

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J  
475 BRIDGE STREET  
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 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 6:03 p.m. by Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Jim Krahn, Chair; Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, and Tammy Jennings. Cari Levenseller arrived at 7:02 p.m. Absent: Kim Wallace and Ernie Smith. BOARD PRESENT
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Tom Ramsey, Maintenance Supervisor; Rachel Wilcoxon and Ashley Rogers, teachers; and Patty Fetherston and Betsy Miller, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Jennifer Glass, Joel Glass, Carol Cox, Laney Coulter, Lauren Glass, Nikita McCord, Tobie Finzel, Linda Johnston, Dan Titus. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: None AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 RECESS TO BUDGET MEETING:** The board meeting was recessed to the budget committee meeting at 6:03 p.m. BOARD MEETING RECESSED
- 3.0 RECONVENE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING** The board meeting reconvened at 6:47 p.m. BOARD MEETING RECONVENED
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** Tim Bamburg moved to approve the consent agenda with the stated correction. Motion seconded by Tammy Jennings. CONSENT AGENDA
- 5.1** Minutes of the 04/08/2010 Regular Meeting and 04/29/2010 Workshop. MINUTES APPROVED
- Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 6.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
- Middle School Leadership Students Nathan McMillan and Nikita McCord reported:
- Updates were given on classroom activities
  - Six students will be participating in the District 3 band solo contest this Saturday.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade play will be May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at WGS.
  - Two more dances coming up – one at the end of May the other in June before year end.
  - Teacher vs 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball game will also be scheduled soon.
  - Track is doing well. 24 out of 29 kids placed in the top 6 in at least one of their events.
  - End of year field trips are coming up. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are going to the zoo in June and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Bullwinkles on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - A brief summary of the DC trip was also shared with the board.
- Elementary Students: Aaron Miller distributed a hand out with FAQ about the Self Manager

program at WGS. Two of WGS' self managers (Lauren Glass, 5<sup>th</sup> grader and Sara Rhodes 4<sup>th</sup>) talked about what they do and what they like about the program.

High School Report: Chris Bamburg reported:

- State qualifying games for Softball and Baseball. Both teams are sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Top 3 go to state.
- Golf is sending one boy and one girl to State.
- Track District meet is this weekend.
- One Equestrian team member headed to state today
- Student Body elections held today – results will be available next week
- Principals awards assembly coming up on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Fling will be held on May 21
- NHS Inductions June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Sr. Trip May 27-30
- Sr. Dessert / Scholarship June 2
- Graduation June 5

Kosoma Moss talked about tree planting day with WGS. He went out for an hour and half. The students learned about the local environment and eco system and planted trees. Everyone had fun. Approximately 230 students participated.

Cari Levenseller arrived at 7:02 p.m.

**6.2 Building Reports:**

BUILDING REPORTS

Elementary Report: Principal Miller added to his written report that the Lion's Club vision and hearing screening happened today. Tomorrow it is available to the community. All 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as all middle and high school referrals were screened. Having the mobile screening unit come to our school is wonderful. A huge thank you to the Lions Club.

High School Report: Principal Underwood was not in attendance this evening. He is helping another school district with their accreditation process.

**6.3 Financial Report:**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dawn Plews had nothing to add to her written report. Ending fund balance is increasing slightly due to people being extra careful with spending. Student population is hanging in there as expected. There were no questions from the board.

**6.4 Maintenance Report:**

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Tom Ramsey commented that he spent the first of this week in asbestos training. Requirement for schools.

**6.5 Project Manager Report:**

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

Steve Effros was not in attendance. A written report was handed out this evening. John Donovan, of the MET group, also provided a written report for the board's review.

Ken Cox indicated that the environmental review is moving forward. He is having weekly conference calls to get status updates.

**7.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**

**7.1 Teen Health Advocacy Team Partnership:**

TEEN HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Sherrie Ford was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.

**7.2 NWRESD Zone 4 Election:**

NWRESD ZONE 4 ELECTION

One person is running for the vacancy on the NWRESD Board of Directors. The board reviewed the documentation provided them. They will cast a vote later in the meeting.

**7.3 Class Grant Project Update:**

CLASS GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Greg Kintz and Betsy Miller updated the board on the CLASS Grant project. The grant is funded by various foundations. The Design team is made up of Emily Askew, Jan Dyer, Beth Kintz, Aaron Miller, Nate Underwood, Ken Cox, Betsy Miller, Doran Lower, and Kathy Pennington. Juliet Safier and Liz white also provided input. They are currently working on 4 different blue print areas. Surveys to have been given to staff

(both classified and certified) to get input for each of the 4 areas. The goal is to improve staff so you see the increase in children.

There are nine schools new to the project this year. Vernonia School District is the smallest of the nine. We are the poster child for small schools.

This year the focus is to layout the framework. Implementing program will occur next year.

**7.4 Vacant Director Appointment Process:**

Dr. Cox mentioned that Director Tammy Jennings has submitted her resignation effective at the end of next month. Discussion was held on how and when to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Applications will be made available and collected until June 30<sup>th</sup>. The plan will be to appoint someone to the vacancy at the July 2010 board meeting.

VACANT DIRECTOR  
APPOINTMENT  
PROCESS

**8.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Board Vote for NWRES D Zone 4 Director:** Tim Bamburg moved to cast a vote on behalf of the Vernonia School District Board of Directors for Earl Fisher to the NWRES D Zone 4 director position. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTE CAST FOR EARL  
FISHER FOR NWRES D  
ZONE 4 DIRECTOR

**8.2 Accept Board Member Resignation:** Greg Kintz moved to accept the resignation of board member Tammy Jennings effective June 30, 2010. Motion seconded by Tim Bamburg. Thank you Tammy for your time, interest and dedication. Yes votes: Greg Kintz, Tim Bamburg, Jim Krahn and Cari Levenseller. Abstained: Tammy Jennings. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR JENNINGS  
RESIGNATION  
ACCEPTED

**8.3 Resolution #10-06 – Increase of Appropriations to Food Service:** Tammy Jennings moved to approve resolution #10-06 increasing appropriations from the general fund to the food service account. Greg Kintz seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION #10-06  
INCREASING FOOD  
SERVICE ACCOUNT  
APPROVED

Ken Cox explained that traditionally the food service account has gone over budget. This transfer is to balance their account. It was budgeted to transfer \$30,000 in this year. This resolution allows an additional transfer of \$15,000 to balance the food service budget.

Discussion was held on giving community members the ability to eat at our cafeteria. All board members thought this was a good idea.

Motion passes unanimously.

**9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

- Letter received April 19<sup>th</sup> – letter from Jan Kenna – thanking Mr. Miller for his dedication and hard work. The homework club grant has been approved again.
- FEMA Update. The FEMA application and requisite studies will be the determining factor in when we can begin construction.
- Oregon Solutions Project Report. Two successful fundraising meetings have been held.
- BOORA Update. Completed design development phase. Facilities committee needs to set a time to go through the plans.
- One board member needed for reviewing RFP's this summer for our CM/GC.
- Naming committee. Working on approving a set of naming donation guidelines.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT AND  
CORRESPONDENCE

**10.0 MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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

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Board Chair

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District Clerk