

47J board hears about enrollment, PTA

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 been established to provide feedback about graduation ceremonies.

Middle school leadership students reported on their plans for assemblies, dances and service activities.

Principle Curt Scholl reported that the charter school now has 34 students registered. The curriculum continues to be enhanced by purchasing additional software. Scholl said that behavior issues have been reduced as students become more accustomed to how the school operates.

Enrollment

Deputy clerk Dawn Plews reported that enrollment has increased to 691. According to Plews, that is greater than projected. "It's always good to be

gaining kids," Plews said, because of the way the equalization formula works. The amount of money received by a school district is based on the number of students registered (weighted by a state formula); if a district has more students it will receive more money. Enrollment adjustments are not reflected until one (or sometimes two) years in the future.

Vernonia PTA

Jennifer Martin, fundraising chairman for the Vernonia Parent Teacher Association (PTA), told the board that \$5000 had been raised at the carnival. The money will be used to purchase playground equipment, though it's not yet determined what they may be able to purchase. Martin said that direction is needed as to where equipment

can be placed.

Miscellaneous

In other business the board:

- Hired assistant cook Marilyn Landers.

- Hired Lorrie Webb as high school girls basketball coach.

- Looked at a brochure that explains how to volunteer at district schools.

- Funderburg distributed the Evaluation Handbook to board members. The handbook describes the process, standards and ratings used for evaluating staff members.

Council solution allows street closure and City Hall gets new opening time

Vernonia City Council continued the October 4 public hearing on a proposed vacation of Oklahoma Street, prior to their regular October 18 meeting.

A staff report explained that the problem of access to property owned by the Webb family on OA Hill had been solved with a "waiver of remonstrance" which will allow them to access the property from existing

streets (such as Alabama and Spencer) if they develop the property in the future. With the access problem satisfied, the council approved vacating a portion of Oklahoma that is adjacent to Spencer Park.

Council also approved new hours for City Hall, which will now be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., instead of from 8:00 a.m., to allow uninterrupted staff work time.



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