

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2010

- 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 6:01p.m. by Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Jim Krahn, Chair; Cari Levenseller, Vice Chair; Tim Bamburg, Ernie Smith, Tammy Jennings, and Greg Kintz. Absent: Kim Wallace.
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle and High School Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary School Principal; Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director; James Brookins, TOSA, Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Tom Ramsey, Maintenance Supervisor; Ashley Rogers, and Randy Shockey, Teachers; Karen Roberts, and Kathi Fetch, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Tori Dalebroux, Stephanie Castro, MaCayla Fennell, Carol Cox, Rebecca McGaugh, Shelley Cota, and Jack Musser. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Two items have been added - Information item #5.1 Project Lead the Way (renumber accordingly) and 10.0 Approval of Resolutions 10-02 and 10-03 (after the executive session). AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 3.1** Minutes of the 02/04/2010 Regular Meeting MINUTES NOT APPROVED
- The 02/04/2010 minutes were inadvertently not included in the board packet. Therefore no action was taken to approve them at this meeting. They will be approved at the next meeting.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
- Middle School Leadership Students Tori Dalebroux, Stephanie Castro and MaCayla Fennell reported:
- Leadership is currently working on the yearbook and planning next week's Spirit Week activities
 - Olympic Pep Assembly is scheduled for tomorrow.
 - Holocaust survivor, Laureen Nussbaum, will meet with the 8th grade class on March 30th.
 - The recently held Close Up Fundraiser, Spaghetti Feed and Bingo Night, was a huge success.
 - Students with good behavior are treated to a "Student of the Month" group breakfast. Parents are invited to eat with the teachers and the students.
 - Many students are out for Track which officially begins right after Spring break. Their first meet is on April 7th.
- High School Student Danny Vanderschelden reported:
- Spring break is coming up and the students are excited for that.
 - Prom coming up. Question asked as to where the prom is and Mr. Underwood informed the group – Queen Anne Victorian Mansion, Portland.

- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
 Elementary Report: Aaron Miller had nothing to add.
- High School Report: Nate Underwood elaborated on the PBS conference. Two middle & two high school staff attended. They came away with some great ideas. Classified employee week was last week. The certified staff stepped up and showed their appreciation. Mr. Shockey's math classes are celebrating pie day tomorrow by eating pie.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** Dawn Plews had nothing to add. There were no questions from the Board. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** Tom Ramsey added to his report that he has also been working the last few days on OSHA recommendations. MAINTENANCE REPORT
- 4.5 Project Manager Report:** Steve Effros updated the board on the following: PROJECT MANAGER REPORT
- Boora Oversight / District Coordination
 - Missouri Avenue / Hwy. 47 Improvements
 - Wetlands Review and Documentation
 - Preliminary NEPA Review Process
 - OR Solutions / Public Financing
- 4.6 Winter Sports Report:** Gordon Jarmen reviewed his written report. Middle School basketball had a small turn out in the 8th grade team. High School basketball should be competitive next year. We have some height on the team as well as the advantage of moving down a division next year. Wrestling had a good season winning the District championship. They had three wrestlers place at State. The Winter Sports Dessert was held on Tuesday. Numerous students received awards. WINTER SPORTS REPORT
- 5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**
- 5.1 Project Lead the Way:** Randy Shockey explained the Project Lead the Way grant which provides pre-engineering/technology curriculum. This is a one year grant that can continue after one year if wanted. To continue however, the school would need to become a certified school. The grant covers two weeks training, lodging and meals, and supplies to get started. Beyond the first year it would cost the District \$3500 for additional training and software leasing. If the District were to extend beyond the first year it would be a four year commitment. Dr. Cox recommends the board approve this grant. PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
- 5.2 Budget Calendar / Draft Assumptions:** Dawn Plews explained the proposed budget calendar. Budget assumptions were handed out and reviewed. This is a starting point for next year's budget. Dr. Cox indicated that we will be down approximately 30 students next year. There were no questions from the board. BUDGET CALENDAR / DRAFT ASSUMPTIONS
- 5.3 Budget Committee Vacancies:** Currently the Budget Committee has four vacancies. We have received interest from two individuals. Their applications were provided in the board packet. The board will take action to appoint the two applicants later in the meeting if so desired. BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCIES
- 5.4 Jewell Athlete Coop:** Gordon Jarman, spoke to the board on behalf of the Co-op request from Jewell Schools. OSAA can approve a co op for schools that have adjoining boundaries if one school offers something another school does not. Three students from Jewell have requested being able to play baseball at Vernonia. This request needs to be approved by both school boards and the OSAA. Both the OSAA and the Jewell board have approved the request. It is being presented tonight for approval from our board. A co-op can move a school up in the league if the number of ADM for the schools combined is large enough. This year we are not in any danger of this. The approval would be for one year only. Gordon felt the additional players would benefit our program. Jewell students would be required to abide by the same rules as our students as well as pay our fees. JEWELL ATHLETE COOP

- 5.5 Policy EFA, Local Wellness Program:** Dr. Cox indicated that the Vernonia Student Health Advisory Committee (VSHAC) is continuing to function. Mr. Spaulding heads this group. They have looked at the policy and have suggested some minor changes; mostly formatting. At the next board meeting additional information will be presented. The policy is being presented as a first reading. POLICY EFA 1st READING
- 5.6 OSEA Negotiations:** Dr. Cox met with the local chapter president and OSEA representative, Jim Tift. They will be available in May for negotiations. The negotiations team for the district has involved board members Ernie Smith, Cari Levenseller and Jim Krahn. All three board members expressed willingness to do this again. The District team agreed to meet after the April 8th board meeting. OSEA NEGOTIATIONS
- 5.7 2010-2011 Instructional Calendar:** Dr. Cox distributed several calendar options developed by Mr. Underwood with staff input. Questions looked at by staff when working on the calendar were provided. Dr. Cox's recommendation is to approve two options in case of funding issues and the need to cut days. Options #4 & #5 is his recommendation. 2010-11 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR
- 6.0 ACTION ITEMS**
- 6.1 Budget Calendar:** Ernie Smith moved to approve the 2010-11 Budget Committee meeting calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. Motion passed unanimously. BUDGET CALENDAR APPROVED
- 6.2 Budget Committee Vacancies:** Cari Levenseller moved to appoint Tobie Finzel and Linda Johnston to a 3 year term on the budget committee. Motion seconded by Jim Krahn. Motion passed unanimously. BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCIES FILLED
- 6.3 2010-11 Instructional Calendar:** Cari Levenseller moved to approve the 2010-11 Instructional Calendar options C4 & C5 as presented. Motion seconded by Tammy Jennings. 2010-11 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR APPROVED
- Ernie Smith asked about the number of days in the current calendar for teacher development and for 2010-11. He also commented on starting school before Labor Day. A reason of concern is that the state fair is still going on and kids in 4-H are still competing. Staff preferred starting after Labor Day. It was noted that the calendar cycle will change after a couple of years to make Labor Day earlier. With no further discussion Chair Krahn called for the vote.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.4 Project Lead the Way Grant:** Tim Bamburg moved to approve the District's participation in the Project Lead the Way Grant program. Motion seconded by Ernie Smith. Motion passed unanimously. PROJECT LEAD THE WAY GRANT APPROVED
- 6.5 Jewell Schools Co-op Agreement:** Cari Levenseller moved to approve the Co-op Agreement with Jewell Schools for 2009-2010. Motion seconded by Ernie Smith. Motion passed unanimously. CO-OP AGREEMENT WITH JEWELL SCHOOLS FOR 2009-10 APPROVED
- 7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Dr. Cox updated the Board on the following: SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE
- FEMA-our application is in the system. It is encouraging because they wanted our application right away. They are submitting an expanded application for the full \$19 million.
 - Oregon Solutions has been extended from June 2010 to January 2011.
 - Betsy Johnson may be appointed as vice chair for joint ways & means
 - Bill Hack-EBDD meeting felt that they could get a \$3M grant to pay for streets and wetlands
 - Oregon Dept of Energy-will be granting funds to buy and install wood biomass boiler.
 - A tour of the Tillamook Forest Center will be arranged to see one of these in use. Cari Levenseller and Tim Bamburg expressed interest in attending the tour. A back up boiler would also be installed and included in the grant.
 - BOORA-will be in district next Wednesday and Thursday to get final input from staff

- Ken requested additional information to be provided to the board members prior to the meeting next week. They will get information to the board members on Monday.
- Tim Bamburg had a question regarding the new site. He brought up the amount of water on the site, he is concerned that our gymnasium is planned to be built 12 feet into the ground. He wants to know if BOORA has done studies to make sure this is feasible and that we will not have water issues. The drainage system should take care of this. Ken will ask BOORA to explain this.
- Met Group
 - Ken distributed a confidential report
 - April 9 Breakfast meeting in Portland for all foundations in the area
 - NW Natural is putting together a breakfast for corporate sponsors
- Lobbyist update:
 - Took all of our appropriations and put them into one ask
 - Freeze on for profit earmarks is in effect
- VEF-Cari Levenseller reported that VEF has added two more board members; Sharon Bernal and Rhonda Lennen. The last meeting discussion was held on setting up accounts to handle funds. Ken Cox has signed an agreement to have an outside group help out with donations over \$10,000.
- Days cut from calendar to balance budget: next month Ken will be recommending that these two days be added back if budget updates warrant it.

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| 8.0 | RECESS To Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. | RECESS TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION |
| 9.0 | RETURNED to Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. | RETURN TO REGULAR
SESSION |
| 10.0 | APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 10-2 and 10-3. Ernie Smith moved to approve resolution # 10-2 Teacher Contract Extensions and # 10-03 Administrator Contract Extensions as presented. Motion seconded by Tim Bamburg . Ken Cox stated that his concerns are for the welfare of the District and are not personal. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. | RESOLUTION 10-02 and
10-03 APPROVED |
| 11.0 | MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 p.m. | ADJOURNED |

Submitted by Dawn Plews and Marie Knight, in the absence of
 Barb Carr
 Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Directors

Board Chair

District Clerk