

AGENDA

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Public Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Vernonia Schools, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order
2. Welcome / Introductions
3. Election of Budget Committee Chair
4. Election of Budget Committee Vice Chair
5. Budget Committee Minutes 05/09/2024
6. Discussion of Budget Goals
7. Presentation of Budget Message
8. Budget Document Review
9. Next Budget Committee Meeting — May 8, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Budget Committee Meeting – May 9, 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 6:04 p.m. by Scott Rickard. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- Budget Committee Present:** Alicia Mahoney, Scott Laird, Tony Holmes, Janice Cockrell, Scott Rickard, Amy Cieloha, Greg Kintz, Stacey Pelster, Joanie Jones, and Javoss McGuire. Susan Wagner joined virtually. **BOARD PRESENT**
- Budget Committee Absent:** None **BOARD ABSENT**
- Staff Present:** Jim Helmen, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Michelle Eagleson, Elementary School Principal; Susanne Myers, Special Education Director; Marie Knight, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; Lee Costanzo, Juliet Safier, Amanda Stonier, and James Helmen, Licensed Staff and Sabrina Albee and Camrin Eyrrick, Classified Staff. **STAFF PRESENT**
- Visitors Present:** Neilia Solberg **VISITORS PRESENT**
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2.0 APPROVE MINUTES:** Janice Cockrell moved to approve the minutes of the 04/24/2024 Budget Committee Meeting. Alicia Mahoney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **MINUTES APPROVED**
- 3.0 BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION:** Jim Helmen and Marie Knight reviewed and discussed the questions and answers that were put together after the first Budget Committee meeting. These questions and answers were shared with all members on the committee prior to the meeting. **BUDGET REVIEW & DISCUSSION**
- A separate question was asked regarding the contract with Dr. Cooper. Was it negotiated? According to Mr. Helmen no, as Dr. Cooper is not part of any bargaining group. The rate for a full time clinical psychologist is much higher.
- Scott Laird noted that he appreciated the process of being able to submit questions and get responses back.
- 4.0 APPROVE the 2024-2025 BUDGET:** Scott Laird move to approve the Vernonia School District 47J budget for the 2024-2025 year as follows: **2024-2025 BUDGET APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**
- General Fund - \$10,429,052
 - Special Revenue Funds - \$3,717,782
 - Debt Service Funds - \$ 1,200,000
 - Capital Project Funds - \$0
 - Total All Funds - \$15,346,834
- as presented with a tax rate of \$5.0121 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in support of the General Fund. He further moved that a tax of \$1,200,000 be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the School District.
- Stacey Pelster seconded the motion. Prior to the vote being called for, Susan Wagner stated that due to being unable to hear the majority of the meeting through her remote access, she would be abstaining from the vote. Amy Cieloha also stated she would be abstaining from the vote but gave no reason as to why. The vote was called for and the remaining 9 members voted in favor. Motion passed.
- It was noted that the work of the committee has concluded. The budget goes to the school board for adoption at their June meeting. Committee members are welcome to attend if they wish.
- 10.0 ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. **MEETING ADJOURNED**
- Respectfully submitted by Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant.

Budget Committee Chair

Budget Committee Meeting 05-09-24

District Clerk