

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2012

- 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 6:10 p.m. by Jim Krahn, Chair. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- Board Present:** Jim Krahn, Greg Kintz, Bill Langmaid, and Cari Levenseller. Camrin Eyrrick arrived at 6:12 p.m. **BOARD PRESENT**
- Board Absent:** Tim Bamburg and Ernie Smith.
- Staff Present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Gordon Jarman, District Athletic Director; James Brookins, District Special Ed. Director; Juliet Safier and Ashley Rogers, Licensed Staff; and Marsha McLaughlin, Cici Bell, and Jan Dyer, Classified Staff. **STAFF PRESENT**
- Visitors Present:** John Donovan, Jim Eckland, Kathy Eckland, Kathy Knowles, Sherri Ford, Rick Wahlstrom, Lisa Poehlitz, Marilyn Pederson, Susan Ely, Alexis Baska, Amy Cieloha, Frank Cieloha, and Cathy Ward. **VISITORS PRESENT**
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 1.2** Agenda Review: None. **AGENDA REVIEW**
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
John Donovan, the Metropolitan Group, acknowledged Jim and Kathy Eckland and Kathy Knowles for their work through the Vernonia Education Foundation. John recently met with the Campaign Committee and appealed to them to continue working with the campaign for Vernonia Schools. They have all agreed to stay on the committee.
- Amy Cieloha asked for clarification on what has been cut to ensure the continuance of Middle School athletics. She hasn't noticed major changes and is hoping there is something happening behind the scenes. She suggested eliminating assistant coach pay and possibly having volunteer umpires and referees. Mr. Jarman stated that only head coaches are being paid. It is debatable whether using non paid umpires and referees is worth it.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** **CONSENT AGENDA**
Bill Langmaid moved to approve the consent agenda. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion.
- 3.1** Minutes of 11/15/12 Regular Meeting. **MINUTES APPROVED**
Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** **STUDENT REPORTS**
High School – Alexis Baska, Leadership student, updated the board:
- The recent blood drive was a big success. The donated blood is used for soldiers with each bag collected having the ability to save three lives. This year they had a lot of community sign up.
 - Ms. Riley is giving away her Beta fish. If you have a tank setup she's glad to share her Beta fish.
 - Last Friday the blankets and socks collected were distributed to the Portland Rescue Mission.
 - The Leadership class has the privilege of naming the Wetlands. Guidelines on how that will happen are being developed.
 - Leadership is helping Desi Roberts with her senior project of raising money for AIDS/Diabetes camp.

- The hallways have been decorated for winter festival. Each class received a different theme.
- Winter Formal will be on Jan. 26th in the Commons.

Middle School - Autumn Sorenson, Skye Crews and Payton Wolf, Leadership students, updated the board:

- Leadership class is preparing for an upcoming assembly prior to the holiday break.
- Close Up fundraising has included a Poinsettia sale and selling Christmas trees at the Booster Holiday Bazaar this weekend.
- Last two girls' basketball games are home this next week.
- Progress reports come out next week.
- Miscellaneous class activities and projects were shared.

Jim Krahn asked the students what they liked best about the new school. Not getting wet and having lockers!

Elementary School – Cassidy McLaughlin and Josh Cieloha from Ms. Richmond's class shared their experience from a recent field trip to Hyla Woods in Timber. They participated in a water study and learned about bugs. They shared information on handmade posters. Their favorite bug was either the May fly or the Stone fly and learning about bugs was better outside of the classroom because they looked very different.

4.2 **Building Reports:**

BUILDING
REPORTS

Elementary: Aaron Miller handed out his report highlighting that the Holiday program date has changed and will now happen on Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Mist Holiday program is still scheduled for Thurs. December 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Middle/High School: Gordon Jarman distributed copies of his Fall Sports Report (see below) as well as the Chalk Talk report from Mr. Underwood. There was nothing to add to Mr. Underwood's report.

- 4.3 **Financial Report:** There was a question from the Board on enrollment numbers. Dawn Plews explained that the actual numbers reflect ADMr. There were no other questions regarding the financial report.

FINANCIAL
REPORT

4.4 **Fall Sports Report:** Gordon Jarman highlighted:

FALL SPORTS
REPORT

- MS Volleyball – Ashley Rogers was the new coach this year along with Melissa Zavales as an adult volunteer. 26 girls participated between both 7th and 8th grade teams. Fundamental skills were a focus this year.
- MS Football – Justin Ward moved into the coaching slot this year helped by volunteer Joe Walters. Final season numbers were 15 players. The team was very disciplined with few penalty flags during games.
- HS Cross County – Byron Brown, last year's coach of the year for Special District One, returned as coach. 16 boys and girls made up the roster this year with one qualifying for the state meet. Special District One consists of 1A, 2A and 3A schools and is very competitive with the State Champs coming from this group the past few years.
- HS Football – Coached by Gordon Jarman the team finished the season with 38 players and a 4-5 record. All-League honors totaled 3 on the first team and 3 on the second team. The team won the league sportsmanship banner this year. 17 seniors have graduated off the roster. Coach Jarman plans to continue with the 3-12th grade football camp.
- HS Volleyball – Coached by Teresa Williams the team made it to the State Tournament but went out in the first round. All-League honors went to 3 players – 1 on the first team and 2 on the second team. Coach Williams was selected as league coach of the year. 24 girls finished the season.

- 4.5 **NWRESD Annual Report:** Rick Wahlstrom & Lisa Poehlitz presented the 2011-2012 NWRESD Annual Report. A summary of Service credit Allocations as well as Core Services offered to the 20 districts throughout the four counties were highlighted. Specific services provided to our District were reviewed. Each year the Superintendents from all the Districts review the schedule of services. By March 1st of each year school boards approve the schedule. The primary focus of

NWRESD ANNUAL
REPORT

the ESD is to provide services equitably among all Districts served regardless of size. Currently Jewell is the smallest District and Beaverton the largest of those the NWRESd serves.

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

5.1 Data Review: Per Dr. Cox, there was nothing prepared to share this evening.

DATA REVIEW

5.2 School Based Health Center: Sherry Ford stated that they are on schedule to open in January. Equipment and supplies have been ordered. Within a few weeks they are hoping to have the online software up and running. Sherry will be on site during the opening. The next Planning Committee meeting is next Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.

SCHOOL BASED
HEALTH CENTER
CLOSE TO
OPENING

Public Health recently received a grant from ODS and OEBC to enable them to be able to provide some care during the summer. Future updates will be provided at the board meetings.

5.3 Shelter Agreement with the City of Vernonia: Dr. Cox recently met with Bill Haack and Chief Conner regarding the agreement which was shared. There is an action item to approve the agreement later in the evening.

SHELTER
AGREEMENT WITH
CITY DISCUSSED

Bill Langmaid suggested the agreement be extended to Vernonia Cares and the Food Bank. According to Dr. Cox they wouldn't be part of the Shelter Agreement but it would be a separate agreement. Security of the building was questioned when it is opened to the general public. According to Dr. Cox the District is in the process of obtaining security gates so that portions of the building can be locked and secured. The public would not be allowed to roam unsecured areas.

5.4 Columbia County Education Funding Summit Dr. Cox shared with the board an upcoming event similar to what Clackamas County recently held. The purpose of the summit is to brainstorm and discuss the future of public education funding. A personal invitation to all board and budget committee members will be sent out and Dr. Cox will contact the Chamber of Commerce. Senator Johnson and Brad Witt plan to attend. Tillamook and Clatsop Counties have also been invited. Dr. Cox will coordinate with board members to see if car pools can be established to help ensure a successful event. Date of the event is January 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Helens High School.

COLUMBIA
COUNTY
EDUCATION
FUNDING SUMMIT
TO BE HELD ON
JAN. 15, 2013.

5.5 Policy Updates – 1st Reading. Dr. Cox and the policy committee (Bill Langmaid and Greg Kintz) reviewed the May packet of policy updates from OSBA. One policy on Cyberbullying was deleted because it's incorporated into the Harassment policy. Bill Langmaid encouraged all parents to be aware of policies JOA and JOB which relates to student identifiable information. The District is legally bound to provide contact information for all registered students to secondary schools and military recruiters. Some policies need updating to improve grammar. These policies are being presented as a first reading this meeting and will be approved at the January meeting.

POLICIES
PRESENTED AS
FIRST READING

6.0 ACTION ITEMS.

6.1 Shelter Agreement:

Bill Langmaid moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Shelter Agreement with the City of Vernonia. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SHELTER
AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY
APPROVED

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dr. Cox updated the board:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- Green Building Acquisition Progress: recommends not acquiring the green building due to lack of funds to reconstruct the building. The building is now the property of the demolition contractor and land is owned by the city. Discussion will need to happen with the board regarding offering shop class during the 2013-14.
- Greenhouse: the permit for the greenhouse has been received. Currently Rod McDowell is working with local contractors to get bids for clearing the ground and laying the foundation. Aaron Miller shared that a \$10,000 grant was recently received to go towards the greenhouse.
- Demolition Update: continuing to see progress. WGS will begin to come down within the next week. They are working to salvage as much of the wood as possible. The green building will remain up over the winter and used as storage.
- Vernonia School Based Health Center – discussed previously in meeting

- Columbia County Education Funding Summit – discussed previously in meeting
- Thank you to Noni Anderson and Clark and Rebecca McGaugh for their many years of service to the community through their publishing of the Independent newspaper.
- Phase I of the construction is complete. Dr. Cox looks to Phase II as being some sort of art /shop building for 2013-2014. There were concerns from the audience regarding not having a playground or a shop and still looking at budget cuts.

8.0 OTHER ISSUES: None

9.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Dawn Plews,
Business Manager

Board Chair

District Clerk