

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J  
1201 TEXAS AVENUE  
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Workshop of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 7:01 by Bill Langmaid.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

**Board Present:** Brett Costley, Cari Levenseller, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, and Bill Langmaid

BOARD PRESENT

**Board Absent:** Jim Krahn and Ernie Smith.

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**Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Barb Carr, Joanie Jones, Gienah Cheney, Rachel Wilcoxon, and Connie Hodgson.

STAFF PRESENT

**Visitors Present:** Mary Lou Busch, Steve Riley, Ann Berg, Alan Johnston, Julie Cano, Daniel Cano, timothy Cano, Kelby Cano, Alicia Cano, Matthew Cano, Titus Cano, Bill DeJager, Kendell Nelson, Cindy Nelson, Etta Eppling, Tobie Finzel, Olin Younger, Pam Blankenship, Shirley Kyser, Mary Crawford, David Crawford, Winter snow, Andrea Larson, Susan Wagner, and others not signed in or name legible on sign in sheet.

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

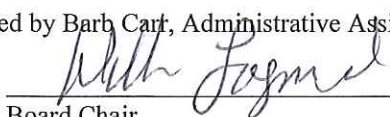
**Question & Answer / Public Comment :** There was miscellaneous public comment on the following:


- Concern over the District managing funds properly and with accountability
- Concern that property taxes will rise with school moving to a charter model
- How will the impact of more students to Mist be addressed?
- How will special education be addressed?
- Student accountability and preparation for the work force standards
- Sustaining the charter in the future
- What problems or negative impacts can be anticipated

**WORKSHOP ADJOURNED** at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant

  
Board Chair

  
District Clerk

