

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: A Workshop of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 7:03 by Jim Krahn.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Board Present: Brett Costley, Cari Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, and Jim Krahn.

BOARD PRESENT

Board Absent: Bill Langmaid and Ernie Smith.

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Staff Present: Aaron Miller, Nate Underwood, Barb Carr, Juliet Safier, Linda Hobart, Joanie Jones

STAFF PRESENT

Visitors Present: Susan Ely, Susan Wagner, Patty Buchanan, Heather Lewis, Rebecca Wright, Thomas Jones, Marie Krahn, Tobie Finzel, Jack Finzel, Erin Scheuerman, Becky Watson, Dan Brown, Alan Johnson, and Betsy Miller.

VISITORS PRESENT

Charter School Discussion: Aaron Miller thanked all for attending. A quick presentation was given on:

Benefits of Converting to a Charter School:

- Student success
- Supplies & Resources – Core and CTE
- Professional development
- Licensure flexibility for CTE programs
- Extend partnerships that impact students
- Long-term financial stability

What is Best for Students?

- Charter Development is the goal
- School improvement if charter doesn't work
- What's best for our kids and our community
- Develop the Vernonia Schools "Brand". What sets us apart from the rest?

What are the criteria?

- Timelines
 - Proposal Development
 - Board Review
 - Public Hearings
 - Board Decision
- Completeness Rubric
- Evaluation Rubric

Question & Answer / Public Comment : There was miscellaneous public comment on the following:

- Clarification on school vs district models
- Allocated funds – will it be enough to implement the charter
- Are local legislators on board with the idea
- Is success of charter dependent on parent support
- Rumors that any additional funding will go towards sports facilities
- Advocacy for elementary music teacher be included in the charter

The VEA, represented by Juliet Safier, shared concern of two boards working simultaneously in relation to hiring, evaluations, negotiations, etc.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNED at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant


Board Chair


District Clerk

