

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Special
DATE: April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:00 PM
SITE: Orofino High School
Room #2

MEMBERS PRESENT
Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson
Jerry Nelsen
Charity Robinson
Amy Jared
Danielle Hardy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Vian, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

Cindy O'Brien-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, and Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Cindy O'Brien, Jerry Nelsen, Danielle Hardy and Amy Jared (via telephone speaker phone) were in attendance. Dr. Robinson entered the meeting at 1:02 PM

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien led the flag salute.

C. Discussion

Funding request from Orofino Jr/Sr High School students to enable them to attend "We the People" competition in Washington D.C.

Chairperson O'Brien removed herself from the discussion as she had a conflict of interest. Vice-Chairperson Nelsen conducted the discussion.

Mr. Nelsen asked the students how much money they had raised to date. Mrs. Danielson, advisor for the group, informed the Board that they currently had \$18,292. This amount is in addition to the \$5,000 the group had to submit to hold a place for them at the competition.

The Board then asked the group how much money they were requesting from the District. Mrs. Danielson asked for \$300 per student for a total of \$5,400.

Superintendent Vian asked the group for the total amount of money needed to fund the trip. The group needs an additional \$10,000 to fund the trip.

Dr. Robinson asked the group what their plans were if they were not able to raise enough money to take the trip. Mrs. Danielson told the Board that the students would get a loan to make up the difference. The students will be expected to conduct fundraisers to pay off the loan before they graduate.

Dr. Robinson asked the students what educational experiences they hoped to get from this trip. Besides civic education the students hope to visit several museums including the Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian Institute. The group also will be attending a mock congressional hearing.

Mr. Nelsen said he still has concerns. He would like to see a policy or procedure put in place for academic competition programs.

A motion to approve the \$5,400 for the students to attend the "We the People" competition was made by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Dr. Robinson.

Ms. Hardy told the Board and students that each Board member must do their "homework". They must review their monthly board packets before the meeting and ask any questions they may have before the meeting so an informative decision can be made.

Mr. Nelsen reiterated that he would like a policy or procedure in place that would address academic competition programs. The policy/procedure would allow the Board to look at each request on an individual basis and would be in place for academics only. Mr. Nelsen asked that a transcript of this request be in the Board minutes.

Mr. Nelsen asked the Board for a vote on the motion to approve the \$5,400 request. Mr. Nelsen, Ms. Hardy and Dr. Robinson voted in favor of the motion. Mrs. Jared voted against the motion. The motion carried.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM

Board Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk