

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J  
1201 TEXAS AVENUE  
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2019

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A Regular Meeting of the of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Greg Kintz. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Steve Whiteman, Susan Wagner, Melissa Zavales, Stacey Pelster, Greg Kintz. BOARD PRESENT  
Brittanie Roberts arrived at 6:05 p.m.
- Board Absent:** The vacant position. BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Michelle Eagleson, K-5 Vice Principal; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; and Joanie Jones and Juliet Safier, Licensed Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** None VISITORS PRESENT
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2.0 AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda. Susan Wagner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Melissa Zavales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. AGENDA REVIEW
- 3.0 RECESSED** To Budget Committee Meeting at 6:06 p.m. RECESS TO BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
- 4.0 RECONVENED** to Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING
- 5.0 SHOWCASING OF SCHOOLS:** SHOWCASING OF SCHOOLS
- Student Reports:** There were no student reports. STUDENT REPORTS
- Principal Reports:** PRINCIPAL REPORTS
- Michelle Eagleson reported to the Board:
- A pre-Kindergarten registration was held today in two sessions. The first session had 12 families attend. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session is currently underway.
  - Spring testing has been completed for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - Kindercamp will again happen this year in August for two weeks. Deadline to register is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - A new elementary curriculum has been purchased for next year. There will be professional development for all elementary teachers to review the new materials on August 13. The plan is to have a book giveaway at the end of the year and send home the old reading materials to our elementary students.
- Nate Underwood was not in attendance. There were no comments or questions from the Board on his written report.
- 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Juliet Safier, representing VEA, thanked the Board and Administration for their support in the May 8<sup>th</sup> walk out. The licensed staff was only out of the building approximately 12 minutes. During this brief time the Administration held assemblies with the students. Overall this plan worked well for Vernonia and other Districts in the NW corner of the State. PUBLIC COMMENT
- Susan Wagner stated that how our teachers addressed their desire to make a statement and use it as a teaching moment was very much appreciated, more effective, and a much better option than closing down school.

<b>7.0 BUSINESS REPORTS:</b>		
<b>7.1 Superintendent Report:</b>		SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 people attended the recently held Superintendent Chat at the Mist Birkenfeld Fire Department.</li> <li>• At Home School program – A meeting was held last night with interested parents. 35 students have expressed interest which is good for the program. Everyone is very excited about options and all are working together to meet the needs of students and parents.</li> <li>• Enrollment update – K-12 currently is at 522. There are enough students interested in attending Mist next year to allow adding a second teacher to their program. Total enrollment at Mist next year is currently at 38.</li> <li>• Staff updates: There are a lot changes in staffing for next year. Malin Campbell is moving from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to MS Language Arts; Andrea Anderson moving from VES to Mist; Kendra Schlegel moving from VES to Title I, Debbie Taylor moving from VES to Vernonia Family Academy. New hires will be announced next month.</li> <li>• CIP – no progress to report on.</li> <li>• Metal shop bids are in and currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• 4 Additional Classrooms – 2 bids were received in the second round; unfortunately both were too high. The District set aside \$1.8 million from the bond for this project. One of the bids came in at \$2.5 million and the other at \$2.9 million. Therefore, the District won't be moving forward with construction of the 4 additional classrooms. Mr. Miller has some ideas and will need to visit with the Board on how to use these funds.</li> </ul>	
	<b>7.1.2 Bond Update:</b>	BOND PROJECTS UPDATE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Metal Shop and Classroom Addition was shared in his Superintendent report.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Financial Report:</b> Marie Knight shared the financial report. The District's healthy ending fund balance which will move forward to the beginning fund balance in next year's budget is holding. She expects the State School Fund payment in May that will adjust the 2017-18 school year enrollment. If the District owes anything back to the State it will be taken from the May payment. There were no questions from the Board.	FINANCIAL REPORT
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Maintenance Report:</b> Mark Brown's maintenance report was reviewed. Brittanie Roberts asked if the security cameras showed who egged the building. Mr. Miller stated no.	MAINTENANCE REPORT
<b>8.0</b>	<b>BOARD REPORTS/ BOARD DEVELOPMENT:</b>	BOARD REPORTS / BOARD DEVELOPMENT BOARD WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR 5/30/19.
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Board Workshop Discussion:</b> The board will hold a workshop in May 30 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to hold a discussion on finalizing bond projects.  Susan Wagner shared her participation on the Safety Committee. She reported that the committee talks about many repeating issues. They will work to communicate back to staff any and all issues that are identified during drills.  Susan Wagner expressed concern with parents dropping off students in the parking lot. The students are running through the lot. Mr. Miller shared that the School Resource Officer is working on this.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION and DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>2019-20 Student Fee Schedule:</b> Discussion was held on the fees collected for building use. Mr. Miller feels by keeping costs down it generates a benefit to the community. The fees charged to users covers the expenses of the District. Food service fees are increasing slightly due to State minimum requirements. There are no changes to other student fees.	2019-20 FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSED
<b>8.0</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>2019-20 Fee Schedule:</b> Stacey Pelster moved to approve the 2019-20 fee schedule as	2019-20 FEE SCHEDULE

presented. Brittanie Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

9.0 **MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE:** Steve Whiteman commented that he feels the board does a good job of not over reaching into tasks that are not theirs.

10.0 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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MINUTES APPROVED

10.1 Minutes of 04/11/19 Regular Meeting.

Susan Wagner moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Stacey Pelster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance

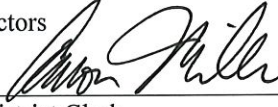
CONSENT AGENDA  
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14.0 **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:50 p.m.

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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