

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Special
DATE: January 14, 2014
TIME: 7:00 PM
SITE: Orofino High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT
Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson
Jerry Nelsen
Danielle Hardy

MEMBERS ABSENT
Charity Robinson
Amy Jared

Robert Vian, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Jerry Nelsen, Cindy O'Brien and Danielle Hardy were in attendance. Amy Jared and Charity Robinson were absent.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson, led the flag salute.

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Nelsen, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

D. Reports and Recognitions

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Vian reported that a meeting was held at Timberline Schools on January 13, 2014 to discuss the need for a Supplemental Levy and a School Plant Facilities Levy. There were approximately 8 people in attendance at the meeting.

2. Sub Committee Report from Timberline

Trustee Nelsen felt that the meeting went well and that the District had the support for the levies from those in attendance.

The patrons conveyed their concern that the district needs to make sure to communicate the levies and the wording of the levies to the communities involved.

E. Discussion

Superintendent Vian showed a power point presentation of the conditions of some of our buildings. The power point also included tax increase projections for each of the levies.

The discussion focused on the heating systems at both Orofino Jr/Sr High School and Timberline Schools and the need for new, more efficient windows at Orofino Elementary School, Peck Elementary and Cavendish-Teakean Elementary School.

Grants for the projects are available, but the district would still be responsible for a significant amount of the upgrade costs.

There is the potential for significant savings to the District if these upgrades are made to our buildings.

Paul Bonner from ATS talked about some of problems his company found when inspecting our facilities. Some of those problems include our outdated heating systems and poor air quality in the schools.

Calvin Main, Head Custodian at Orofino Jr/Sr High School also told the Board and patrons about the deteriorating heating systems at both high schools and the fact that parts are not available for the outdated systems. When the last few working heating elements cease to function, the heaters will not be repairable.

The cost to the patrons for the Supplemental Levy will be approximately \$4.55 per \$1,000 of property value. The cost for the School Plant Facilities Levy will be approximately two tenths of one percent (1.9 cents per day or \$7 per year).

F. Public Comments

The patrons were given a chance to voice their opinions and to ask any question that they had.

G. Action Items

Superintendent Vian's recommendation to the Board is to ask the patrons to approve a two year, \$2,285,000 a year, supplemental levy (for a total of \$4,570,000) and a School Plant Facilities Levy of \$100,000 a year for ten (10) years.

1. Set the Maintenance and Operating Levy

Ms. Hardy made the motion - Whereas, in accordance with Section 33-802, Idaho Code, as amended, by the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 171, Clearwater, Lewis and Nez Perce Counties, Idaho, has determined there is a need for a Supplemental Levy

in the amount of \$2,285,000 per year for two fiscal years (total two year levy \$4,570,000) for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

2. Set School Plant Facility Levy

A motion to approve holding a School Plant Facility Levy in the amount of \$100,000 for ten (10) years was made by Mr. Nelsen, seconded by Mrs. Hardy and approved unanimously.

Kudos were given to Superintendent Vian for his continued efforts in upgrading and improving the conditions in our District.

H. Board Member Comments

Mr. Nelsen noted that the saving earned from the upgrades could be used for future upgrades/projects.

Ms. Hardy invited anyone with questions on the District's budget to contact her.

Mrs. O'Brien thanked Alyce Arnsberg for her input on the budget.

Mrs. Snyder noted that Superintendent Vian is very conscientious about the budget and that his first priority is the "Kids".

In response to Ms. Hardy's invitation to accept patron questions regarding the budget, Mrs. Snyder also invited the patrons to call the Administrative Office regarding budget questions.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk