

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
475 BRIDGE STREET
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 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 Kim Wallace. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board present:** Kim Wallace, Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, and Bill Langmaid. Jim Krahn arrived at 6:02 p.m.. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:12 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; Tom Ramsey, Maintenance Supervisor; Barb Carr Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier and Ashley Rogers, Teachers; and Dana Hyde, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors present:** Rebecca McGaugh, Carol Cox, Laurie Harrison, Jim Mabbott, Renee Bruce, Mr and Mrs. Aronhalt, Steve Effros, Shelley Cota, Makayla Adams, Lilly Lindsley, Kayla Aronhalt, Chelsea Johnson, Megan Rock, and Kaitlyn Taylor. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: No changes. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
Ernie Smith moved to approve the consent agenda with the noted change to the minutes. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 10/14/10 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED

Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Report:** STUDENT REPORTS
Elementary School: no report.
- Middle School Report:** Lilly Lindsley, Kayla Aronhalt, and Makayla Adams reported
- End of the quarter coming soon
 - Students are working hard in their classes and updated the board on class projects
 - Fall sports are done. Winter sports will begin next week (Girls' Basketball and Wrestling)
 - Leadership is sponsoring a canned food drive for the holidays.
- High School Report:** Katie Taylor, Megan Rock, and Chelsea Johnson reported on attending the recently held Health Career Day. This was a great experience. It was held on the PCC College Campus and helped them decide on career paths. They attended classes of their choice. Students were required to dress appropriately. Congratulations to Megan Rock who just received an internship at Tuality Hospital.
- Jeremiah Hammons, ASB Fire Marshall reported to the board:
- Leadership students will be attending a leadership conference. Vernonia Prevention Coalition (VPC) grant enabled them to go.

- They are selling school t-shirts
- Upcoming dance in December – red/white/blue theme
- Cross Country, Volleyball & Football seasons are over
- Winter sports starting soon
- Blood drive advertisement is coming out this week. Event will be on Nov. 30th.
- Red ribbon week was held last week. Red Ribbon Week promotes students saying no to alcohol and drugs.

Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:12 p.m.

- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
WGS: Mr. Miller had nothing new to add to his written report.
VHS: Mr. Underwood added to his written report.
- Senior Trip dates were proposed as information to the board.
 - An article on community service hours was shared with the board.
 - Next month an updated dress code will be shared. Students in the visual arts class are putting something together that is visually appropriate.
 - Matt Blair and Justin Ward are certified to teach CPR to students.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** Dawn Plews reported that enrollment is still up slightly. This is always a moving target. She also provided information on revenue sources. It is always much easier to project expenditures than revenues. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** Tom Ramsey had nothing new to add to his written report. MAINTENANCE REPORT
- 4.5 Project Manager Report:** Steve Effros reviewed his report to the board on:
- Project Management
 - On-site school design / Construction
 - Off-site Road Improvements
 - Environmental Review
 - Project Funding
- Other highlights included:
- Job trailer is currently on site
 - Final DEQ permit for erosion control coming in soon
 - Missouri Avenue will be resurfaced within the next two weeks.
- Jim Krahn commented that with the election of a new governor, the Vernonia project will still remain high on the list of our new Governor. This is good news.
- 4.6 NWRESD Annual Report:** Jim Mabbott, NWRESD Superintendent, and Renee Bruce, NWRESD Board Member, presented the 2009-2010 annual report. NWRESD ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED
- Superintendent Mabbott gave an overview of Programs and Services
1. Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education and Related Services
 2. Department of Schools
 - Behavioral Programs
 - GED Testing Services
 - Home School Registration Services
 - Northwest Outdoor Science School
 3. Instruction and School Improvement Services
 - Instructional Services Support
 - School Improvement Services
 - English Language Learner (ELL) and Migrant Services

- Professional / Technical Programs
- Professional Development
- 4. Technology Services
 - Technology Services to Schools
 - Software and Application Support
 - Management Information Services (MIS)
 - Testing and Assessment Services
 - Multimedia / Video Conferencing Services
- 5. Other Services
 - Truancy Enforcement
 - Courier Services
 - Printing and Graphics Services

Every district serviced by the NWRESA receives the same amount of money towards core services regardless of the size of their district. Service Credit allocations are based on district size. The ESD is required to return 90% of their revenue to districts either in the form of core services or service credit allocations. Service credits can be used however and wherever the District need is.

During 2009-2010 Vernonia School District Service Credit Utilization totaled \$109,025.85. Contract Services totaled \$36,386.00. Additional Services purchased totaled \$326.34. Total billed Vernonia during the 2009-2010 year was \$148,638.19.

The ESD is looking at cuts they will have to make for the 2011-2012 year. The funding situation is not looking good. Districts will experience a significant drop in service credits, a drop in core services, as well as a drop in county allocations. If there is more money it will be put back however it was taken out. According to Mabbott, we're all going to stick together as a region like we did a couple years ago. The ESD occasionally holds summits to discuss funding and our board is always welcome to attend.

The 2011-12 budget plan was shared with the regional Superintendents last week. They will look at it again in November. In December the ESD board will need to approve the plan. Once it has been approved by the ESD board it will then come to all districts for individual board approval. This will need to happen by March 2011.

Jim Krahn asked Supt. Mabbott that as the state forecasts come out the ESD should have a good idea of what the drop will be? Yes. When the forecast comes out later this month they'll know how severe the reduction is. At that time the ESD will discuss whether or not they make cuts this year. As soon as they know about next year the regional Superintendents will be informed.

Dawn Plews asked if any credit allocation reductions will occur this year? Yes, some have already occurred. They hope to not have to reduce further.

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 OSBA Resolutions 1, 2, and 3:** OSBA Resolution #1 Membership, Dues and Assessments; #2 Resolution to Amend the OSBA Constitution; and #3 Resolution to Adopt the Proposed 2011 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities were presented to the Board for their approval later in the meeting. OSBA RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED
- 5.2 School Resource Officer:** The discussion of having a School Resource Officer (SRO) has come up. The Vernonia Prevention Coalition (VPC) is able to put in money to cover the cost of a resource officer for the remainder of this school year. The City would provide the officer for this position. By doing this it enhances the District position to obtain a COPS grant. This grant would cover the cost of the SRO for 3 years. The 4th year would be the responsibility of the District, the City, and the VPC. The District portion for year four would be approximately SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DISCUSSED

\$20 - \$30,000. The officer would not be in uniform; instead they would wear a T-shirt with an emblem. The SRO could work with our counselors, be in some classrooms, work with student groups, and help monitor attendance & truancy issues. They could also be available to cover after school activities.

Tim Bamburg indicated he is for it.

Ernie Smith agreed however, he expressed concern for where the money will come from. He also commented that the City doesn't feel they have enough staff now. Would this position be pulling from their staff currently?

Bill Langmaid stated he would need more information before making a decision. Has there been enough need to warrant having an SRO?

Nate Underwood stated that last year the local police were on our grounds 44 times. If done right there is value in having an SRO. They can help get kids in school. How the program is set up and who the person is makes a huge difference.

Ken Cox indicated that one advantage would be to have the SRO help with Noon Platoon (detention). He also agreed that having the right personality on staff is critical to the success.

Cari Levenseller asked if the District can give it a trial run for the rest of the year. According to Dr. Cox, yes. He is looking for feedback from the Board.

Kim Wallace asked who would be the director of this position? She doesn't want the police to bring in a canned program but rather would want the program to be tailored to our high school. Kim also feels the district needs time to look for additional funding from grants. She doesn't want to make promises in 4 years.

Greg Kintz stated that the truancy portion is a good piece to this position but also the activities coordinator piece is equally important. i.e. the SKID program, lock down drills, etc. Greg feels having a police presence is a good thing.

Laurie Harrison asked fiscally what happens after year 4? According to Dr. Cox the District is on their own after the 4th year.

Jim Krahn stated that he thinks having someone for the rest of this year is an obvious decision as there is no cost to the District. This will give the District time to see what the program would look like. He feels Mr. Underwood or Mr. Brookins would be the appropriate person to be in charge of the program and find the officer that would be the best fit for the job.

Dr. Cox indicated that before we even do a pilot program we will have to have an Inter Government Agreement with the City.

The consensus of the board is to move forward for the remainder of this year.

- 5.3 P&C Contract Addendum – Phase 2 Site Work:** Ken Cox will be emailing the addendum to the Board. There was confusion with this meeting falling a week earlier than normal. The Board can make the decision tonight to allow Dr. Cox to approve the addendum on their behalf if desired. P&C CONTRACT
ADDENDUM
DISCUSSED

6.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- 6.1 OSBA Resolutions:** Bill Langmaid moved to approve OSBA Resolutions # 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. There was no discussion from the board. Yes votes: Jim Krahn, Cari Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, Bill Langmaid and Kim Wallace. No votes: Ernie Smith. Motion passed. OSBA RESOLUTIONS
APPROVED
- 6.2 Resignation of Budget Committee Member:** Ken Cox explained that Dan Titus has recently been hired as an assistant coach and therefore is resigning from the Budget Committee. Bill TITUS RESIGNS FROM
BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Langmaid moved to approve the resignation of Budget Committee member Dan Titus. Motion seconded by Cari Levenseller. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 P&C Contract Phase 2 – Site Work Addendum. Cari Levenseller moved to authorize Superintendent Cox to approve the P&C Contract for Phase 2 Site Work Addendum. Kim Wallace seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kim Wallace confirmed that Dr. Cox will email out the addendum to the Board. Yes. The Board will be able to make comments back to Dr. Cox upon receipt of the addendum.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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Dr. Cox updated the board on the following:

- Language Arts department at VHS working with this year’s juniors who will be required to pass the state test in order to graduate. Next month they will make a presentation to the board.
- State school board passed new state standards for math. Mr. Brookins will address this and update the board next month.
- FEMA update: Tuesday was the final day for comments. Only one minor comment on reusing the bricks at WGS was received. The FONSI will be released after the comment period. FEMA has already drafted their FONSI. More will be known after tomorrow’s meeting.
- Memorandum of Agreement between FEMA, State Historical Preservation Office, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Columbia County, and Vernonia School District is required to ensure historical documents of WGS are established. This is currently in process. The District will be required to erect a panel on the existing WGS site.
- Latest update of funding.
- NWRESD will hold its next board meeting in St. Helens on November 17th. RSVP to Barb Carr if you’d like to attend.
- Dec. 2nd will be the official groundbreaking ceremony beginning at 10:00 am on site. Governor Kulongoski will land on site in a helicopter. At 11:00 am there will be a student assembly in WGS Gym. At 11:30 an Appreciation Reception will be held in the VHS Gym. It was originally planned to go to the Scout Cabin for a reception. Since the meeting and the time of these minutes the Scout Cabin has been removed from the plan.
- OA Hill neighborhood meeting was held last Tuesday. P&C Construction plans to resurface Missouri Avenue a week from tomorrow.
- Walked site today and identified what trees need to come down.
- Signed Purchase agreement with Mr. Webb. Closing on the property will occur within a week. Mr. Webb dropped price by \$50K as a donation to the District.
- VEF is trying to expand its members on the board. Brent Dass has been voted on representing Boosters. They are working to get someone from the timber industry as well as Hands On Art.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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

Chair

District Clerk Board