

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2017

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Katie Cook. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Board Present: Brett Costley, Katie Cook, Cari Levenseller, Greg Kintz, Susan Wagner, and Brittanie Roberts. **BOARD PRESENT**

Board Absent: Ernie Smith

Budget Committee Present: Kellie Murray, Tobie Finzel, Christina Loope, James Loope and Angie Handegard

Budget Committee Absent: None

Staff Present: Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Marie Knight, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; and Juliet Safier, VEA President, Jim Krahn and Teri Willard, Teachers. **STAFF PRESENT**

Visitors Present: Andre Schellhaas, Jeana Gump, Bill Langmaid and Scott Laird **VISITORS PRESENT**

- 2.0 Approve Minutes:** Brett Costley moved to approve the minutes of 5/2/17. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- 3.0 Budget Review & Discussion:** Aaron Miller thanked the committee for the questions they had individually. Juliet Safier asked for an email with the questions asked by the committee. Marie Knight shared the specific language should a motion be made later in the meeting to approve the budget.

There was a question from the audience regarding whether or not the District had a Plan B should the upcoming Bond Levy fail. According to Mr. Miller, yes.

Tobie Finzel commented on the importance of the budget committee members. They are tasked with seeing how the money is spent. There is not a lot of room for movement once salary, benefits, utilities, etc. are budgeted. However, even with very little room to adjust, Tobie wanted to assure the public that the committee does not just rubber stamp the budget. It is a difficult task and she takes it very seriously.

Brett Costley shared compliments to the staff for putting together a budget without cuts. There is always more discussion within the committee when cuts are on the table.

Katie Cook stated that she feels the community is out of touch with the budgeting process. She too didn't realize prior to becoming a member of the committee, just how much the District's hands are tied. It is important that the audience recognize that only the State Legislature can adjust our funding.

Greg Kintz weighed in, sharing that he appreciates the number of eyes that see the budget. They sometimes find errors and typos. The committee takes the time to review and this work is important. He stated his approval of the more condensed budget than in previous years.

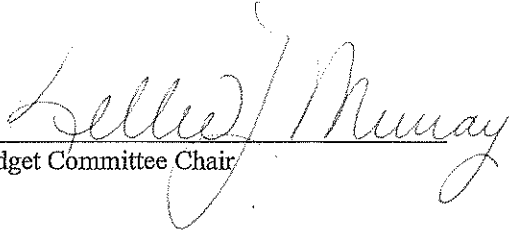
- 4.0 Approve 2017-18 Budget:** Tobie Finzel moved to approve the Vernonia School District budget for 2017-18 as follows: General Fund \$6,962,487 - Special Revenue Funds \$1,133,147 - Debt Service Fund \$5,741,838 - Capital Projects Fund \$9,150,000 - Total of all Funds: \$22,987,472; as presented with a tax rate of \$5.0121 per \$1000 of assessed value to be assessed in support of the General Fund and in the amount of \$955,000 for debt service for general obligation bonds. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. **2017-18 BUDGET APPROVED**


- 8.0 Other Issues:** None **OTHER ISSUES**

9.0 **Next Meeting:** June 8, 2017 will be the Public Hearing portion of the process. This will take place during the School Board meeting. The Budget Committee is welcome to attend but this is not a committee meeting. NEXT MEETING

10.0 **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. ADJOURN

Submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant


Budget Committee Chair

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District Clerk