

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 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 6:04 p.m. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Greg Kintz, Brett Costley, Jim Krahn. Cari Levenseller arrived at 6:06 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** Tim Bamburg, Ernie Smith,
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Juliet Safier, Licensed Staff; and Jeana Gump, Classified Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** James Sager, Zixian Chen, Dylan Taylor, Scott Laird, and Casey Hunter. VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2** Agenda Review: Added 5.3 Information and 6.3 Action item relating to a new hire. AGENDA REVIEW
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** CONSENT AGENDA
- 3.1** Minutes of 09/11/14 Regular Meeting MINUTES APPROVED
- Brett Costley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jim Krahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** STUDENT REPORTS
- Zixian Chen reported on behalf of the High School Leadership class.
- Forestry Class helped with the Salmon Watch field trip
 - First renaissance assembly held last week
 - Athletics are going well. Football beat Chemawa last week. Volleyball senior night will be next week. Student seating sections are going well and being utilized.
 - Seniors are starting on scholarship applications and applying for colleges.
- Jared Armes reported on his experience at 6th Grade Outdoor School. He shared:
- Solar lantern and beehive constructed at Outdoor School
 - The newspaper and storyboard created highlighting his experience
 - Told about the songs they learned
 - Shared about the soil studies
- 4.2 Building Reports:** BUILDING REPORTS
- Mr. Miller added the following to his written report:
- Salmon Watch was very successful. Partnered this year with 7th grade students from the Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School in Salem.
 - This Friday Elementary staff including teachers and some classified staff will be reviewing our needs and a new independent reading program.
- Mr. Underwood shared that next week is Homecoming and invited board members to attend the various activities.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** The financial report was reviewed by Dawn Plews. She indicated that the 2013-14 ending fund balance is on track to be correct. She is working on the 2014-15 financials. What is presented is as accurate as can be at this time. There were no questions from the board. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** The maintenance report was reviewed. There were no questions from the board. MAINTENANCE REPORT

4.5	Class Size Report: Mr. Miller reported that our numbers are growing. This is great for the long term but causes issues currently. Scott Laird will be putting an article together explaining this to the community. There are high class size numbers at the middle and high school. Administration is currently looking at how to use minimal funds to get the most benefit and address the larger class sizes. Concern was expressed by the board on this issue. Administration will update the board at the next meeting.	CLASS SIZE REPORT
5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION		
5.1	Surplus Items: District recently received a donation from P.C.C. of chairs to be used in the Library. The chairs that were in the library are unable to be used in the classrooms as they scratch the floors. These chairs were donated to us after the flood and are ready to be scrapped. There are 35 chairs to be declared surplus.	SURPLUS ITEMS DISCUSSED
5.2	Achievement Compact: Mr. Miller explained that the Achievement Compact is a goal setting document for the district to utilize in moving us forward in student growth. It encompasses the areas of reading and math proficiency as well as the 4 and 5 year cohort graduation rates. District administration and instructional leaders reviewed our current compact and came up with new numbers as attainable goals for the district. Across the board numbers were increased from last year by 5% to demonstrate growth. Some categories are currently at 100% participation and this goal will maintain at the same rate.	ACHIEVEMENT COMPACT DISCUSSED
	It was shared that next year some of the current areas in the compact will be eliminated. All felt the document will be more meaningful with the reduction of required information allowing more focus on key areas.	
5.3	New Hire: Mr. Miller explained that with the influx of special education students and students with behavior needs it has warranted the hiring of a K-12 Behavior Specialist. He is recommending that Charlotte Gilbert be hired for this new position to help free up the time commitments of administration dealing with discipline and allow them more time in the classrooms.	K-12 BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST POSITION DISCUSSED
6.0 ACTION ITEMS		
6.1	Surplus Declaration: Jim Krahn moved to declare items surplus as presented on list dated 10/9/14. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.	ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS
6.2	Achievement Compact: Cari Levenseller moved to approve the 2014-15 Achievement Compact as presented. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.	2014-15 ACHIEVEMENT COMPACT APPROVED
6.3	New Hire: Greg Kintz moved to approve the recommendation to hire Charlotte Gilbert as the K-12 Behavior Specialist. Jim Krahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.	K-12 BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST HIRED
7.0	SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Mr. Miller updated the board on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation contract amendment has been signed by all parties. • Monthly discipline numbers reported to the board. Is this necessary? Board was in consensus to reduce this reporting to quarterly as a PBIS report. • Vernonia City Council approved waiving the remaining System Development Charges (SDC). This saves \$35,000 from both last year and this year's budget. Two additional payments of \$35K are also waived. Mr. Miller thanked the City Council. • Thank you to Representative Brad Witt and Senator Betsy Johnson for their strong support in obtaining some of the funds remaining in the State flood fund. The district will receive \$212,500 thanks to a very active government delegation that does great work for our community. • Last week 60 people from around and outside of the country toured our facility. The Council of Educational Facility Planners International toured our school with BOORA Architects. Mr. Miller as well as Mark Brown, Chris Linn and Jim Herald gave the tour. • Spencer Park is complete. The fencing will come down next March. Currently the District and the City are finalizing responsibilities of park maintenance. • Wood Shop – under construction currently with an end of November completion target date. 	SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Also at this time water and electricity will be available to the greenhouse.

- Softball Field Update: The VEF authorized expending \$36,200 from the funds raised by the Sports Initiative to begin work on this project. \$1200 of this amount was ear marked for the purchase of used fencing.

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Greg Kintz shared that at the November board meeting there will be a couple OSBA items that our board will need to address. The legislative policy committee needs individual votes on policies and priorities. Also OSBA is asking boards to support their new PR campaign "Promise of Oregon". OSBA has hired a media company to take video and stills of students from the 197 state school districts. They have put together a very compelling movie about kids being the promise of Oregon. A resolution will be presented.

The Vernonia Health Center will hold their grand opening on October 25th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. and Mrs. Cox will return to Vernonia for the event.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:58 p.m.

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

Board Chair

District Clerk