

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Committee Meeting - April 18, 2024 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 6:03 p.m. by Scott Rickard . MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- Budget Committee Present:** Alicia Mahoney, Scott Laird, Tony Holmes, Scott Rickard, Amy Cieloha, Greg Kintz, Stacey Pelster attended remotely. BOARD PRESENT
- Budget Committee Absent:** Janice Cockrell, Joanie Jones, Susan Wagner, Javoss McGuire . BOARD ABSENT
- Staff Present:** Jim Helmen, Superintendent, Marie Knight, Business Manager, Remote attendees: Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal/ Michelle Eagleson, Elementary Principal; and Juliet Safier, Licensed Staff. STAFF PRESENT
- Visitors Present:** None VISITORS PRESENT
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** New budget committee members were welcome and introduced. AGENDA REVIEW
- 3.0 ELECTION of BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Amy Cieloha nominated Scott Rickard as Budget Committee Chair. Alicia Mahoney seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance. RICKARD BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR
- 4.0 ELECTION of BUDGET COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR:** Scott Rickard nominated Amy Cieloha as Budget Committee Vice Chair. Alicia Mahoney seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Stacey Pelster, Tony Holmes, Alicia Mahoney, Scott Rickard, Scott Laird voted yes, Greg Kintz did not vote. CIELOHA BUDGET COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR
- Amy Cieloha nominated Greg Kintz as Budget Committee Vice Chair. Scott Laird seconded the motion. A vote was not taken as the vote for Amy Cieloha had already been taken and she had a majority vote.
- 5.0 BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Stacey Pelster moved to approve the budget committee minutes from 5/11/23 as presented. Greg Kintz 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
- 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.
- Addition of a .875 (7 hour) Instructional Assistant- MS Tier III Program.
 - District Wide Instructional Coach .4 FTE (2 days per week)
 - Previously, the VSD Business Manager position was shared between VSD and NWRESD,
 - but now it will be a full-time position with 1.0 FTE
 - Certified and Classified Staff COLA increases of 5%
 - Special Revenue Fund- 261 Textbook Adoption (6-12 Math Adoption for 24-25).
 - 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant yearly allocation- Total 5 year grant allocation of \$2,130,000.
- BUDGET DOCUMENT REVIEW:** BUDGET DOCUMENT OVERVIEW
Jim Helmen and Marie Knight went through the budget document highlighting a variety of funds and

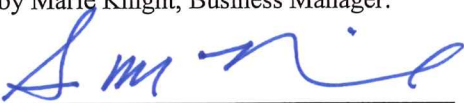
functions as well as pointing out the areas of change as previously mentioned.

Jim Helmen encouraged all to go home and start going through the document and use the provided google form to submit questions. He and Marie Knight will take all the questions and compile answers and send out responses to the full committee

9.0 NEXT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING: May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Knight, Business Manager.



Budget Committee Chair



District Clerk