

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 09, 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 6:03p.m. by Chair Jim Krahn. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Jim Krahn, Bill Langmaid, Tim Bamburg, and Greg Kintz. Kim Wallace arrived at 6:05 p.m. Ernie Smith arrived at 6:06 p.m. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:29 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Staff present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, MS/HS Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary Principal; James Brookins, MS/HS Vice Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Bar Carr Administrative Assistant; Tom Ramsey, Maintenance Supervisor; and Juliet Safier and Ashley Rogers, Teachers. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Carol Cox, Rebecca McGaugh, Jim Isaacson, Steve Anderson, Laurie Harrison, A.J. Due, Macayla McCord, Jessica Smith, Shyla Tungwenuk and Crystal Ann Carreon. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Remove Information item 5.3 and Action item 6.2. They are not necessary. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
Tim Bamburg moved to approve the consent agenda. Bill Langmaid seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 08/12/10 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED
Motion passed unanimously.
Kim Wallace arrived 6:05 p.m. Ernie Smith arrived at 6:06 p.m.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Report:** STUDENT REPORTS
Middle School Report: A.J. Due, Macayla McCord, and Jessica Smith reported on Leadership activities.
- An orientation was planned for 6th graders and new students.
 - Welcome back assembly was a hit. Students received their schedules and had fun playing a couple games.
 - Falls sports are underway. Schedules are available at the MS office.
 - A dance is scheduled on 9/24.
 - The Close Up group will have their first meeting next Thursday.
 - New electives are available such as: video/technology, band/music, astronomy, forensics/cultural class, natural resources, and art.
 - Outdoor school is next week for 6th graders.
 - Pre-registration was held this year for the first time and it was very successful.
- High School Report: Shyla Tungwenuk and Crystal Ann Carreon (student body manager) reported on the following:
- ASB Officers for the year are as follows: President Paul Whiteman, Vice President Liz Poulin, Secretary Natalie Wallace, Treasurer Sammy Morgan, Sargeant at Arms Kaytee Burghard, Public Relations Jackson Miller, Foreign Exchange Rep. Rowan Cheney, Student Body Manager Crystal Ann Carreon, and Fire Marshall Jeremiah

Hammons.

- Leadership is a class this year which allows more time to plan activities. Leadership students are selected by application. Currently they are focusing on Homecoming week. The first dance is tomorrow night.
- Current enrollment numbers are 9th – 46, 10th – 45, 11th – 57, and 12th – 54. This year VHS is hosting 10 foreign exchange students. Two from the Czech Republic, two from Italy, two from Germany, one from Thailand, one from Moldova, one from Canada and one from Serbia.
- Over the summer VHS had a team compete in the Hood to Coast Relay. There were 9 students that competed. They plan on competing again next year.
- Shyla Tungwenuk talked about the England/Scotland trip. She felt it was well worth the money. She liked seeing all the buildings and the hotel experiences were the best. They walked a lot and met new people. The next planned trip will go to Italy in 2012. Ms. Safier chaperoned the trip. She had previously sent some pictures to the board.

4.2 **Building Reports:**

BUILDING REPORTS

Aaron Miller added to his written report that WGS enrollment is up. They've had new students enroll – six on the first day of school. Their total enrollment is now at 255.

Nate Underwood added to his written report that VHS' Graduation requirement will probably need to be an action item at some point down the road. Community service hour requirements will increase to 30 hours for the class of 2011 and 40 hours for 2012. Last year Graduating Seniors logged 1900 hours – approx. 41 hours per student. Nate feels increasing the requirement is very realistic. Heather Lewis, volunteer coordinator through VPC, is working with Ms. Wilcoxon to get activities set up for students to volunteer for.

4.3 **Financial Report:** Dawn Plews reported that the projected ending fund balance is \$623,013. She provided a report that showed expenditures and revenue for the month of August.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There were no questions from the board.

Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:29p.m.

4.4 **Maintenance Report:** Tom Ramsey reported that he is spending a lot of time at MGS. He showed a sample of the old finish that was on MGS gym floor. It easily chipped up in large chunks. They will sand the floor on Monday and then apply the first coat of new finish on Tuesday. It's a beautiful floor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

4.5 **Project Manager Report:** Steve Effros updated the board on the following:

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

- CMGC RFP/Boora/District Coordination.
- Missouri Avenue / Hwy 47 Improvements
- Wetland / NEPA Review / FEMA Lead Agency
- OR Solutions / Public Financing
- City Permitting

Still holding weekly calls with the FEMA team and still on target for permitting. All of the critical environmental and wetlands reports are complete.

NEPA Consultant is PBS Environmental.

4.6 **CMGC RFP Report:** Evaluation committee selected P&C Construction. Members of the RFP committee were Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg and Tom Ramsey. Ernie commented that the District had 4 good companies to select from. P&C did a fantastic job with presentation, pricing, and willingness to work with Vernonia School District.

CMGC RFP REPORT

Steve Anderson, one of the owners of P&C introduced himself. For the last 10 years P&C has

been building schools. Vernonia is a unique opportunity for them. They want to have fun, build a great school, and have lots to celebrate in 2012. Tim Bamburg thanked P&C for an easy to follow proposal.

Dr. Cox introduced Laurie Harrison, from the NWRESD. Laurie will be attending our meetings monthly representing the ESD. She worked previously for Vernonia School District for 4 years as our SPED director.

ESD REPRESENTATIVE
INTRODUCED

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

5.1 Amber Vision: Jim Isaacson gave a presentation to the board on Amber Vision. The main purpose of Amber Vision is to heighten child awareness and safety in the community. It gives law enforcement another tool when trying to locate missing children. If faced with the situation of a missing child it's difficult to produce current photos and information of children when parents are under stress. Amber Vision allows them to organize their child's information ahead of time. Parents have personal access to update photos of their children and to keep their information current. If a child goes missing all the parent has to do is inform law enforcement they are enrolled in Amber Vision and law enforcement can access pertinent information and the child's photo.

AMBER VISION
PRESENTATION GIVEN
TO BOARD

Currently Banks, Clatskanie St. Helens, and Rainier school districts have chosen to offer Amber Vision to their parent community. Columbia County Sheriff is also on board. The Vernonia law enforcement doesn't have access until there are active participants in the community. When someone enrolls the law enforcement department is notified by Amber Vision.

There is a fee to parents to enroll in the program, 50% of which is returned to the schools for their help in distributing information to students.

The Board asked if there has ever been any misuse by law enforcement? No. Can school districts decline the 50% kickback to lessen the cost to parents? No. They prefer to keep their rates standard and consistent around the country.

The Board discussed using the money towards student safety on campus; new video cameras, etc.

Dr. Cox indicated that a presentation was made to the Columbia County Superintendents early in the summer. In Rainier, the safety students were put in charge of the program and with the revenue they purchased safety flags, etc.

5.2 QSCB Bond Information: Ken Cox reviewed the Qualified School Constuction Bonds (QSCB) draft with the Board. He and Business manager Dawn Plews have visited extensively with Carol Samuels of Seattle NW Securities and Ann Sherman of K&L Gates, bond counsel. This is a pooled situation where many districts go in together to sell a large enough bond to make it appealing. The bonds mature in 27 years with a penalty if paid off early. After discussions with Carol and Ann it is recommended to go forward but reduce the amount of the bond from 5 Million to 3.4 Million.

QSCB BOND DISCUSSED

Bill Langmaid asked if the district can enter into a second bond? Dr. Cox indicted that no we can't. These bonds expire in December 2010. We could enter into bond situation down the road but would have to pay interest.

5.3 Necessity To Acquire Property: Removed during agenda reviewed. This item was not necessary.

NECESSITY TO
ACQUIRE PROPERTY

5.4 City / District IGA Review: Dr. Cox reviewed draft IGA's with the City of Vernonia for:

- Construction, Management & Maintenance of a Replacement Park for Spencer Park

CITY / DISTRICT DRAFT
IGA'S REVIEWED

- Redevelopment of Missouri Avenue Associated with the Construction of a New School Complex
- Construction, Management, and Maintenance of Mitigated Wetlands
- Transfer of the Existing School Property Along Bridge Street From City to District

5.5 Vernonia Rural Sustainability Center: Aaron Miller reported that this is snowballing into something that is incredibly exciting on a local level and potentially a global possibility. The named changed from Oregon Natural Resources Center because when they were talking about vision and mission statements everything directed to sustainability – in the district, community, relationships with partners, and providing economic sustainability in terms of current community.

VERNONIA RURAL
SUSTAINABILITY
CENTER UPDATE

The overriding purpose for the center is K-12 education. Our teachers are working now toward goals and trying to find the niche as a school district to entice people to come as well as provide exciting education to our students.

They are currently looking to be a partner with universities. Portland State was willing to invest millions to create an urban sustainability center. Mr. Miller is hoping that OSU will partner with us for the rural sustainability center. Next Tuesday, there will be a tour of 14 professors coming to discuss this possibility.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 CMGC Contract Award:

Ken Cox recommends that the board authorize him, Steve Effros and Don Irwin to negotiate with P&C Construction. Dr. Cox also asked the board to consider having a special board meeting if they can get a contract ready before October. Jim Krahn suggested Ernie Smith and Tim Bamburg be involved in the draft reviews. Dr. Cox agreed.

BOARD APPROVES
SUPT. TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT WITH P&C
CONSTRUCTION TO
BUILD NEW SCHOOLS

Tim Bamburg moved to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a CM/GC Contract with P&C Construction. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller.

Discussion: Kim Wallace asked if the group will work out the details of the contract. Yes, a sample contract has been given to Steve Anderson at P&C. The group will work together. Dr. Cox indicated he will bring feedback to board.

With no further discussion, Chair Krahn called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Resolution #10-09 Necessity to Acquire Property: Removed during agenda review. This item was not necessary.

NECESSITY TO
ACQUIRE PROPERTY
REMOVED FROM
AGENDA

6.3 City of Vernonia / Vernonia School District IGA:

Ernie Smith moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into Inter-Governmental Agreements; and/or Amendments to existing IGA's with the city of Vernonia as presented. Motion seconded by Tim Bamburg.

CITY OF VERNONIA /
VERNONIA SCHOOL
DISTRICT IGA's
AUTHORIZED

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Cox updated the board on the following:

- Staff Development calendar shared.
- ACT Scores
- Mist Birkenfeld Helping Circle Memo
- Catherine Mater and the Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- FEMA Update
- Catalyst/Oregon Solution Project Report

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- Vernonia Rural Sustainability Center survey and Tour
- Board Retreat
- Reminders

October 13th date for next town hall – tentative. MGS open house that night is a conflict.

The Board agreed to not go into workshop session at this time.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:57 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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

Board Chair

District Clerk