

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Committee Meeting - April 21, 2022 Vernonia Schools Library, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Budget Committee of Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Shannon Romtvedt. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Budget Committee Present:** Scott Rickard, Shannon Romtvedt, Joanie Jones, Carol Cochran, Jan Cockrell, Javoss McGuire, and Amy Cieloha. BOARD PRESENT
- Budget Committee Absent:** Susan Wagner, Greg Kintz, and Stacey Pelster BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Cherise Harbour, Fiscal Assistant; and Michelle Eagleson, Elementary Principal. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** None VISITORS PRESENT
- 2.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** The committee introduced themselves. AGENDA REVIEW
- 3.0 ELECTION of BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Jan Cockrell nominated Shannon Romtvedt as Budget Committee Chair. Carol Cochran seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. ROMTVEDT BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR
- 4.0 ELECTION of BUDGET COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR:** Joanie Jones nominated Scott Rickard. Javoss McGuire seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. RICKARD BUDGET COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR
- 5.0 BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Javoss McGuire moved to approve the budget committee minutes from 5/13/21 as presented. Amy Cieloha seconded the motion. Abstain from vote: Scott Rickard. Motion passed unanimously with the remaining members in attendance. MINUTES APPROVED
- 6.0 DISCUSSION of BUDGET GOALS:** BUDGET GOALS SHARED
- Marie Knight shared the budget goals and explained that creation of the budget is in support of the following three goals.
1. The district will provide the necessary instructional resources to ensure student success. Instructional resources include adequate numbers of current state adopted textbooks and updated technology to compete in a global society.
 2. The district will maintain safe and healthy physical facilities that provide an environment for a quality learning experience.
 3. The district will offer professional development opportunities for all employees. Through training, the staff will be expected to lead the students to higher levels of achievement.
- The budget also supports the District's long term strategic plan by:
1. Increasing opportunities for students to graduate college and be career ready
 2. Maintaining and improving positive relationships between all District participants
 3. Increasing K-12 educational options, opportunities and programs
 4. Continuing to focus on foundational instructional staffing at the elementary level
 5. Maintain the wonderful facilities our community has provided us
- 7.0 PRESENTATION of BUDGET MESSAGE:** Due to the absence of Superintendent Aaron Miller, Marie Knight read the budget message and highlighted the proposed changes to this budget from the previous year's budget. BUDGET MESSAGE READ
- 4 licensed teaching positions have been added to the budget: Special Education Transition Teacher, Special Education Specialized Learning Center Teacher, and 2 Elementary Teachers
 - Purchase of professional Development Programs for staff
 - Increase Facility and Grounds Maintenance and Repair budgets
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8.0 **BUDGET DOCUMENT REVIEW:** Marie Knight gave a quick review of the budget document. Miscellaneous questions from the committee were asked and answered by Marie. These questions will be shared to the full committee by email. **BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW**

Marie asked the committee to spend the next three weeks going through the documents and to please submit questions to both her and Superintendent Miller. Responses will be sent to the full committee. If any member of the committee would like to meet with her, please ask. She is happy to meet as needed.

9.0 **NEXT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:** May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

10.0 **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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



Budget Committee Chair



District Clerk