

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget Committee Meeting – May 11, 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 6:10 p.m. by Shannon Romtvedt. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Budget Committee Present: Shannon Romtvedt, Janice Cockrell, Tony Holmes, Greg Kintz, Joanie Jones, Susan Wagner (virtual), and Stacy Pelster BOARD PRESENT

Budget Committee Absent: Amy Cielooha, Javoss McGuire, and Scott Rickard. BOARD ABSENT

Staff Present: Jim Helmen, Superintendent; Rachel Wilson, K-12 Vice Principal; Susanne Myers, STAFF PRESENT
Special Education Director; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant;

Kendra Schlegel and Juliet Safier (virtual), licensed staff.

Visitors Present: Scott Laird VISITORS PRESENT

2.0 APPROVE MINUTES of 4/20/23: Stacey Pelster moved to approve the Budget Committee meeting minutes from 4/20/23 Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. MINUTES APPROVED

3.0 BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION: Jim Helmen shared that all questions received after the last meeting and answers to those questions have been provided to the full committee. It is his intent that all questions have been answered. Janice Cockrell thanked Jim Helmen and Marie Knight again for the thorough preparation and answers to the questions. She found it all very helpful. BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Greg Kintz made a comment to the statement about two classrooms per grade level. It all depends on the enrollment of students at grade level. Jim Helmen explained how they determine the grade break down.

Shannon Romtvedt asked about the Tier 3 classroom. Jim Helmen explained that the program will likely expand with additional students next year. The Tier 3 classroom is a new program this year. It has been successful, but adjustments will be made to improve next year.

Greg Kintz shared that ESSER funds were from COVID days and those are sunsetting. It is important that these ESSER funds were not used for programs that we are unable to sustain when the funds go away.

There was no further discussion. Jim Helmen recognized Marie Knight for the hard work in preparing the budget.

4.0 APPROVE the 2023-24 BUDGET: BUDGET APPROVED

Janice Cockrell moved to approve the Vernonia School District Budget for the 2023-2024 year as follows:

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| General Fund | \$ 9,565,321 |
| Special Revenue Funds | \$ 2,851,901 |
| Debt Service Funds | \$ 1,261,068 |
| Capital Project Funds | \$ - |
| TOTAL of ALL FUNDS | \$13,678,290 |

as presented, with a tax rate of \$5.0121 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in support of the General Fund.

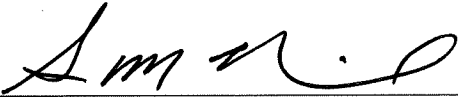
I further move that a tax of \$1,200,000 to be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the School District.

Stacey Pelster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.


5.0 NEXT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEEING: There are no more Budget Committee meetings for this year's cycle. The Budget hearing will be held on June 8, 2023 at the School Board meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. Committee members are invited to attend but it is not a requirement of serving on the committee.

10.0 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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



Board Chair



District Clerk