

**VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J**  
1201 TEXAS AVENUE  
VERNONIA OR 97064

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 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 6:04 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Greg Kintz, Brett Costley, Ernie Smith, Cari Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, and Jim Krahn BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** None BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Marie Knight, Fiscal Assistant; Gienah Cheney, Special Services Director; Juliet Safier, Rachel Wilcoxon, Ashley Ward, and Joanie Jones, Licensed Staff; and Jeana Gump, Beth Kintz, and Glenda Delemos, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** Javon Ward, Angie Handegard, Alexis Baska, Summer Snow, Maddie Zavales, Scott Laird, Brittanie Roberts, Karrah Delemos, and Kate Frederiksen. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Items 7.3 and 8.4 Surplus Inventory removed. Items 7.4 and 8.5 Charter Contract added. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 RECESS REGULAR MEETING** at 6:06 p.m. to go into the Budget Committee Meeting. RECESS REGULAR MTG
- 3.0 RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING** at 6:39 p.m. RECONVENE REGULAR
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Gail Law spoke on behalf of her student and what he has learned in the Life Skills classroom. She understands the Life Skills program will be growing to include K-12 and she is disappointed that Life Skills teacher Mr. Urban is leaving. PUBLIC COMMENT
- Jeana Gump, parent of special needs child, gave credit to the work Mr. Urban has done hopes the new program continues this.
- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 5.1** Minutes of 04/09/15 Regular Meeting and the 04/21/15 Workshop MINUTES APPROVED
- Ernie Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
- 6.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 6.1** Student Reports: STUDENT REPORTS
- Alexis Baska, Summer Snow and Makayla Adams, High School Leadership students reported on the following:
- Senior Trip – they had a good time and thanked the Board for allowing the Senior Trip to happen.
  - Track - District meet is this weekend. Golf & Forestry has ended. Equestrian OHSET state has been postponed due to an equine virus going around.
  - Seniors have 6 days left. Senior Dessert / Graduation practice is coming up.
  - SKID assembly was recently held and went well.
  - Leadership has been busy – just finished Doernbecher week where they raised over \$1000. They are currently working on Spring Fling which is scheduled for May 28.
- Middle School Students Kate Frederiksen and Karrah Delemos shared information and a Power Point presentation about the recent Close Up trip to Washington, DC.

- 6.2 **Building Reports:** Nate Underwood added to his written report that the Prom was well attended. Makayla McCord and Dominic Szlavich were crowned Prom Queen and King. BUILDING REPORTS

Mr. Underwood would like the Board to review Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention. He feels it needs to be updated.

Mr. Miller added that our spelling bee participants recently went to St. Helens for the County competition. Karly Bergren placed 4<sup>th</sup>. The top two students at the County level go on to compete at the State Fair competition.

- 6.3 **Financial Report:** Dawn Plews reported that the ending fund balance has increased. In the area of Special Education in 2014/15 the State gave us 12 weighted students above the 11% cap. There are new state funding estimates for 2015-16 coming out weekly and she is trying to keep up with the changing numbers. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.4 **Maintenance Report:** The Board reviewed the report. Discussion was held on the amount of vandalism in the boys' locker rooms. Ernie Smith and Jim Krahn were very disappointed in the actions of some students. It was suggested to lock the door to the locker room and not let them in to continue to vandalize. Mr. Underwood stated that he and Mr. Jarman are meeting with students to try and get information and determine who is responsible for the damage. MAINTENANCE REPORT

- 6.5 **YTP Report:** Beth Kintz reported that the District recently applied for and has received a grant for 2015-17 school years. The District had YTP in 1999-2009. The program was a great success and helped a lot of youth. The Balloon Company and Concessions programs were developed with the previous grant. The new Contract will allow her to work with 20 students age 16 and up who are currently on an IEP with a documented barrier to employment. Currently the students that work in concessions receive a stipend that they put towards school expenses – prom ticket, yearbook, sports fees, etc. Y.T.P. REPORT

- 4.6 **Assessment Report:** Mr. Underwood reported that we are nearing the completion of the first year of Smarter Balance testing. Only students in grades 3-5, 6-8 and 11<sup>th</sup> take the Smarter Balance testing in Math, English/Language Arts which includes writing. Immediate Feedback on results is not available with the Smarter Balance testing as it was through the OAKS testing program. As with any new change Mr. Underwood is anticipating lower scores statewide. More will be known next year. ASSESSMENT REPORT

OAKS testing is still being used for Science but this is not a State required Essential Skill. Math, Language Arts and Reading are required Essential skills for graduation. The new Smarter Balance testing is requiring a large amount of time to take.

Jim Krahn expressed his frustration at the requirements of the State and suggests putting together an evening or afternoon with a panel conversation with teachers, students, administrators, and elected officials.

## 7.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 7.1 **Staffing Updates:** Mr. Miller provided a staffing update for the board including resignations from E. Urban, M. Fry, M. Zavales, N. Ligouri. J. Dyer and R. Richmond that were on Leave of Absences will not return next year. New Hires for next year include L. Blacker (permanent position), T. Dee and K. Schlegel at the elementary level. R. Wilcoxon will be full time as TOSA Dean of Students. M. Eagleson will be full time K-12 Instructional Coach and C. Gilbert will be permanent Behavior specialist for K-12. STAFFING UPDATES

- 7.3 **Instructional Calendar 2015-16 Revisions:** The Calendar Committee shared and explained their proposal to Mr. Miller. All feel it is more workable for students and staff. The biggest positive in this revised calendar is that it moves us up to 1003 total instructional hours which is above the State requirement of 990. Changes to this proposed calendar include: 2015-16 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR REVISIONS
- Early release on Friday would be eliminated. Students go M-F 8:00 a.m. to 3:10 pm.
  - Prior to school starting there is only 2 in-service days for staff.
  - Days that are blue with a diagonal line are no school days but staff would have 4 hours of structured professional development.
  - Sept 8 is the first day of school.

At this point the plan is to add back another two days each year until we get back to a standard

calendar as we have been in the past.

The calendar committee was thanked for their work.

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| <b>7.4</b> | <b>Surplus Inventory:</b> Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.  | SURPLUS INVENTORY             |
| <b>7.5</b> | <b>Charter Contract:</b> Aaron Miller reviewed the minor changes and typos within the document. He went through and shared with the Board each item adjusted regardless of how minor. There were no questions from the Board. | CHARTER CONTRACT<br>DISCUSSED |

**8.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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| <b>8.1</b> | <b>Resignation:</b> Ernie Smith moved to accept the resignation of Eric Urban, Melissa Zavales, Jan Dyer, Robyn Richmond, and Natasha Liquori effective June 9, 2015. Jim Krahn Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  | E. URBAN<br>RESIGNATION<br>ACCEPTED                                 |
| <b>8.2</b> | <b>New Hires:</b> Ernie Smith moved to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Miller to hire Laura Blacker, Theresa Dee, Kendra Schlegel, Rachel Wilcoxon, Michelle Eagleson, and Charlotte Gilbert as presented. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. | HANDEGARD<br>APPOINTED TO A 3-YR<br>TERM ON THE BUDGET<br>COMMITTEE |
| <b>8.3</b> | <b>Instructional Calendar:</b> Jim Krahn moved to approve the revised 2015-16 Instructional Calendar as presented. Cari Levenseller Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  | REVISED 2015-16<br>INSTRUCTIONAL<br>CALENDAR                        |
| <b>8.4</b> | <b>Surplus Inventory:</b> Removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.   | SURPLUS INVENTORY   |
| <b>8.5</b> | <b>Charter Contract:</b> Cari Levenseller moved to approve the Charter School contract as amended. Tim Bamberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.   | CHARTER CONTRACT<br>APPROVED  |

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| <b>9.0</b> | <b>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:</b> Mr. Miller's report highlighted the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charter School Update</li><li>• LEED / Green Globes Celebration</li><li>• Students/Classroom/Academics</li><li>• Budget</li><li>• Facilities</li><li>• Dates to Remember</li></ul> | SUPERINTENDENT<br>REPORT |
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The Willamette Promise, a program offering course work to high school students that would give them college credit as well is moving forward. Options will be offered in Language Arts, Math, Science and Spanish but is dependent on how many of our courses would qualify for college credit. Our teachers will go for a 3-day workshop in June to work with professors from Western Oregon University to align course work.

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| <b>10.0</b> | <b>RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION under O.R.S. 192.660 92) (b) at 8:22 p.m.</b> | RECESS to EXECUTIVE<br>SESSION |
| <b>11.0</b> | <b>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION at 8:54 p.m.</b>                                | RECONVENE REGULAR<br>SESSION   |
| <b>12.0</b> | <b>MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:55 p.m.</b>  | ADJOURNED                      |

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

  
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Board Chair

  
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District Clerk

