

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J  
1201 TEXAS AVENUE  
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 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 6:08 p.m. by Bill Langmaid, Chair. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Brett Costley, Jim Krahn, and Greg Kintz BOARD PRESENT  
**Board Absent:** Cari Levenseller, Ernie Smith, and Tim Bamburg
- Staff Present:** Ken Cox, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Aaron Miller, Elementary Schools Principal; Gienah Cheney, District Special Ed. Director; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Marie Knight, Fiscal Assistant; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier, VEA; Ashley Rogers, Teacher; and Dana Hyde, Jana Dyer and Amanda Wolf, Classified staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Tobie Finzel, Maria Lemay, Betsy Miller Jones, Lily Buchanan, Kailia Jackson, and Amy Cieloha VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: None AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 Budget Committee Vacancy:** Jim Krahn moved to appoint Don Schulte to a three year term on the budget committee. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. SCHULTE APPOINTED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE
- 3.0 RECESS** to Budget Meeting at 6:09 p.m. RECESS TO BUDGET COMMITTEE MTG.
- 4.0 RECONVENE** to Regular Meeting at 6:58 p.m.
- 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Betsy Miller Jones, Executive Director for OSBA, welcomed input and shared updates from OSBA. Not only can OSBA help with direct services they are also a voice in Salem on our behalf. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA  
Brett Costley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jim Krahn seconded the motion.
- 6.1** Minutes of 04/10/14 Regular Meeting. MINUTES APPROVED  
Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 7.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 7.1 Student Reports: Middle School:** Students Lily Buchanan and Kailia Jackson reported on their recent trip to Washington D.C. They visited many memorials, Williamsburg, the Capitol, and the Arlington Cemetery. STUDENT REPORTS
- 7.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS  
**Elementary:** Mr. Miller gave an update on the Wetlands. Progress is on track thanks in part to the efforts of our students in the forestry class and sustainability days. Signage will be up soon limiting access to wetlands.
- Greg Kintz asked how attendance has gone with the implementation of the new attendance plan this year. Mr. Miller indicated there is some progress however, he is not sure the data will show

big improvements. The focus of the new plan was directed at increasing communication.  
**Middle/High School:** Mr. Underwood shared his building calendar that focuses on all the end of the year activities.

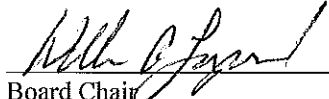
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| 7.3                                     | <b>Financial Report:</b> Dawn Plews stated that this financial report is basically the same with ADM fairly constant. The ending fund balance is close to what was budgeted.  | FINANCIAL<br>REPORT                      |
| 7.4                                     | <b>Maintenance Report:</b> Mark Brown was not in attendance. Bill Langmaid indicated that he was disappointed to hear that a window was broken in the commons. Jan Dyer shared that the students are upset about the broken window as well. The board reviewed the Equipment Needs letter submitted by the Maintenance Department.  | MAINTENANCE<br>REPORT                    |
| 7.5                                     | <b>Special Education Report:</b> Gienah Cheney reported that the District is currently serving 100 students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). She is still concerned about our state testing results. The State goal for graduating students with an IEP is 67%.   | SPECIAL<br>EDUCATION<br>REPORT           |
| 7.6                                     | <b>Assessment Report:</b> Mr. Underwood reported that currently 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students are tested in reading and math. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> are tested in reading, math, and science. There are some students struggling. If they don't pass the test and meet the state standards they don't graduate. Juliet Safier indicated these are students that may have passed a class with a 60% but have not mastered the standard. It is very important to monitor and track these students beginning in the Freshman year. | ASSESSMENT<br>REPORT                     |
| <b>8.0 INFORMATION &amp; DISCUSSION</b> |   |  |
| 8.1                                     | <b>Spencer Park RFP Proposal Review:</b> Dr. Cox reported that he had a positive meeting with Vernonia City Council. They approved the park adjustment ideas that will save some money. Dr. Cox recommends the board approve proceeding with Green Thumb Landscape to get Spencer Park finished. The park must be completed by Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> to remain in compliance with FEMA.  | SPENCER PARK<br>PROPOSAL REVIEW          |
| 8.2                                     | <b>Shop Proposal Review:</b> Dr. Cox shared that Dan Titus came in with the low bid for the project. He recommends awarding the shop contract to Titus.   | SHOP PROPOSAL<br>REVIEW                  |
| 8.3                                     | <b>Surplus Equipment:</b> Two items were added to the presented list. Two 3-phase table saws and one 3-phase planer.  | SURPLUS<br>EQUIPMENT                     |
| 8.4                                     | <b>Leave of Absence Request:</b> Elementary teacher Robyn Richmond had a new baby in April and is on leave through the end of this school year. She has requested a leave of absence for 2014-15 and Dr. Cox recommends granting her request.   | LEAVE OF<br>ABSENCE<br>REQUEST           |
| <b>9.0 ACTION ITEMS.</b>                |   |  |
| 9.1                                     | <b>Spencer Park RFP Proposal:</b> Brett Costley moved to approve the completion of Spencer Park RFP Proposal as presented. Jim Krahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.   | SPENCER PARK<br>RFP PROPOSAL<br>APPROVED |
| 9.2                                     | <b>Shop Building Proposal:</b> Jim Krahn moved to approve the shop building proposal as presented. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.   | SHOP BUILDING<br>PROPOSAL<br>APPROVED    |
| 9.3                                     | <b>Declaration of Surplus Items:</b> Brett Costley moved to declare the amended list as surplus. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.  | ITEMS DECLARED<br>AS SURPLUS             |
| 9.4                                     | <b>Leave of Absence Request:</b> Greg Kintz moved to approve the leave of absence request for the 2014-15 school year for Robyn Richmond. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.  | RICHMOND LEAVE<br>OF ABSENCE<br>APPROVED |
| 10.0                                    | <b>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:</b>   | SUPERINTENDENT<br>REPORT                 |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsha McLaughlin, classified staff member for 30 years, will be retiring at the end of this year.</li> <li>• Transportation insurance costs are increasing. A transportation proposal will be presented at the June meeting.</li> <li>• The District has a new Facebook page to promote the positive and exciting things happening within Vernonia Schools.</li> </ul>  |  |

- Upcoming events: Plant Sale and final Forestry Competition (5/10) and the Art Salmon Auction (5/22).

11.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:58 p.m.

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Submitted by Barb Carr,  
Administrative Assistant

  
Board Chair

  
District Clerk

