

# MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD of DIRECTORS  
Special Meeting – March 21, 2022  
Vernonia Schools Library, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Meeting of the Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Stacey Pelster, Chair. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Board Present:** Stacey Pelster, Scott Rickard, Amy Cieloha, Joanie Jones, Susan Wagner, Javoss McGuire, Greg Kintz BOARD PRESENT
- Board Absent:** BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** James Helmen and family. VISITORS PRESENT
- 2.0 **AGENDA REVIEW:** Susan Wagner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joanie Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. AGENDA APPROVED
- 3.0 **APPROVE CONTRACT FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT:** Stacey Pelster shared that Jim Helmen, along with representation, has been working with her as the District appointed negotiator and they have come to consensus on a two year superintendent contract. It was presented to the full board for ratification at this meeting. HELMEN HIRED AS NEW SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
- Javoss McGuire moved to approve the new Superintendent contract as presented. Susan Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Helmen will serve as the new Superintendent of Vernonia School District effective July 1, 2022.
- 4.0 **FINAL COMMENTS:** Numerous comments congratulating and welcoming Jim were shared.
- 5.0 **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 6:36 p.m. ADJOURNED

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

  
Board Chair

  
District Clerk

