

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 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 6:05p.m. by Jim Krahn, Chair. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Jim Krahn, Bill Langmaid, Cari Levenseller, Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz. BOARD PRESENT
Board Absent: Camrin Eyrrick
- 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; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier, Michelle Eagleson, Judy Gingerich and Kelley Murph- Shaw, teachers; and Dana Hyde, Classified staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Amy Cieloha, Peggy Freund, Scott Laird, Alexis Baska, Brett Jones, Tristan Adams, and Chase Tolonen. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Items 7.2 Wedbush Financing and 8.3 Budget Adjustment Resolution removed. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 RECESS** to Budget Meeting at 6:06 p.m.
3.0 RECONVENE to Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** PUBLIC COMMENTS
Juliet Safier spoke on behalf of the VEA. The teachers are extremely frustrated with this budget. They have lost 11 teachers since the 2008-09 school year and each year it gets worse. The answer our budget shortfall seems to be to get rid of teachers. They are requesting an independent audit of the district budget.
- Amy Cieloha stated her concerns about decisions made at a board meeting and then what actually takes place once a decision has been made. She referenced the middle school sports program as well as the Band program. She stressed follow through on all decisions that are made. Dr. Cox commented that last year it was discussed to reduce middle school athletics however this was added back into the budget. Only head coaches are being paid with the exception of track due to high student numbers. He has not yet received reports from the middle/high school office on fees collected for band and sports pay to play. He will address this at the next meeting. Jim Krahn indicated that it was suggested using volunteer referees and umpires but the district never agreed to implement this.
- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
Bill Langmaid moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion.
- 5.1** Minutes of 04/11/13 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED
Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 6.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
High School – Alexis Baska, Leadership representative highlighted the following:
- OSSOM sponsored SKID program was recently held.
 - Student Body elections coming up – campaigning will begin next week
 - Band competing at state tomorrow
 - Forestry competition is this weekend
 - Prom was held last Saturday. The theme was a masquerade ball
 - Doernbecher week recently ended. They raised money for Kids Making Miracles.

- Spring Fling will be later this month
- Golf season just ended. Track is still competing. Baseball held Senior night Tuesday at their last home game.
- Seniors recently returned from a fun trip to Disneyland.

Middle School : Chase Tolonen and Brett Jones reported:

- 6th grade play is being performed tonight
- Miscellaneous classroom activities were reviewed
- Students recently returned from DC. There will be an upcoming parent meeting to begin planning the next trip.
- The last track meet of the season was recently held in Astoria. District track will be this weekend.
- 8th Grade Promotion will be on June 3rd

6.2 Building Reports:

Elementary: Aaron Miller added that last Saturday a bike safety fair was held at the school. NW Bicycle Safety Council was the main sponsor. They brought helmets for kids. The Vernonia Police Department ran the skills course and Vernonia Lions and Vernonia Subway provided lunch for the volunteers. 75 kids attended. Student participants reviewed a training video, were able to get their bikes repaired if needed, and participated in the skills course. It was very well attended.

BUILDING
REPORTS

Middle/High School: Mr. Underwood was not in attendance.

6.3 Financial Report: Dawn Plews reported that there is a positive ending fund balance although it is not very large. She does plan to have our numbers verified with an independent audit.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

6.4 Maintenance Report: Written report was submitted by Mark Brown. There were no questions from the board.

MAINTENANCE
REPORT

6.5 SHaW Clinic Report: Written report submitted by Sherrie Ford. There were no questions from the board.

SHaW CLINIC
REPORT

7.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

7.1 Data Review – Attendance: Dr. Cox indicated that he did not have data available to report.

DATA REVIEW -
ATTENDANCE

7.2 Wedbush Financing: Dr. Cox indicated that this item is no longer necessary and can be removed from the agenda.

WEDBUSH
FINANCING NO
DISCUSSED

7.3 Upper Nehalem Watershed Council IGA: Dr. Cox shared the draft Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Vernonia School District and the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council. They moved into the space in the basement of the District Office and are operating. They are very happy with the space.

INTER-GOVT.
AGREEMENT WITH
U.N.W.C. FOR
SPACE LEASE

7.4 Superintendent Qualifications Questionnaire: Dr. Cox shared that he has submitted his resignation via email to the board. He plans to retire from PERS with the expectation that the board will hire him back at half time for next school year. He is continuing to apply for other positions. As a requirement to fill his position the board needs to offer two opportunities to the public to provide input as to the qualifications and qualities of a replacement superintendent. Dr. Cox recommends offering this to the public at the May 23rd budget committee meeting as well as the June 13 board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT
QUALIFICATIONS
QUESTIONNAIRE

8.0 ACTION ITEMS.

8.1 Wedbush Interim Financing Resolution: Removed from the agenda.

WEDBUSH
INTERIM
FINANCING NOT
DISCUSSED

8.2 UNWC Inter-Governmental Agreement for Office Space: Bill Langmaid moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council

UNWC IGA
APPROVED

(UNWC) for office space at the District Office. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 2012-13 Budget Adjustment Resolution: This item was removed from the agenda.

2012-13 BUDGET
ADJUSTMENT

8.4 Robotics Out of State Field Trip Request: Bill Langmaid moved to allow the Robotics Club to attend a competition in Vancouver, WA. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OUT OF STATE
FIELD TRIP
APPROVED

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- Budget Committee Q & A Session will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm on the stage.
- Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.
- Greenhouse Project is underway. Posts have been erected by Dan Titus. Aaron Miller will be the driving force behind getting it finished with volunteer help.
- Demolition Update – expected to be done by end of July. Dirt from large pile will be moved in August. Large pieces of concrete will be buried on site.
- New Spencer Park Update – they hope to have all of the work done this summer with WOEC and the electrical needs of the new park. Water and electricity will be restored to the stadium before football season begins.

Bill Langmaid mentioned that the community garden project is using bricks from the old site as pavers for handicap accessibility to the garden. Members of the community garden will volunteer to help erect the new green house.

10.0 RECESS to EXECUTIVE SESSION under ORS 192.660 (2) (a) at 7:25 p.m.

RECESS TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The board discussed the potential vacancy and replacement of the Superintendent position.

11.0 RECONVENE to REGULAR SESSION at 8:24 p.m.

RECONVENE TO
REGULAR SESSION

Cari Levenseller moved to accept the resignation of Dr. Kenneth W. Cox effective June 30, 2013. Motion seconded by Bill Langmaid. Motion passed unanimously.

COX RETIRES
FROM PERS &
REMAINS AT
VERNONIA
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS HALF TIME
INTERIM SUPT.
FOR 2013-14.

Bill Langmaid moved to offer an interim contract to Dr. Kenneth W. Cox as Vernonia School District Superintendent at half time for the 2013-14 school year. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. Motion passed unanimously.

12.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:28 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr,
Administrative Assistant

Board Chair

District Clerk

