

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2015

- 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. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Greg Kintz, Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg, and Jim Krahn, BOARD PRESENT
Board Absent: Brett Costley and Cari Levenseller. BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director; Juliet Safier and Laura Blacker, Licensed Staff; and Melissa Zavales, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Scott Laird, Amy Cieloha, Susan Ely, Paul Peterson and Lisa Poehlitz VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: AGENDA REVIEW
- Add Information and Discussion item #5.3 Division 22 Standards.
 - Add Action item 6.2 - Division 22 Authorizations
 - Add Action item 6.3 – Resolution 1415-02 – Emergency Declaration
- Mr. Miller noted that January is Board Appreciation month and on behalf of the District, thanked the school board for their dedication to the students, staff and parents of Vernonia School District. The Classified Union as well as student Leadership presented the board with cards of thanks, balloons, and treats. JANUARY BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 3.1** Minutes of 11/12/14 Regular Meeting MINUTES APPROVED
- Jim Krahn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ernie Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** Ms. Blacker's 4th grade students, Aiden Harris, Remington Winningstad, Megan Zavales, Max Anderson, Torey Tolonen and David Sicard reported on volcanoes. STUDENT REPORTS
- VHS Leadership students Taylor Titus and Lillian Lindsley updated the board on activities at the High School.
- 4.2 Building Reports:** Mr. Miller shared a handout highlighting math and reading score data from Vernonia Elementary. He will update again as the year goes on. The board requested on the next report to show both the old and new data for comparison. BUILDING REPORTS
- Mr. Miller also introduced Charlotte Gilbert, the new K-12 Behavior specialist. Ms. Gilbert works with elementary students in the morning and middle/high students in the afternoon. GILBERT INTRODUCED
- Mr. Underwood had nothing to add to his written report.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** Dawn Plews shared her financial report. She noted that the ending fund balance has increased slightly due to recalculating transportation costs. ADM is currently holding at where it was estimated. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** Mark Brown was not in attendance but his previous month's report was reviewed. Mr. Miller added that when he arrived at the school this morning he found standing MAINTENANCE REPORT

water on the floor throughout the main office, the school based health center, and the foyer. There was a leak from above. Custodial staff came in and with quick help got the water cleaned up and school started on time. Due to the repairs that will need to be done Dawn Plews, Business Manager, felt it was in the best interest of the District to declare an emergency so that the normal bid process can be waived and work to repair the damage can begin immediately. There will be an action item with a resolution later in the meeting to make such a declaration.

WATER DAMAGE AT
NEW SCHOOL

- 4.5 NWRESD Annual Report:** Paul Peterson, Assistant Superintendent at the NWRESD, and Lisa Poehlitz, NWRESD Board Member, presented the NWRESD's annual report. Mr. Peterson highlighted the overview of core and fiscal services utilized by Vernonia School District. In total Vernonia received \$264,000 worth of service credits from the NWRESD during the 2013-14 school year. It was also noted that the ESD makes every effort to provide services for less than expected and if this occurs a rebate is issued back to the District. Vernonia School District received a \$5,684 rebate this year. Ms. Poehlitz shared that annually the NWRESD awards grants to teachers and this year Susanne Myers of Vernonia received a \$1,000 grant to purchase supplies and teaching materials for her classroom.

NWRESD ANNUAL
REPORT

- 4.6 Attendance Reports:** Updated attendance information was shared. Both Principals feel the dialogue with parents is good however getting a positive effect on attendance is challenging. Attendance must be enforced at home. By the time it gets to the Truancy Officer parents have had little influence up to that point. Mr. Underwood shared that discussions are happening on making sure we have enough areas to keep students interested as well as establishing staff mentors in the schools to check in with students periodically.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- 4.7 Fall Sports Report:** Mr. Jarman shared the Fall Sports report highlighting all programs at the middle and high school level. Winter sports are well underway with a good turnout in all levels and programs. NW League banners were picked up today. They will be installed in the gym.

FALL SPORTS REPORT

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 OSBA "The Promise of Oregon" Campaign:** Greg Kintz shared the recently released video promoting the campaign sponsored by OSBA highlighting students around the State of Oregon. The students are the "Promise of Oregon". A resolution will be presented later in the meeting asking the Board to endorse the OSBA campaign.

The PROMISE OF
OREGON CAMPAIGN

- 5.2 Policy Updates:** the following policy updates were presented to the Board as a first reading:
- BFD – Board Policy Implementation
 - IGAI – Human Sexuality, ADID/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education
 - JECB – Admission of Nonresident Students
 - JECF – Interdistrict transfer of Resident Students
 - JF/JFA – Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - JFC – Student conduct
 - JFCJ – Weapons in the Schools
 - JG – Student discipline
 - JGAB – use of Restraint and Seclusion
 - JHCA/JHCB – Immunizations, Physical Examinations and Vision Screening/Eye Examination

POLICY UPDATES

- 5.3 Division 22 Standards:** Mr. Miller stated that annually the District must report to the public our compliance with Division 22 Standards. He is notifying the public that our District is in compliance in all areas except in required hours at the high school. This is due to the reduction in school days in our calendar. High school required hours is 990 and we are at 979 for the 2014-15 school year. The Calendar Committee has started meeting to develop the 2015-16 academic calendar and this is an important topic of their discussions.

DIVISION 22
STANDARDS REPORT
TO THE PUBLIC.

Division 22 also states that the District can use up to 30 hours of professional development

towards the calculation of instructional time with school board approval. The district has been including this in calculations however to be official we are asking the Board to take action on this item for the record.

It was also noted that the AR to policy KL – Public Complaint needed to have language added stating the decision of the Board in Step #4 is the final decision of the District. This adjustment does not need board approval.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 OSBA Resolution:** Brett Costley moved to approve Resolution #1415-01 in support of OSBA's *The Promise of Oregon* Campaign. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous with those in attendance. RESOLUTION #1415-01 – OSBA CAMPAIGN SUPPORT APPROVED
- 6.2 Division 22 Authorization:** Ernie Smith moved to authorize the District to include up to 30 hours of professional development in the calculation of instructional time. Jim Krahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. DIVISION 22 AUTHORIZATION
- 6.3 Emergency Declaration Resolution:** Jim Krahn moved to approve Resolution #1415-02 Declaring an Emergency. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. RESOLUTION #1415-02 EMERGENCY DECLARATION APPROVED

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Mr. Miller updated the board on the following:

- Spencer Park: the District will be asking for the final funds held in Escrow now that this project is complete.
- Behavior data will be shared quarterly instead of monthly. Academic reports from Mr. Underwood and Mr. Miller will also be shared with the board quarterly. The Elementary report will consist of grade level data on percentages of students who are a grade level, nearly at grade level, or behind grade level in math and reading. Middle and High data will consist of attendance, 9th grade on-track to graduate numbers, percentage of students meeting their essential skill requirements, and the number of seniors on track to graduate.
- Budget: additional staff needs to be hired to accommodate a current student needing additional assistance to be successful as well as a new high needs student moving into the district. This unfortunately will further diminish our ending fund balance.
- Facilities: The shop is still on track to be completed in time for second semester construction class. Final electrical needs are being determined. The softball field is on hold due to weather.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Other Issues:

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8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNED

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


Board Chair


District Clerk

