

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J  
1201 TEXAS AVENUE  
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2014

- 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 6:14 p.m. by Bill Langmaid. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Tim Bamburg, Brett Costley, Jim Krahn, Cari Levenseller. Ernie Smith arrived at 6:20 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** Greg Kintz BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Marie Knight, Fiscal Assistant; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Deanna Pearl, Scott Laird, Jim Eckland, and Amy Cieloha VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Added action item 6.4 Out of State Travel AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 3.1** Minutes of 03-13-14 Regular Meeting and 03-20-14 Special Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED
- Jim Krahn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** There were no students in attendance. STUDENT REPORTS
- 4.2 Building Reports:** Aaron Miller added that the Run for the Arts took place today and they had good participation. Mr. Miller also shared a monthly attendance report. The biggest reason for absenteeism is illness and doctor appointments. BUILDING REPORTS
- Ernie Smith arrived at 6:20 p.m.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** Dawn Plews reported that the ending fund balance has increased slightly. The teacher experience ratio went up which gives the district a small amount more. The funding formula has also changed. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** Mr. Brown's report was reviewed. MAINTENANCE REPORT
- 4.5 Winter Sports Report:** Gordon Jarman reviewed his written report on VHS and VMS Winter sports providing highlights for each. WINTER SPORTS REPORT
- Mr. Jarman shared that a grant submitted for improving participation in athletics to OSAA has been awarded. "Field of Dreams" (improving the practice field) was the focus of the grant application. \$10,000 will go to help put top soil on the field and install goal posts. The balance amount of \$8,200 must be raised prior starting the project which must begin by July 2016. There was a question from the board if in-kind donations would count towards the \$8,200. Mr. Jarman will follow up as he was unsure.

## 5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Graduation Requirements AR:** Dr. Cox shared policy IKF Graduation Requirements. The policy does not identify the actual number of credits required to graduate. The recommended changes presented previously by Mr. Underwood will be adjusted in the AR which does not require board action. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AR DISCUSSED
- 5.2 Healthy Teens Survey Results Report:** Former VPC Director Deanna Pearl shared the 2013 Oregon Healthy Teen Survey report and executive summary. 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders are administered the survey every two years. In 2012 6<sup>th</sup> grade data was gathered. Trending will be tracked over a greater span of students. HEALTHY TEENS SURVEY RESULTS REPORT
- Summer Meals Program planning is underway for yet another successful summer season of meeting the needs of the community. SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM PLANNING UNDERWAY
- Celebrating Families which is held over the holidays had a great turn out with 150 kids participating over the 3-day event. CELEBRATING FAMILIES SUCCESSFUL
- 5.3 2014-15 Instructional Calendar:** Two options (175-day and 180-day) were shared. The budget process will determine the final calendar. Dr. Cox is recommending to the Board to adopt the 175-day option. 2014-15 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR DISCUSSED

## 6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 2014-15 Instructional Calendar:** Jim Krahn moved to approve the 175-day instructional calendar for 2104-15 including all pre-scheduled snow make-up days to be used as needed. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. 2014-15 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR APPROVED
- 6.2 Budget Committee:** Ernie Smith moved to appoint Maria Lemay to 3-year term on the budget committee. Tim Bamberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. LEMAY APPOINTED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE
- 6.3 Superintendent Contract:** Jim Krahn moved to approve a one-year part time contract for Aaron Miller. Cari Levenseller seconded the motion. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ONE-YEAR TO MILLER
- Dr. Cox noted that his last day in district will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. He recommends appointing Mr. Miller as acting Superintendent at that meeting.
- Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 6.4 Out of State Travel:** Tim Bamberg moved to approve out of state travel for Aaron Miller and Barb Carr in August and Debbie Stahlnecker and Gienah Cheney this school year. Jim Krahn seconded the motion. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL APPROVED FOR MILLER, CARR, LENNEN, STAHLNECKER, and CHENEY.
- Mr. Miller explained that the Breakthrough Coach training is helpful in scheduling and planning for Administration and Secretaries. He is requesting that Ronda Lennen also attend as she will be working with him as well. Debbie Stahlnecker and Gienah Cheney will be attending a presentation on a new reading program which is part of the focus school work. Both trainings are in Washington state.
- Motion failed unanimously with those in attendance.
- Cari Levenseller moved to approve out of state travel for Aaron Miller, Barb Carr and Ronda Lennen in August and Debbie Stahlnecker and Gienah Cheney this school year. Ernie Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Dr. Cox updated the board on the following:

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT**

- Legislative Session Report
- Full Day Kindergarten and Early Learning Work Group Recommendations Report
- Next meeting of school schedule task force – 4/15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library.
- Athletic Fields Update: unable to obtain 3 bids but did get 2 rejections. This will work.
- Shop Update: ready to start installing electrical
- Spencer Park Update: submittals to RFP are due 4/17/14.
- PCC is donating 50 computers to the district

**Other Issues:** Coach Theresa Williams is looking for adult supervisors to help oversee students working on a project she has with Pacific University. **OTHER ISSUES**

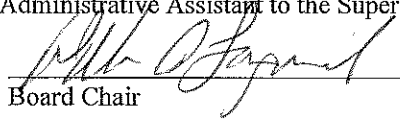
Sierra Service Group was back in town last week helping to clean up landscaping around the community and the campus.

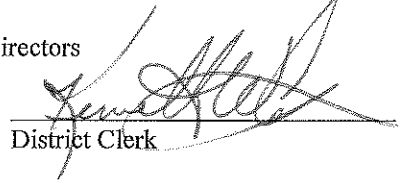
Jim Krahn thanked and congratulated Dr. Cox on his recent employment with the Minidoka School District in Rupert, Idaho.

**8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:36 p.m.

**ADJOURNED**

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

  
Board Chair

  
District Clerk

