

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Regular

DATE: March 16, 2015

TIME: 6:45 PM

SITE: Orofino High School

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson

Jerry Nelsen

Amy Jared

Dr. Charity Robinson

Danielle Hardy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Vian, Superintendent

Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Call to Order

Cindy O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

B. Roll Call

Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Amy Jared, Jerry Nelsen, Cindy O'Brien and Charity Robinson were in attendance. Danielle Hardy entered the meeting at 6:46 PM.

A motion to recess into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (c) to conduct deliberations concerning a labor negotiation was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn from executive session (at 6:50 PM) was made by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

Open session began at 7:00 PM

C. Flag Salute

Chairperson O'Brien led the flag salute.

D. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Payment of Bills

3. Financial Reports
 - a. Timberline
 - b. OJSHS
 - c. OES
4. Surplus
5. Resignations
 - a. Thomas Tall Bull
6. New Hires (contingent upon drug test and background check)
 - a. Laura MacManus (bus aide, replacement for aide promoted to driver)

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

F. Reports and Recognitions

1. Recognitions
 - a. Certified Employee of the Month

Erica Lingard's name was added to the drawing for Certified Employee of the Month. Erica's nomination read: "for coming in early, staying late, working on days off and being available to students, it is clear that student success is her priority."

Erica joins Bicker Therien and Denise Pomponio as nominees for employee of the month.

Bicker Therien was selected as March Certified Employee of the Month.

- b. Classified Staff of the Month

Ben Jenkins was nominated for Classified Staff Employee of the Month. Ben's nomination read: "Ben Jenkins does an outstanding job here on the transportation department. He handles difficult decisions with the students and the district in the forefront of his mind. He makes everything flow like oil at the bus garage, and he deals with a diverse range of bus drivers."

Ben joins Shelley McPherson as nominees for classified employee of the month.

Ben Jenkins was selected as March Classified Employee of the Month.

- c. Volunteer of the Month

We did not have a Volunteer of the Month for March.

2. Enrollment

District enrollment increased by 1 student from February's enrollment figures. Enrollment for March is 995 students. The District is down 8 students from March of 2014.

There are 84 students enrolled at the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy.

3. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

4. Building Reports – Reports were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

a. Carol Robinson Library Report

Mrs. Robinson gave a brief report on her trip to Chicago to attend the ALA Winter Conference. Twenty five members from seventeen states attended the conference.

Mrs. Robinson talked about equity between the libraries in our district. She would like to see \$25 per student per library per school allotted in our budget. This money would be spent by the individual librarians for items deemed necessary for their library.

- b. OES
- c. OJSHS
- d. Timberline
- e. IDYCA

5. Program Reports – Reports were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

- a. Special Education
- b. Technology
- c. Teacher Mentor
- d. Food Service
- e. Transportation
- f. Nurse

Superintendent Vian noted that there is potential for an outbreak of Chicken Pox within the District. One student from Orofino Elementary and one student from Timberline Schools may be infected with the virus. A positive confirmation of Chicken Pox for either student had not be determined by the time of this meeting.

- f. Superintendent

G. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

H. Old Business Discussion

1. Review the budget status for 2014-15 (paper handout)

A copy of the budget was scanned/e-mailed to each Board members prior to the meeting, allowing time for each member to review the budget. There were no questions about the printout.

2. Suicide Prevention Protocol (Raines and Johnson)

No discussion was held on this topic as it will require a change in Policy. Superintendent Vian will put the policy change (s) and new protocols in the April Board Packet.

I. Action Items

1. First Reading

a. Leave of Absences

Superintendent Vian changed the policy to reflect that employees will not be allowed take the first, second or last two weeks of school off without the Superintendent's approval. Staff **will not** be allowed to take Personal Leave on Staff Development days.

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5400 was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

2. Second Reading

a. Emergency School Closure

All employees will be treated alike. All employees will be paid for school closure days. If a make-up day is required, all employees will be required to work. Make-up days will not be necessary unless 2 ½ - 3 days are missed due to school closures.

A motion to approve (adopt) the second reading of Policy 5455 - Emergency School Closure was made by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

3. Superintendent's Contract 2015-16

A motion to approve the Superintendent's Contract for the 2015-16 school year was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

4. Budget Hearing/Adoption Schedule

Re-organization of the Board will be held at the July 20, 2015 board meeting.

The schedule for budget hearings meets state guidelines. Each meeting is scheduled seven days apart. Six days after the last budget hearing will be the May board meeting. The budget will be adopted at the June 15th board meeting.

A motion to approve the budget hearing schedule was made by Mr. Nelsen, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

5. Budget Change
 - a. Dual Credit Scholarship Fund

Superintendent Vian asked the Board to consider using district resources to help students pay for college credits. He hopes this will improve the chances of continuing with higher education.

Students who complete high school requirements by the end of their junior year can enter the “early completers program”. Students will be able to take up to 18 college credits per semester and live on campus, but still be enrolled in high school. On line dual credit classes can also be taken with this program.

The Fast Forward Program which costs \$200 for dual credit classes for juniors is also available. Students are required to pay 25% of the costs. Students can take up to 18 credits.

Superintendent Vian would like to amend the budget by taking \$7,500 from unallocated funds from the IDYCA program to help pay for these classes for the 2014-15 school year. He would also like to add \$15,000 to the 2015-16 school year budget to continue the process.

Mrs. Jared suggested running this as a “pilot program” and on a year to year basis-funds permitting.

A motion to change the 2014-15 budget – designate \$7,500 from non-allocated funds from the IDYCA program and allow the Superintendent to put \$15,000 into next year’s budget was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

5. Sale of Pierce Bus Parking Lot

Superintendent Vian included procedures to sell the Pierce bus parking lot in the board’s monthly packet. The lot will need to be appraised before the property can be sold.

A motion to proceed with the sale of the Pierce bus parking lot was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

J. Board Member Comments

Both Ms. Hardy and Mrs. O'Brien thanked Carol Robinson for her presentation. Ms. Hardy also commented that she was glad Mr. Vian was going to be in the District for another year.

Mr. Nelsen thanked Orofino Jr/Sr High School Principal Dan Hull for his help with the "Legends of the Game Presentation".

Mr. Hull thanked Mr. Nelsen for letting him be a part of such a great experience.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Board Chairperson

Attest:

Clerk

