

School Board Report

At the Special June 29, 2017 School Board Meeting:

Board Approves OSCIM Agreement – The Board met in a special meeting in order to approved Resolution 1617-10, authorizing the District to enter into a grant agreement for the Oregon School Construction Improvement Matching (OSCIM) funds the District is eligible for after passage of the School Bond in May.

Board Votes to Support Kintz for NWRESB Board – The Board also voted in favor of supporting fellow board member Greg Kintz who is running to represent Zone 4 on the North West Regional Education Board of Directors.

At the July 13, 2017 School Board Meeting:

Board Members Take Oath of Office – New School Board members Stacey Pelster and Melissa Zavales, along with incumbents Susan Wagner and Brett Costley, who were all elected in May, took the Oath of Office at the start of the meeting.



Left to right: Superintendent Aaron Miller with recently elected School Board members Susan Wagner, Stacey Pelster, Melissa Zavales, and Brett Costley.

Board Elects Chair and Vice Chair – Current Chair Brett Costley and current Vice Chair Greg Kintz were re-elected by the Board to their positions.

Bond Update – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board that the sale price of the bonds would be established on July 19 and the actual sale of the bonds was scheduled for August 9. Miller said the District was in the process of creating a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Project Manager for the overall project,

but was also moving forward with getting bids for some repair work at the Mist Grade School for the roof and gutters so that work could be completed before the upcoming winter.

Board Hears First Reading of Head Lice Policy – The Board heard the first reading of Policy JHCCF which establishes how the District will deal with students with head lice. The revised policy establishes a standard for sending home any student found with live head lice while allowing staff judgement on whether to keep students found with nits at school. Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board this has already been the strategy for dealing with head lice, but now establishes it as official policy.

Board Responds to County Development Proposed Land Use Changes – The Board discussed proposed changes to Columbia County land use regulations regarding standards for marijuana uses on unincorporated properties in the County. Because School District property abuts affected properties in the County the District was invited by the County to comment on the proposed

changes. Columbia County will hold a public hearing and administrative review on the issue on August 7. The proposed amendments would establish rules for marijuana growing or producing uses, including the establishment of a 1,000 foot buffer from any school. Following their discussion, the Board voted that they had no objection to the proposed amendments.

Board Establishes Substitute Teacher Pay – The Board voted to establish Substitute Teacher Pay at \$180 per day for

the 2017-18 school year.

Board Approves Meeting Schedule – The Board approved the proposed School Board Meeting Schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Regular board meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month, with meetings scheduled for August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, and July 12. Meetings will be held in the Vernonia School Library, with the exception of the October and April meetings, which will be held at the Mist Grade School. The Board also established dates for three workshops on August 31, November 30 and May 31. The Board agreed to discuss board goals and expectation for the Superintendent at the August 31 workshop, and issues relating the School Bond funds at the November 30 workshop.

Board Designates District Roles – The Board accepted the following recommended roles for the District: Aaron Miller as Chief Administrative & Budget Officer/Clerk, Custodian of Funds, and Representative of Federal/State Fund & Grant Applicants; US Bank & Government Pool as Depository of Funds; Pauly, Rogers & Co. P.C. as District Auditors; Brown & Brown Northwest as Insurance Agent of Record; Garrett, Hemann, Robertson, Jennings, Comstock & Trethewey, P.C. as Attorney of Record; and *Vernonia's Voice* as Newspaper of Record. The Board also set a borrowing limit of \$150,000.

Financial Report – Finance Officer Marie Knight reported that the current ending fund balance remains above \$300,000, which is good.

Board Establishes Liaisons to District Committees and Board Assignments – The Board established the following liaisons to District Committees: Brittanie Roberts – Curriculum, Susan Wagner – Safety, Brittanie Roberts – Talented and Gifted, Melissa Zavales – Positive Behavior & Intervention Support (PBIS). The Board also made the following Board Assignments: Negotiations Committee – Brett Costley, Susan Wagner, and Greg Kintz; Policy Review – Brittanie Roberts, Katie Cook, and Stacey Pelster; Facilities (Long

Range Planning) – Brett Costley, Susan Wagner, and Stacey Pelster; Vernonia Education Foundation (VEF) – Greg Kintz and Melissa Zavales.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Aaron Miller told the Board that he has submitted an application for the District to join SafeOregon, a safety tip hotline that allows anyone to report safety threats or potential acts of violence at the school.

Superintendent Miller told the Board that four students have been hired for summer internships. This is the fourth year the District has offered student internships. Haley Lindsay and Dustin Carreon will be working for the District with the custodial/grounds department while Blake Clark and Ben Fleck will be working with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council on summer projects.

Miller said Jenny Williams has been hired as the new Instructional Assistant at Mist Grade School.

Miller told the Board that work continues on Holce Field, the new baseball facility on campus, while the dugouts at the Alumni Field softball facility are being completed. Miller said both fields should be ready for play during the upcoming spring season.

Miller informed the Board about steps the District is taking to offer the Oregon Outreach program for students with discipline problems at the Vernonia Campus. Last year students in the program attended classes in Scappoose.

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