

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 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 6:02 p.m. by Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Jim Krahn, Chair; Tammy Jennings, Greg Kintz, Tim Bamburg, and Ernie Smith. BOARD PRESENT
Cari Levenseller, Vice Chair arrived at 6:05 p.m. Absent: Kim Wallace
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Vernonia Middle and High School STAFF PRESENT
Principal; Aaron Miller, Washington and Mist Elementary School Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Kelley Murphy-Shaw, Juliet Safier, and Ashley Rogers, Teachers; and Kathi Fetch, Classified Staff.
- Visitors present:** Carol Cox, Cathy Ward, Rebecca McGaugh, Steve Effros, Kelly Schulte, Don VISITORS PRESENT
Schulte, Ben Schultz, Robert Zavalaes, Melissa Zavales, Madison Zavales, Chris Bamburg, Charlotte Burghard, Jenny Hayes, Kenzie Anderson, and Laney Coulter,
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Added item #5.4 Construction Option Resolution discussion and #6.7 AGENDA REVIEW
Construction Option Resolution action.
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** AUDIENCE COMMENTS
Cathy Ward commented that she recently substituted in the high school for one month. The students were respectful and kind.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** Ernie Smith moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the CONSENT AGENDA
2/4/2010 minutes as stated. (Financial Report: change made from 70% to 75%.) Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller.
- 3.1** Minutes of the 02/04/2010 and 03/11/2010 Regular Meeting and the 03/18/2010 Workshop. MINUTES APPROVED
Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
Middle School Leadership Students Charlotte Burghard, Jenny Hayes and Kenzie Anderson reported:
- Kids will be leaving on April 18 for Close-Up trip to D.C.
 - Leadership has been working on the Yearbook.
 - Teachers busy in their classrooms
 - 65 students currently out for track
 - 8th Plant Sale is currently happening
- High School Student Chris Bamburg reported:
- Leadership is currently planning the President’s Challenge fundraiser for Relay for Life / American Cancer Society. They will be holding “Penny wars”. The class that raises the most will have a party.
 - Student body petitions are out for next year’s student body officers
 - Forecasting sheets have been submitted for next year’s classes
 - SKID(Stopping Kids from Intoxicating Driving) program coming up on April 22nd.

- Spring Fling is also coming up soon
- Senior trip can drive April 17th
- Band BBQ will be held on April 19th. Molalla HS will be coming to play with our band.
- Equestrian meet in McMinville this weekend
- Congrats to Mr. Underwood, who is getting married on May 1st

Elementary Students: Ben Schulte and Madison Zavales reported on the recent salmon life cycle and stream health program they studied. Their teacher, Ms. Robyn Richmond applied for and received a \$1000 grant. The class took pictures to send off for the grant and then used the money to purchase books about salmon and special water testing equipment. The class has learned a lot about streams, salmon life cycle, and even went to Rock Creek to test the water.

- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
 Elementary Report: Principal Miller had nothing to add to his written report.
 High School Report: Principal Underwood had nothing to add to his written report.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** FINANCIAL REPORT
 Dawn Plews had nothing to add to her written report. There were no questions from the board.
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** MAINTENANCE REPORT
 Tom Ramsey added that he spent some of his time during spring break refinishing the hardwood floors at the Scout Cabin. Dr. Cox indicated this is a trade for using the Scout Cabin for various district meetings.
- 4.5 Project Manager Report:** PROJECT MANAGER REPORT
 Steve Effros indicated that he is currently working on the RFP competitive multi step process which will be going out in a few months to the Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC.) He also updated the board on the following:
- Boora Oversight / District Coordination
 - Missouri Avenue / Hwy 47 Improvements
 - Wetlands Review & Documentation
 - NEPA Review / FEMA Lead Agency
 - OR Solutions / Public Financing
 - City Permitting

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Vacant Budget Committee Position:** VACANT BUDGET COMMITTEE POSITION
 Barb Carr indicated that an application from community member Dan Titus has been received. A copy of which has been provided to the board.
- 5.2 Current Calendar Review:** CURRENT CALENDAR DISCUSSED
 Dr. Cox explained that the question has come up as to whether or not the district is able to add back any of the remaining non-school days. After his review of the next biennium shortfalls he is recommending that the District not add back any days.
- 5.3 Board Schedule Change:** BOARD SCHEDULE CHANGE DISCUSSED
 Dr. Cox indicated that the board schedule calls for a workshop on April 29th. There is also a town hall currently set for this date. Dr. Cox does not have anything he needs to discuss. He would like the Board to decide whether or not they feel the workshop is necessary.

Ernie Smith would like to have the workshop to discuss thinking outside the box and broadening the educational opportunities.

It was decided that the workshop will go from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. followed by the Town Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

- 5.4 Construction Option Resolution:** CONSTRUCTION OPTION RESOLUTION REVIEWED
 Dr. Cox explained that the resolution provided this evening is necessary to go with the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) model. A public hearing is also necessary. The resolution must be passed, post for the hearing for two

weeks and then give the public an opportunity to comment. After that the RFP process can be started.

Greg commented that by going with the CMGC model the district can expect the contractor to go along with our desire to lend itself to local contractors..

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Fill Budget Committee Vacancy:** Ernie Smith moved to appoint Dan Titus to the budget committee for a 3-year term. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. DAN TITUS APPOINTED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE
- 6.2 Calendar Adjustment:** There was no need for this action item as the school year calendar will not be adjusted as discussed in item 5.2 above.
- 6.3 Approve Policy EFA – Local Wellness Program:** Tammy Jennings moved to approve policy EFA as presented. Motion seconded by Ernie Smith. Motion passed unanimously. POLICY EFA APPROVED
- 6.4 Washington County Election Abstract:** Dr. Cox explained that the original Nov. 2009 bond election abstract from Washington County went to Columbia County and was not forwarded to us. The Columbia County abstract was approved shortly after the November election. Action needs to be taken separately on the Washington County election abstract for the record. Cari Levenseller moved to approve the Washington County November 3, 2009 Election Abstract. Motion seconded by Greg Kintz. Motion passed unanimously. WASHINGTON COUNTY NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTION ABSTRACT APPROVED.
- 6.5 Accept Resignation:** Dr. Cox indicated that the district has received a resignation from Brenda Docken, HS Special Education teacher. Cari Levenseller moved to accept the resignation of Brenda Docken. Motion seconded by Tammy Jennings. Motion passed unanimously. BRENDA DOCKEN, HS SPED TEACHER, RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
- 6.6 Board Schedule Adjustment (if needed):** This item was not needed due to the discussion noted in item #5.3 above.
- 6.7 Construction Option Resolution:** Tim Bamburg moved to adopt resolution #10-04 as presented. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. Motion passed unanimously. RESOLUTION #10-04 APPROVED

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Shared a thank you note from the Friends of the Scout Cabin for refinishing the floor.
- Leadership Performance Guidelines in draft form were shared with the board
- Budget Process Update: BAT team will not be occurring this year but rather getting public input through town hall meetings.
- FEMA Update: cap waiver for Vernonia has been approved.
- OR Solutions – first fundraiser meeting tomorrow morning.
- Property Acquisition – 840 Alabama is officially owned by the district.
- Boora Update – design will be completed 4/16/2010.
- Lobbyist Update – currently in the hurry up and wait phase of the appropriation cycle.
- VEF Report – intake and recognition processes are continuing to be identified.
- Facilities Committee: 2 board members needed for this committee which as we move forward with construction, will help provide direction to BOORA. Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg and Jim Krahn volunteered for this.
- Naming Committee - A draft will be ready for the next board meeting of gift values for areas of the new building. i.e. Benches, rollable bookshelves in the library, etc. Dr. Cox would like one board member to serve on this committee. Cari Levenseller volunteered.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.0 RECESS To Executive Session** at 7:12 p.m. under O.R.S. 192.660 (2) (i) “to review and evaluate the performance of the chief executive officer or any other public officer, employee or staff member unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing.” RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.0 RETURNED to Regular Session at 8:38 p.m.

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10.0 Return to Regular Session 8:39 p.m.

11.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:39 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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

Board Chair

District Clerk