

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Committee Meeting - April 20, 2023 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 6:07 p.m. by Shannon Romtvedt. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Budget Committee Present:** Shannon Romtvedt, Tony Holmes, Susan Wagner, Greg Kintz, Joanie Jones, Amy Cieloha, Scott Rickard, Janice Cockrell, and Stacey Pelster, who left at 7:03 p.m. BOARD PRESENT
- Budget Committee Absent:** Javoss McGuire and Carol Cochran BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Jim Helmen, Superintendent; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Juliet Safier, VEA President and Camrin Eyrrick, OSEA President. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** None VISITORS PRESENT
- 2.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** Jim Helmen welcomed all to the meeting, especially recognizing Tony Holmes, new committee member. The committee introduced themselves. AGENDA REVIEW
- 3.0 ELECTION of BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Jan Cockrell nominated Shannon Romtvedt as Budget Committee Chair. Stacey Pelster 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:** Amy Cieloha nominated Scott Rickard as Budget Committee Vice Chair. Jan Cockrell 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:** Amy Cieloha moved to approve the budget committee minutes from 5/12/22 as presented. Scott Rickard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. MINUTES APPROVED
- 6.0 DISCUSSION of BUDGET GOALS:** Jim Helmen read the budget goals as printed in the Proposed Budget document. BUDGET GOALS SHARED
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.
- 7.0 PRESENTATION of BUDGET MESSAGE:** Jim Helmen read aloud his Budget Message. He shared a summary document to help the committee understand the budget document. BUDGET MESSAGE READ
- He highlighted the following changes represented in the proposed budget document.
- The K-12 SEL Director position is not in 2023-24 budget due to ESSER funds going away next year. The duties from this position will be absorbed by the School Psychologist and Jim will take over the Check & Connect Grant responsibilities.
 - K-12 Assistant Principal current person is retiring. This position has been split between two people, one at the middle and one at the high school.
 - A newly created discretionary account for K-5 and 6-12 principals in the amount of \$5,000 each. This fund will allow principals to work with their teachers to provide SEL activities, field trips, assemblies, etc.
 - Reduction of one afternoon K-5 bus route, saving the District money and honoring the wishes of parents.

BUDGET DOCUMENT REVIEW:

Jim Helmen and Marie Knight went through the budget document highlighting a variety of funds and functions as well as pointing out the areas of change as previously mentioned.

BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW

Jim encouraged all to go home and start going through the document and to please email he and Marie any questions you have. They will take all the questions and compile answers and send out to the full committee. Juliet Safier and Camrin Eyrrick asked to also receive the question responses.


Shannon Romtvedt thanked Jim and Marie for the extra preparation for this meeting. She found it very helpful. The rest of the committee agreed.

9.0 NEXT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING: May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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



Budget Committee Chair

District Clerk