

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 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 6:06 p.m. by Bill Langmaid, Vice Chair. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Tim Bamburg, Ernie Smith, Greg Kintz, and Cari Levenseller. Camrin Eyrrick arrived at 6:43 p.m. and Jim Krahn arrived at 6:44 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** None
- Staff Present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; James Brookins, District Special Ed. Director; Dawn Plews, Business Manager, and Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Amy Cieloha, Peggy Freund, Cheyenne Farr-Smith, Pearl Smith, Marilyn Pedersen, Scott Laird, Pat Stacklie, Susan Ely, Sherrie Ford, Kathi Knowles, and Bob Knowles. 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:** PUBLIC COMMENTS
Amy Cieloha updated the board on the recently held PTA catalog fundraiser for playground equipment. Sales went very well. Amy also expressed concerns over the building doors being locked after school hours and the public not being able to enter into the building. Dr. Cox stated that he will have the front door remain unlocked until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
Ernie Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 01/10/2013 Regular Meeting and the 01/24/2013 Workshop. MINUTES APPROVED
Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
High School – Due to the boys basketball league playoff game in Gaston this evening there was no high school student in attendance to report.
Middle School - Cheyenne Farr-Smith and Pearl Cook updated the board:
 - Miscellaneous classroom activities reviewed
 - 7th and 8th have finished state testing
 - Topper News had a good first semester
 - Leadership plant sale begins March 1st. Proceeds will be used to send Leadership to the Oregon State Capitol.
 - Middle School will hold a dance on Feb. 22nd
 - Middle School Leadership presented the board with an appreciation gift as a carryover from January Board Appreciation month
- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
Elementary: Aaron Miller has nothing to add to his report.
Middle/High School: Nate Underwood shared with the board that both basketball teams are still in the playoffs. The girls won the league title and according to Mr. Underwood this is one of the

best teams VHS has had since he's been here. The girls play this Saturday at Portland State. The boys play tonight at Gaston and whether win or lose they will play on Saturday as well. The District Wrestling tournament will be held in Vernonia this weekend.

The robotics team called the Loggerbots is in the process of designing their robot for competition. The robot is designed to do ultimate Frisbee. There are many community members that are volunteering to help with this program. The Board is invited to attend an assembly on Tuesday morning to see the robot in action. Information about their club can be found at www.loggerbots.org. The competition will be held March 8 & 9 at the Memorial Coliseum. Susan Ely commented that the lack of space for the club to work is an issue. Shop space is important.

4.3 Financial Report: Dawn Plews had nothing to add to her report. Bill Langmaid asked about demographics on enrollment by grade. It was noted that 10 years of enrollment by grade is available in the budget document. FINANCIAL REPORT

4.4 Audit Report: Dawn Plews reported that the annual audit shows us to be in compliance in all areas. The ending fund balance was where it was projected - \$477,000. Some of this ending fund balance will be returned to the State in May. This audit also represents 3 supplemental budgets. The District did receive one comment regarding not publishing a budget committee notice last year. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

4.5 Spencer Health and Wellness (SHAW) Clinic Report: Sherri Ford reported that things are going very well at the clinic. She feels they will be at capacity in a very short time. When they reach 12 patients in a 6 hour time frame they will need to look at bringing on additional staff. The clinic continues to work through shared space issues. They are definitely serving the health needs of students. SHAW CLINIC REPORT

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

5.1 Data Review: Due to being out ill Nate Underwood indicated he will report next month. DATA REVIEW

5.2 Policy Review: The policy review committee stated that the policies being presented as first reading at tonight's meeting are straight forward with minor updates to remain current with OAR and ORS language. POLICY REVIEW - 1ST READINGS

Camrin Eyrrick arrived at 6:43 p.m. Jim Krahn arrived at 6:44 p.m.

5.3 Draft Budget Calendar: A draft budget calendar was presented by Ken Cox. The calendar is standard as in previous years. 1st budget committee meeting will be held with the May board meeting. The Budget Hearing will be in conjunction with the June board meeting. DRAFT BUDGET CALENDAR

5.4 Achievement Compact Update: Ken Cox indicated he will be meeting with the Achievement Compact committee and has nothing to share at this time. ACHIEVEMENT COMPACT UPDATE

5.5 Snow Day Calendar Adjustment: Ken Cox explained that the district had two snow days in December and there are currently three furlough days left in the 2012-2013 calendar. He recommends that board adjust the calendar and make April 26 and May 3 regular school days. 2012-13 CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

5.6 OSBA / NSBA Washington D.C. Update: Greg Kintz, region representative on the OSBA board, shared the highlights from his recent trip to Washington DC. As an OSBA representative Greg attended the NSBA meeting along with more than 700 reps from 48 of the 50 states. Discussion centered around the US Department of Education trying to take away local control. Greg attended a breakfast meeting with Senators Merkley and Wyden and discussed how they can help Oregon's education issues. All Representatives were on leave so the group was not able to meet with them however they stopped at all representative offices from Oregon and talked about budgeting issues. OSBA/NSBA D.C. UPDATE

On a personal note Greg enjoyed touring the Capitol building, walking down the same hallway President Obama has walked and witnessing the confirmation of newly appointed Secretary of State John Kerry.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS.

- 6.1 Calendar Change:** Cari Levenseller moved to approve the adjustment to the 2012-13 Instructional Calendar to reflect making up snow days on Dec. 18 and 19. April 26 and May 3 will now be school days. Tim Bamberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2012-13
INSTRUCTIONAL
CALENDAR
ADJUSTED

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

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- Attended the Catalyst Campaign meeting last week. There is still strong support from some of the key people on this committee to remain on the committee and move forward with Met Group to help us pay off loans.
- WGS demolition is continuing. The City was able to purchase some of the timber out of the building to use for the future covered picnic area in the new Spencer Park.
- Ground work has started for the greenhouse. It's been ordered and is about 4 weeks out.
- Texas Avenue residents have voiced concern over the litter and condition of Texas Avenue. This is a privately owned road and was not in the best of condition to begin with. The District has done some tractor work on the gravel portion and has filled pot holes with gravel. Dr. Cox will reach out to these residents to discuss a maintenance plan.
- Next Tuesday the VHS band will be performing at 11:00 am at the Senate session opening. They will then travel to Western Oregon University for a quick band clinic before returning to Vernonia.
- Discussion at the Board Workshop on the 28th will be centered around facilities. Rod McDowell will be there and the Met Group will discuss funding options.
- Tomorrow the facilities grant will be delivered to ODE.


8.0 OTHER ISSUES: The audience asked about the recently held financial summit. According to Dr. Cox it was very informative about the current state of affairs and the financial future. Vernonia School District was very well represented. They hope to have another similar event and begin discussion on ways to collaborate together in Columbia County to save money. They are hoping to hold the next meeting later this Spring.

Jim Krahn shared a recent conversation he had with the demolition company regarding the amount of items stolen from the site. Jim asked Scott Laird with Vernonia's Voice to run an article addressing this issue. It is very disappointing for our community. According to Alex Raichl with Trails End Recovery they have suffered approximately \$50,000 in loss of items stolen and another \$50,000 in damage to his equipment on site.

9.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr,
Administrative Assistant


Board Chair

District Clerk

