

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING / BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

June 10, 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 6:00 p.m. by Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Greg Kintz, Tim Bamburg, Ernie Smith, and Jim Krahn, Tammy Jennings arrived at 6:02 p.m. Kim Wallace arrived at 6:03 p.m. Cari Levenseller arrived at 7:50 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, High School Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Tom Ramsey, Maintenance Supervisor; Gretchen Lindauer, Food Service Director; Juliet Safier and Robert Izzett, Teachers; Beth Kintz, Dana Hyde and Betsy Miller, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Rebecca McGaugh, Laney Coulter, Carol Cox, Kristina Halvorson, Steve Effros, Tobie Finzel, Amy Cieloha, Bill Langmaid, Gennifer Hanner, and Mike Fetch VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Information Item #7.5 Naming Recognition Recommendation; Action Item #8.3 Naming Recognition Recommendation; and #10.0 Executive Session under O.R.S. 192.660 (2) (i) added. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 RECESS TO BUDGET HEARING:** Recessed to Budget Hearing at 6:01 p.m. Dr. Cox reviewed his Budget Message. BOARD MEETING RECESSED
- The floor was opened for public comment. No comments were heard.
- Jim Krahn stated that the major issue for our state is consistent and sustainable funding for schools. Hopefully our legislators in Salem will look for alternate ways to fund our schools. In the meantime we are forced to make cuts.
- Tobie Finzel, Budget Committee Chair, stated that the committee discussed at length the concern about taking money from the contingency fund to balance the budget. After conversation the committee felt that instead of trying to find personnel cuts at this time it would be prudent to make the reduction to the contingency fund.
- Jim Krahn thanked all budget committee members and Dawn Plews and Dr. Cox for their work.
- The floor was opened once again for public comments. No comments were heard.
- The Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
- 3.0 RECONVENE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING** The board reconvened the regular business meeting at 6:05 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 as presented. Motion seconded by Greg Kintz. CONSENT AGENDA
- 5.1** Minutes of the 05/13/2010 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED

Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION

6.1 Student Reports:

STUDENT REPORTS

Middle School Students: There were no middle school Leadership students in attendance as the 8th graders were promoted last evening.

Elementary Students: There were no elementary school students in attendance.

High School Report: Kristina Halvorsen reported:

- The recently held art auction at the Blue House Café raised \$1200 for the district art department and the local Hands on Art group.
- Graduation went well. There are more students attending college or trade school this year than ever before.
- Senior Dessert and NHS Inductions also went well
- Eight students will be heading to England in July with Ms. Safier
- NHS induction went well and the dessert was delicious
- Football camp at the HS is coming up
- Intramural basketball competitions are going well.
- VHS recently held a Career Fair

6.2 Building Reports:

BUILDING REPORTS

Elementary Report: Principal Miller gave a video presentation on PBIS (formerly PBS) Positive Behavior Intervention Support. Grade school students wrote the script and acted in the video. Allysa Loggins and Katie Ellington from the high school did the filming and final editing. The video was well received by the board and audience members.

High School Report: Principal Underwood added to his report Mr. Izzett and the band program request. Mr. Izzett spoke to the board requesting board approval to allow the Band to travel to California over spring break 2011. An itinerary and trip overview was provided. The board will take action in July.

Jim Krahn asked Mr. Underwood what percentage of graduates go on to trade school or college – not just in Vernonia but state wide. Mr. Underwood was not sure and indicated he'd check into that.

Betsy Miller thanked Dana Hyde for encouraging students to apply for college. She seeks them out to make sure they have a plan and helps them apply for scholarships.

6.3 Financial Report:

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dawn Plews indicated that the district cash flow is \$200,000 more than last month. This is due to a recent state timber payment, which unfortunately we will have to pay back next May. Expenditures gained \$15,000 due to spending less than what was projected. Enrollment is holding. There were no questions from the board.

6.4 Maintenance Report:

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Tom Ramsey stated that in addition to his report an incident of vandalism on a handicap sign was cleaned up.

6.5 Project Manager Report:

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

- CMGC RFP / Boora / District Coordination: RFP has closed. Five firms submitted and passed the first stage. Four firms met today at the pre-proposal meeting.
- Missouri Avenue / Hwy. 47 Improvements
- Wetlands Review & Documentation
- NEPA Review / FEMA Lead Agency
- OR Solutions / Public Financing
- City Permitting

Jim Krahn asked when FEMA dollars may be finalized? There is a conference call on Friday (tomorrow) and then again on the 16th. They hope to have more answers then.

7.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Teen Health Advocacy Team Partnership:** Sherrie Ford not here. Hopefully we'll have her back next fall. TEEN HEALTH PARTNERSHIP
- 7.2 CLASS Grant Completed Application:** Betsy Miller indicated the application is ready to be submitted. The potential amount the CLASS Grant could receive is approximately \$200,000 to help pay for the program they have designed. CLASS GRANT COMPLETED APPLICATION
- 7.3 AR Review:** Ken Cox stated the graduation AR has some minor formatting changes. The Local Wellness Program AR has been revised by the VSHAC group. This is a set of recommendations for the District to follow regarding food. It is future education for staff and parents. AR REVIEW

Greg Kintz asked if there is a committee that looks at the food that comes in through the Boosters. Dr. Cox stated it is currently self monitored but VSHAC will be involved in the future. The new guidelines do not apply to any event that the majority of your audience is adults. ie: football games.

AR's do not need board approval. They are being presented for information purposes only.

- 7.4 2010-11 Calendar/Budget Review:** Ken Cox stated that the 2010-11 budget cuts total \$301,000.00. \$100,000 has been taken from the District contingency fund, \$50,000 from the District's unappropriated fund and \$151,000 from the District's capital reserve fund to balance the budget. Currently five days have been added back from last year. It is possible that days may still need to be cut. This can be looked at again in the Fall when the funding situation is a bit more stable. 2010-11 CALENDAR & BUDGET REVIEW

Kim Wallace asked how would the calendar shake down? She stated making sure the staff looks at the options.

Dr. Cox indicated he has already sent out a staff survey and received a number of comments back. He can ask questions tomorrow before the staff leaves for any additional input.

Jim Krahn stated that waiting until the Fall to make any additional calendar adjustments is a good idea. The District will have a clearer picture at that point.

- 7.5 Naming Recognition Recommendation:** Ken Cox stated that community members have indicated interest in being on the committee. They will meet and bring to the board a final version next month. MET group has developed the list and needs to have the draft approved. Dr. Cox recommends that the board approve the naming recognition proposal which accepts the draft and authorizes them to make reasonable adjustments. NAMING RECOGNITION RECOMMENDATION MADE

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Approve Resolution #10-07 Adopting the 2010-11 Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing the Taxes.** 2010-11 BUDGET ADOPTED
Greg Kintz asked for clarification. Do the numbers on the resolution reflect the \$301,000 cuts? Dawn Plews indicated yes it is.

Kim Wallace moved to approve resolution #10-07 Adopting the 2010-11 budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing the taxes. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion.

Kim Wallace asked if any changes are made to the contingency is another resolution required? Dr. Cox stated no.

There were no other questions from the board. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 2010-2011 Calendar Adjustment:** The board was in consensus to not address this issue at this point. Therefore no motion was stated. 2010-11 CALENDAR ADJUSTED

<p>8.3 Naming Recognition Recommendation: Greg Kintz moved to approve the naming recognition recommendation as presented. Kim Wallace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>NAMING RECOGNITION APPROVED</p>
<p>9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-11 Board Meeting Schedule and Student Fees as well as the Spring Sports report from Mr. Jarman were shared with the board. • FEMA Update: continue to have weekly conference calls with Seattle FEMA and OEM. • Oregon Solutions Project Report: next OS meeting will be August 24th in Vernonia. 	<p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>10.0 RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION under ORS 192.660 (2) (i) at 7:28 p.m.</p> <p>Buy back of Superintendent unused vacations days was discussed.</p> <p>Reconvened to regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.</p> <p>Ken Cox indicated that he currently has a maximum five days of unused vacation available for buyout in his current Superintendent contract. He's asking the board to adjust this to ten days. He also requested that due to not being able to use his vacation, and instead of losing the days, he'd like the board to authorize a one time buy back of 15 current vacation days. Estimate cost for 5 days is \$1700.</p> <p>Cari Levenseller arrived at 7:50</p> <p>Discussion was held.</p> <p>Tim Bamburg moved to authorize Jim Krahn, Kim Wallace, and Cari Levenseller to work together with Dr. Cox to draft an amendment to the Superintendent contract regarding buying back unused vacation days. Ernie Smith seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Other Items: Ernie Smith felt that it is important to install security cameras at entrances to buildings in light of the recent disappearance of the student from Skyline Elementary school in Portland. He suggested visiting with local police about the possibility of grants to enhance school security.</p> <p>Ken Cox indicated that next year the Alert Now system currently in use will have auto calling.</p> <p>Tim Bamburg asked whether or not we could get a waiver from OSAA regarding the enrollment limits and having Jewell Coop with our District. Currently the two schools enrollment must be combined. When this is done it throws Vernonia up into the next level. Tim felt that because we only bring on a couple of athletes it is worth investigating for a waiver. Dr. Cox indicated he would mention this to Gordon Jarman, District A.D.</p>	<p>RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>RECONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING</p> <p>APPROVAL GIVEN TO DRAFT AMENDMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT.</p> <p>OTHER ITEMS</p> <p>ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS DISCUSSED</p> <p>OSAA ENROLLMENT WAIVER DISCUSSED</p>
<p>11.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Submitted by Barb Carr Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Directors</p>	<p>ADJOURNED</p>

Board Chair

District Clerk