

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: A Workshop of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was convened at 4:38 p.m. by Bill Langmaid. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Board Present: Bill Langmaid, Ernie Smith, Tim Bamburg, Greg Kintz, Brett Costley, Jim Krahn and Cari Levenseller. BOARD PRESENT

Board Absent: None BOARD ABSENT

Staff Present: Aaron Miller, Superintendent; and Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant STAFF PRESENT

Visitors Present: None VISITORS PRESENT

1. Attendance Policies: Aaron Miller shared with the board the current attendance policy and forms used by staff in tracking attendance. The district has operated one year under the current policy and according to Mr. Miller the communication piece is working. Often times a call home about attendance leads to other issues. Parent responses to calls are usually positive. Questions and/or concerns from the board included:

- No bell system to notify students when it's time to go to class.
- What does state testing data show in regards to attendance. If a student has poor attendance is this reflective in their ability to meet requirements on state testing?
- Who is Truancy Officer: Jim Bond, ESD Employee.

2. Superintendent / Principal Position Assessment: The board discussed the current half time principal half time superintendent position and to be able to evaluate Mr. Miller in this position they recessed into executive session under ORS 192.660 (d) (i) at 5:13 p.m. SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL POSITION ASSESSMENT

Reconvened back to the workshop at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Miller shared some possible options for future models of Superintendent position. The board encouraged Mr. Miller to contact them as needs come up.

3. Facilities / Construction Projects Update: the district facilities project list has been updated and reviewed by the board. FACILITIES / PROJECTS UPDATE

- **Dirt Pile:** A couple options to remove the dirt pile was shared by Ernie Smith. One involved possibly logging companies using dirt to fill pits. Another possible option would be to obtain sandy loam from the riverbank of property in Vernonia to be used on the sports fields and replace with dirt from the large dirt pile.
- **Softball Field:** Ernie Smith reported that fencing has been purchased and is on site. Cinder rock has been located at a greatly reduced rate. It is located in central Oregon and trucking is now the issue. Currently he is working on getting blocks to be used for dug out construction. Jim Krahn has a line on some new grass seed that would be great for the fields.
- **Sound System –** Bill Langmaid reported that Phase I of the sound system has been purchased. Training will be provided to staff from Aloha Sound. The new system will interface with an iPad or an iPod.
- **Needed Equipment:** discussion was held on the needs of the district to obtain equipment to be able to maintain our facilities properly. It was suggested that a used Lift be acquired at some point. The need to replace the lawn mower and district truck was also discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:47 p.m.

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Submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant

Board Chair

District Clerk

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