

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 13 ,2009

- 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:** Jim Krahn, Car Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, Tammy Jennings, Kim Wallace, and Greg Kintz. Ernie Smith arrived at 6:15 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, MS/HS Principal; and Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Sharon Bernal, Rebecca McGaugh, and Scott Laird VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: None
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- Cari Levenseller moved to approve and Kim Wallace seconded the consent agenda as presented.
- 4.1** Minutes of 07/09/09 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED
- Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Project Manager Report:** Report provided in writing. There were no questions from the board. PROJECT MANAGER REPORT
- 4.2 Maintenance Report:** MAINTENANCE REPORT
- Kim Wallace asked about the reoccurring vandalism in the mod village. Are the security cameras working? Location of cameras and security alarms were discussed.
- 4.3 Bond Committee Report:** Sharon Bernal reported on the status of the bond committee. BOND COMMITTEE REPORT
- To date they have had three meetings where the public has been invited. The first meeting had a lot of positive feedback. The following is what they have done or will do by month:
- July:
- Article in the paper
 - Participated in the 4th of July Parade
 - Held a question and answer forum with realtors
- August:
- Article in the Voice w/Mike Pihl
 - Placed support Vernonia Schools posters in local businesses
 - Had a float in the Jamboree parade. They took 1st place and Sharon presented the trophy to the Distirct.
 - Held a question and answer forum over breakfast with business owners at the Scout Cabin.
- September:
- Article in the Voice with Dr. Gilmore

- 2nd mailing will go out inviting the public to the “Stake Out” on 9/18
- First phone calls will start on Sept 15th.

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Construction Option:** Jim Krahn reviewed the information presented at last night’s workshop. He feels that the Design / Build concept is the way to go for our district and our situation. Both options definitely have the ability to work however the Design / build has more of an opportunity for the District to save money. CONSTRUCTION
OPTIONS DISCUSSED

Ernie Smith arrived at 6:15 p.m.

A letter from BOORA was distributed to the Board supporting a modified design/build plan. Information from Aadland Evans was also distributed to the board.

Kim Wallace stated the Mr. Kelly of Oregon Solutions was very excited about the possibility of our District going with a design / build process. He indicated that this is perfect for the current market. Kim feels very confident with Don Irwin and his knowledge.

There was some confusion about whether or not local contractors could be involved in the process. Dr. Cox will confirm this.

It was noted that in a few weeks all may feel better and more comfortable with the design / build option as the availability of potential funding becomes known. The market is to our advantage but this also warrants concern.

Tammy Jennings asked about the comment made by BOORA that the design/build concept has not been used in Oregon. Why? It is a fairly new concept that just hasn’t caught on yet. Our project is definitely not a traditional one.

- 5.2 Student / Staff Handbook Review:** Nate Underwood shared with the board the two biggest changes to this year’s student handbook which is the highlights given to cell phone use and truancy. STUDENT/STAFF
HANDBOOK REVIEW

Mr. Miller stated he is also concerned about attendance. Last Spring a revised attendance policy was drafted. Dr. Cox wants to make this consistent with other buildings.

The Staff Handbook had minor changes and clarifications only.

- 5.3 Student Fees:** There are three changes to the fee schedule for 2009-2010. STUDENT FEES
DISCUSSED
- Food service fees changed as indicated by the board last spring.
 - Outdoor school \$20.00 per student
 - MS Athletics \$20.00 per student.

Cari Levenseller expressed her concern regarding charging for outdoor school when it is required. All agreed to change the fee language to read “Outdoor School Meal fee.”

- 5.4 Bond Resolution:** This resolution is necessary in order to file for the bond election. BOND RESOLUTION
DISCUSSED

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Approve 2009-2010 Student Fees:** Ernie Smith moved to approve the 2009-10 student fees as presented with the wording change made to outdoor school meal fee. There was no discussion. Motion seconded by Greg Kintz. Motion passed unanimously. 2009-10 STUDENT FEES
APPROVED
- 6.2 Bond Resolution #09-06:** Kim Wallace moved to approve resolution #09-06 as presented for a bond election in November, 2009. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously. BOND RESOLUTION
APPROVED

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Cox updated the board on the following:

- BOORA Article
- \$6500 Chalkboard Grant received
- \$381,000 technology grant submitted
- Oregon Solutions – Bill Haack appointed as funding coordinator for the schools.
- Met with DC Lobbyist, Jay Sullivan today
- Will invite Agricultural Secretary to Vernonia
- Met with OSEA about part time benefits for part time employees
- Working with Jewell to come to an agreement on interdistrict transfer students

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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

Board Chair

District Clerk