

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 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 6:10 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Brett Costley, Tim Bamburg, and Ernie Smith. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:24 p.m. Greg Kintz arrived at 6:25 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** Jim Krahn BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Gordon Jarman, District Athletic Director; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Marie Knight, Fiscal Assistant; Deb Stahlnecker and Juliet Safier, Licensed Staff; and Jeana Gump and Glenda Delemos, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Amy Cieloha, Scott Laird, Alexis Baska, Summer Snow, and Brittanie Roberts 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 COMMENT
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 3.1** Minutes of 03/12/15 Regular Meeting, 03/30/15 Workshop and the 03/31/15 Workshop. MINUTES APPROVED
- Brett Costley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1** Student Reports: Alexis Baska and Summer Snow from the HS leadership class updated the board on the following: STUDENT REPORTS
- Spring sports (Track, Baseball, Softball and Golf) are underway.
 - OHSET's last regular season meet is this weekend.
 - Leadership is preparing for Dylan Taylor's Presidential challenge – Doernbecher Week. The full week of activities will raise funds for Doernbecher.
 - Seniors are busy wrapping up applications for local scholarships due next Wednesday.
 - Recently held Talent Show was a success.
 - Numerous students attended the recent Town Hall meeting with Senator Merkley and Congresswoman Bonamici.
- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
- Nate Underwood added to his written report by sharing that Congresswoman Susan Bonamici presented the school with a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol building.
- Aaron Miller added that the Run for the Arts day was successful. Many volunteers helped with the event. VES is getting ready for state testing in grades 3 – 5. The Smarter Balance assessment is rigorous.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** Dawn Plews reported that the ending fund balance is up because of the new 2014-15 reconciliation estimate. ADM is slightly down. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** The Board reviewed the report. Nate Underwood and Bill Langmaid addressed the recent TP incident at the school and how much time it took to clean it up. The District had to borrow the City's boom truck. Bill Langmaid expressed unhappiness with amount of continued vandalism to boys' restroom. MAINTENANCE REPORT
- 4.5 Title I Report:** Deb Stahlnecker gave an overview of the Title I program. The program targets students below grade level in reading and math. The Focus School Grant is stressing TITLE I REPORT

phonics, comprehension and fluency. Title I and IEP students are working together.

- 4.6 **Winter Sports Report:** Gordon Jarman passed out his report and reviewed it with the Board. He publicly thanked the parents of the girls' basketball team for their support in getting the team to State. All-League players for girls' and boys' basketball were mentioned.

WINTER SPORTS
REPORT

5.0 **INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**

- 5.1 **2015-16 Instructional Calendar Options:** Nate Underwood shared that the calendar committee has been working on putting together the calendar and looking at various options. Another option (161 day) was presented to the board for review.
- 5.2 **Budget Committee Vacancies:** One application has been received for the three vacancies on the budget committee. Angie Handegard serves as the financial manager for the City and Mr. Miller recommends appointing her to the Budget Committee.
- 5.3 **Out of State Trips:** Mr. Underwood shared that the 8th graders will be going to Washington DC and the seniors to Southern California before the end of the year. These are standard trips that are taken yearly. Students and chaperones fundraise to attend. Mr. Miller stated that per board policy all out of state student trips require board approval.

2015-16 INSTRUCT.
CALENDAR OPTIONS
DISCUSSED

BUDGET COMMITTEE
VACANCIES

OUT OF STATE TRIPS

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6.1 **Instructional Calendar:** After discussion it was decided to hold off until more information can be gathered.
- Tim Bamburg moved to table the approval of the 2015-16 Instructional Calendar until the next board meeting. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 6.2 **Budget Committee:**
- Ernie Smith moved to appoint Angie Handegard to a 3-year term of the Budget Committee. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 6.3 **Out of State Travel:**
- Brett Costley moved to approve both the Middle School trip to Washington D.C. and the High School trip to California. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 6.4 **Superintendent Contract:** Ernie Smith moved to approve the Superintendent 3-year contract as presented. Tim Bamburg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.

INSTRUCTIONAL
CALENDAR APPROVAL
TABLED UNTIL NEXT
BOARD MTG. (4/21/15)

HANDEGARD
APPOINTED TO A 3-YR
TERM ON THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE

OUT OF STATE TRIP
APPROVED FOR
MIDDLE AND HIGH
SCHOOL TRIPS

3-YR SUPT. CONTRACT
APPROVED

7.0 **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Miller's report highlighted the following items:

- Final Charter School application should be to the Board this week. He proposed a special meeting on Tuesday April 21 at 6:30 p.m. If the application is approved by the Board at this meeting, it still allows enough time to meet O.D.E. deadlines.
- May 9th at 10:30 am the District is hosting an onsite celebration recognizing the District's LEED and Green Globes awards.
- Student/classroom academics updated
- Budget Committee meeting is at the end of the month. Mr. Miller encouraged everyone to contact their legislators to inform them that the funding is not adequate.
- Facilities: Spencer Park is nearly complete. Replacing soil and seeding new grass on bare spots is all that is left. Shop construction is also nearly complete.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

8.0 **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Dawn Plews,
Business Manager


Board Chair


District Clerk