

School Board 47J

June 14, 1977

The Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Vernonia, met in the district office July 14. Present were Lea Ann Berg, chairman; as well as Gene Weller, Leonard Schmidlin, Ken Sutherlin, Homer Fuller, Carolyn Keasey, and Dave Crawford, board members. Also in attendance was Darold Proehl, 47J superintendent; Art Parrow, VHS principal; Barbara Bergerson, Ed Hartzell, Margaret Hartzell, Herb Hartzell, Helen Bergerson, Sue Cavinee, Eleanor Thompson, Ilene Grady, John Hager, and Betty McKee.

After the minutes were read and approved, the board voted to correct the Title I bills approved at the May 12 meeting.

Eleanor Thompson stated the public address system used at the high school graduation was very bad and needed to be improved. Proehl said a new system would cost \$2,000 or more with Parrow explaining that it was difficult to set the system for a large crowd. Board requested superintendent to examine the problem and make recommendation to the board.

Ed Hartzell asked for what purpose a section of fence was removed and who authorized it. Proehl stated that the district had started to clean up the fence line and it was determined that removal of the fence was necessary to clear the area. The fence was found in bad shape and he (Proehl) authorized its removal. The materials were stored on the Hartzell property and the area mowed to allow tennis

balls to be more easily found. Hartzell was not advised of this at that time since he was not in the area. The fence will be put back.

Mrs. Hartzell then said that post holes had been left open and they had to purchase insurance to protect themselves against the community running over it. The removal of the fence had opened up the back of their property and people were trespassing. Weller asked how many feet of fence had been removed and Hartzell said 116 feet. Mrs. Hartzell said that when they left there had been a verbal agreement to build a stile over the fence and to keep the section mowed so tennis balls could be retrieved. The stile wasn't used and the fence was damaged. They later asked that the stile be removed and the people would have to lose their tennis balls.

Hartzell said since this was public property he should have received an impact statement on the value and loss of tennis balls but he had not received this. If this had been done, the fence could have been extended to prevent this loss.

The chairman asked how Hartzell wished the situation handled. He replied that the damage is done and a costly survey must be made to re-establish the fence line. He requested an official impact statement of what is to be done mailed to his Bend address within ten days.

Dave Crawford said that the cost of a fence between property was usually shared.

The board recessed to examine the fence line area. The board reconvened following the recess.

Board voted to contact the school district's attorney to verify the law concerning the property and the district's obligation in making it right.

Hartzell thanked the board for their recognition and requested a copy of the attorney's letter within ten days, allowing two or three days variance if necessary.

Sue Cavinee said she had a mentally retarded child and asked if the board had any plans for a special education program. She was advised that a small district couldn't afford such a program and those students needing help were being assisted through the county IED. If the number of students increases a special classroom in Vernonia may be established.

Communications.

Steve Farrell sent a thank you for the flowers sent him. Susan Waters sent a thank you for a plant; Ken Roberts submitted his resignation; and Joan Thompson submitted her resignation.

Jewell School District No. 8 sent a letter expressing surprise at the bill for \$1,722 for tuition for students at Fishhawk Lake since no reports had been filed. Proehl said that non-residents reports have been filed as of the end of the school year.

A letter from West Oregon Electric detailing rate increases was discussed.

The Jamboree Committee in conjunction with various local organizations requested the use of school facilities during the Jamboree weekend.

John Hager, president of the Jaycees and the Jamboree chairman, explained the requests and said no outside dance was requested due to the noise level and diffi-

culty to control the crowd.

The board voted to approve the Jamboree committee's requests.

Under old business Proehl gave a legal description of School District 55 property.

Barbara Bergerson asked how the district could issue a quit claim deed if they couldn't show ownership of the land. Discussion ensued.

It was voted to table the matter.

Board asked Proehl to contact International Paper Co. to see if they were still interested in selling the small parcel of land next to Washington.

Board voted to accept resignations of Ken Roberts and Joan Thompson.

It was voted to hire three new teachers.

Board voted to write a letter to West Oregon Electric objecting to so high a percentage in one year.

Proehl reported on summer projects.

The bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Judging from the rise in our electrical rates, which promises to be punishing to some, we may now substitute monopoly for Co-operative in the name of our local power company!

L.B. Bowerman

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Volunteers needed for children

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Big Brothers/Sisters provide one-to-one friendship to a boy or girl along with sharing mutual interests and activities together. The Friendly Visitors provide one-to-one friendship to elderly persons in nursing homes.

Persons interested in learning more about either program or who would like to be a BIG Brother/Sister or a Friendly Visitor are asked to contact Kathie Kolody, Volunteer Coordinator at 397-1330 or drop in at 105 S. 3rd.

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