

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2016

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A Regular Meeting of the of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Brett Costley. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Brett Costley, Greg Kintz, Susan Wagner, Cari Levenseller, Katie Cook BOARD PRESENT
Board Absent: Ernie Smith and Brittanie Roberts BOARD ABSENT
Staff Present: Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Andre Schellhaas, Business Manager; Marie Knight, Fiscal Assistant; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier, VEA President; and Debbie Taylor, licensed staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Scott Laird, Marie Krahn, Jeana Gump VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1 Flag Salute:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.3 Agenda Review:** There were no additions to the agenda. Susan Wagner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Jim Krahn, member of the Vernonia Bond Committee, gave an update to the Board on the work of the committee thus far. They have installed yard signs (let him know if you'd like one), they have begun meeting with community groups such as the Senior Center, Ridge Riders, Kiwanis, Lions, etc. to begin the conversations. In addition, each Bond Committee member is looking to have a social at their home to answer questions. The Bond Committee is working to raise funds. Overall the Committee is very excited and working hard. Next up is to set meetings with local business owners so that they are familiar with the bond and can discuss it with their customers. Both the teachers and classified unions have donated to the effort. PUBLIC COMMENT
- Scott Laird added that the Committee is also doing regular mass mailings. Every two weeks a new mailing will be going out as well as regular advertising in the Voice.
- Cari Levenseller asked if someone wished to make their home available for a gathering who would they talk to. Jim recommended Sharon Bernal. Donations can be made to Vernonia Schools Bond Committee – treasurer is Bill Langmaid.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 3.1 Minutes of 08/11/2016 Regular Meeting** MINUTES APPROVED
- Greg Kintz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Building Reports:** Mr. Underwood added to his written report that Mr. Spackman will be coming up from elementary counseling to teach physics. Juliet Safier shared that an AVID parent meeting was held last evening in the Library. BUILDING REPORTS
- Brett Costley inquired as to how the new Cell Phone Student Policy is going. Mr. Underwood indicated teachers are doing what is asked and so far things are going well.
- Aaron Miller introduced Debbie Taylor, our new 1st/2nd grade teacher. Kindercamp was a huge success and it looks as though the same grant will be available next year. Wed Oct 5, is the annual Salmon Watch with 4th graders and Kindergarten students. Lakeside School in Seattle will be sending their 8th grade students back to Vernonia this year for a week at the end

of the September. They will join our students with some activities as well as work with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council.

Open Houses are coming up. Mist will hold theirs on Wed Sept 28th 6:30 – 7:30 pm. VES will hold theirs on Thurs. Oct 6th from 6:00 -7:30 pm.

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| 4.2 | Financial Report: Andre Schellhass updated the board. The Financial report is the same format as presented by former Business Manager Dawn Plews. She is working to fine tune the ending fund balance. She will assist and go through the District Audit in a couple weeks and does not anticipate the ending fund balance to adjust during the audit. | FINANCIAL REPORT |
| 4.3 | Maintenance Report: The report was reviewed. Cari Levenseller asked what the cost was to replace the gym window. Mr. Miller thought likely well over \$1000 but will have to confirm. | MAINTENANCE REPORT |
| 4.4 | Board Committee Reports: No reports given. | BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS |

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

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| 5.1 | New Staff: Aaron Miller shared that Andrea Anderson, a new employee presented to the Board last month, has received her teaching license. | NEW STAFF |
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David Suhrbur – new High School Science Teacher. David comes with Master's Degree from Eastern Illinois University and 10 years teaching experience in the Chicago area. He has also had 2 ½ years of long term sub work in Portland Public Schools.

Currently applications are being screened for vacant Instructional Assistant Positions.

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| 5.2 | Revised Fee Schedule: Mr. Underwood proposed adding a middle school shop class supply fee to the District Fee Schedule last month. Unfortunately the master schedule did not allow for 8 th grade shop class elective to occur this term however, he would still like to see the fee be added for in the future. His proposal was for \$20.00 per student taking 8 th grade shop to offset the cost of supplies and materials. | REVISED FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSED |
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6.0 ACTION ITEMS

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| 6.1 | New Hire:
Greg Kintz moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to hire David Suhrbur as a high school Science teacher. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. | SUHRBUR HIRED AS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER |
| 6.2 | Revised Fee Schedule: Susan Wagner moved to approve the revised 2016-17 Fee Schedule as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. | 2016-17 FEE SCHEDULE REVISED |

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Aaron Miller updated the board on the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time to schedule Superintendent – Board Member Lunches again. After discussion it was decided Sept 27th at 11:00 a.m. with Cari Levenseller and Brett Costley.• OSBA Fall Regional meetings: Greg can only attend the Seaside meeting on the 15th.• Annual convention – please see Barb for hotel reservations /convention reservations.• Waiving the student fees for kids of volunteer coaches is not a problem. This was reviewed and approved by Mr. Jarman and OSAA.• Sent letter to Exe. Director of ASSE. ASSE made stipulation that any student that designated Basketball as an interest or played they would not be eligible to come to Vernonia. A complaint was lodged by several other schools in our league. OSSA found that VSD is doing everything correctly and are not recruiting. ASSE however still levied the same sanction. He has not yet heard back in response.• Testing for lead in water. Vernonia School District should be fine. Our test results are with the city and their lab. Mist Grade School may have lead come back in the testing but students | SUPERINTENDENT REPORT |
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haven't been drinking that water for years.

- New start to school year went well with the staggered start days. Orientation for new students is a great program.
- Enrollment numbers will be provided in October when the numbers will be the most accurate. All requests should be received for any students transferring. Looks as though the total enrollment will be down slightly due to larger senior class last year and smaller Kindergarten this year.
- NWRES D inservice held at our campus was a success. Biggest issue was parking.
- New Baseball field is progressing. Fencing, sprinkler heads and seed are ready to go. Cinder is around the edge, soil is on. Bob Green, Ernie Smith and Joe Walters will meet to discuss dugouts.

Other Issues: None

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9.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:41 p.m.

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



Board Chair



District Clerk