donovan, Metropolitan Group

VISITORS PRESENT

1.0 Met Group Report: John Donovan updated the board on Met Group's plan for 2013 and recapped the funding and financing committed to date.

METROPOLITAN GROUP REPORT

- Total funds and financing committed to date is \$40,366,330. Of this amount \$4.4 million is in the form of loans the District has incurred.
- Top Off Projections for 2013 total \$3,605,000. This includes money from State and Federal funding, as well as Individual, Corporate, Foundation, Timber Affinity and Community donations. This money would help pay off the District's debt.
- Activities both planned and potential for 2013 include: Alumni-led events, PSA push, school-based health center push, first class to graduate from new school, Hood to Coast, Cycle Oregon, renew current partner requests, and Blazer exhibition game.
- A calendar for the year outlined potentially when these activities would occur.
- The Met Group is also looking at ways to help the District by securing partnerships with donations of goods we currently purchase. i.e. computers, copy paper, biomass pellets, etc. Any money saved in this area could be put towards paying off debt.

Ernie Smith commented on the possibility of connecting with organizations that would support us because of the District's large foreign exchange student population. The World Affairs Council would be an example. John felt this was an area that warranted looking at further.

Jim Krahn indicated that he has been working his Nike connection. Jim is hoping to be able to schedule him for a tour of the school next week.

Ken Cox shared that he recently wrote a letter to AT&T asking that they install a cell tower on the school property to help with reception. The tower could also be placed strategically so that future field lights could be installed on the tower. John Donovan is reviewing the letter and wants to address the possibility of working with AT&T as a potential donor.

John Donovan stated the tapping into the United Way list is not going to work when asked by Ken Cox about a mass mailing. John also felt revisiting the Rotary connection is a good idea. Discussion was had about possibly having Tom Kelley invite them to Vernonia for a visit.

2.0 Resolution #1213-03 Regarding Sequestration: Greg Kintz is leaving this Saturday to go to DC with others from OSBA in support of the NSBA. The NSBA has asked that districts approve the resolution presented. 700 have already been drafted and many more will be hand delivered next week. The resolution is asking that Congress and the Administration amend both the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the American Taxpayer Relief Act to stop drastic cuts to education.

RESOLUTION 1213-03
ADOPTED

Bill Langmaid moved to adopt Resolution #1213-03 Regarding Sequestration. Cari Levenseller

seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Facilities Discussion: Highlights of the discussion are as follows:

- The Health Clinic looked at possibly purchasing the green building and reconstructing. During their research they discovered that the building can be reconstructed with just the roof – like a covered play shed. Health Clinic has chosen to not pursue the building.
- Supt. Cox visited with Rod McDowell who suggests selecting a contractor via CMGC process to oversee the project. This would cost approx. \$15,000 - \$20,000. Cox felt the total cost to reconstruct the building initially as a covered play shed would be between \$200K and \$250K. Shop space would be tabled as future development.
- According to John Donovan there may be other pots of money to tap into if the focus is on a vocational building.
- Working with Unions (electricians, construction workers, etc.) to help complete the building and possibly offer curriculum to our students is an appealing possibility.
- The board sees the need for space for our shop program
- The board was hesitant about spending more money to hire a CMGC.
- Important that future plans of building is communicated up front. It wouldn't stay a covered play shed.
- Dr. Cox agreed to pay an additional \$5,000 to the Met Group for one month to look at possibilities of securing funding for this project. Rod McDowell is currently working with the District. Cox will ask Rod to present to the board at a future meeting.

Bill Langmaid moved to authorize the Superintendent to work with Rod McDowell and separately authorize the Metropolitan Group to come up with a cost plan and perspective to erect the green building on school grounds. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Recessed to Executive Session under O.R.S. 192.660 (2) (a) at 8:10 p.m.
Adjourned executive session at 8:57 p.m.

5.0 Reconvened to Workshop at 8:57 p.m.

6.0 Other Issues: February 28th at 6:00 p.m. the Board will hold another Workshop. Main topic of discussion will be Facilities.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant

Board Chair

FACILITIES DISCUSSION

SUPT. AUTHORIZED TO WORK W/McDOWELL & MET GROUP IN DEVELOPING COST PLAN TO ERECT GREEN BUILDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENED WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP SET FOR FEB. 28th.

ADJOURNED

District Clerk