

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Regular
DATE: April 21, 2014
TIME: 6:30 PM
SITE: Idaho National Guard Youth
Challenge Academy

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Vian, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A walk through of the Idaho National Guard Youth Challenge Academy took place before the start of the April board meeting. Student representatives from the Academy took the Board members and groups of patrons on a guided tour of the facility.

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, Amy Jared, Cindy O'Brien and Danielle Hardy were in attendance. Dr. Robinson entered the meeting at 7:14 PM.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

The Color Guard from the IDYCA presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

There was a request to add an action item to the Agenda. Mrs. Tetwiler would like to permission to take one student to perform as a soloist in a music contest in Boise. This overnight trip request would be added as item I6.

A motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Action Item I6 was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Payment of Bills
3. Surplus
 - a. Desk Top Printer
 - b. Wall mount folding lunch tables @ OES

4. Resignations
 - a. Bethany Colaprete – ½ time Counselor @ OES
 - b. Dorie Stacy (Student Council @ THS)
 - c. Chynna Freshour - PSR
5. New Hires (contingent upon drug testing and background check)
 - a. John Bower-Assist Baseball Coach @ THS (replaces Christopherson)
 - b. Jessica Nelson-Assist. Jr High Track @ THS (replaces Bower)
 - c. Billi Cooper – (Student Council THS replacement)

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

E. Reports and Recognitions

Superintendent Vian asked the Squadron Commander to dismiss the Cadets.

1. Recognitions
 - a. Certified and Classified Employee of the Month (Board)

Ms. Hardy recognized the certified employee chosen for the month of April. Receiving the honor for April was Linda Turrill from Timberline Schools.

Classified employee for the month of April went to Trina Snyder, Business Manager for the District.

A plaque which was presented by Timberline Principal Shaun Ball, was given to Cheryl Stenzel for being selected Volunteer of the Month for April.

2. Enrollment

District enrollment, without the IDYCA, stands at 1000 students for April, 2014.

Corrections to the information given to the Board should show that the District enrollment is down three (3) students from March, 2014 (1003) and down 8 students from March, 2013 (1008).

3. Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

4. Building Reports

Building Reports were provided to the Board in their monthly board packet.

OES – Shelley Brooks, Principal

SBAC testing for 3rd grade will be done on computers.

SBAC testing for 4th 5th and 6th grades will be done on chromebooks.

40 ELA students – need extended time.

PTSO funds are used for whatever the organization wants to utilize it for. Next year some of the funds will be used for Science on Wheels. Science on Wheels will be used in six classes. A Science Fair will also be held. Past PTSO funds have been used to purchase new lunch trays for the kitchen. PTSO funds have also been used toward expenses for field trips.

TS – Shaun Ball, Principal

SBAC testing has not started yet. Mr. Ball thanked Russell Miles for the great job he did in setting up the SBAC testing program and Mindy Pollock for the training she provided. Both individuals put in a lot of work.

OJSHS – Dan Hull, Principal

OJSHS saw increased attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences. Approximately 100-110 people attended. All teachers were in attendance as well.

An Orientation to Health Care will be given to all interested 7th and 8th graders.

5. Program Reports

Program Reports were also provided to the Board in their monthly board packet.

Transportation – Ben Jenkins, Director

The new buses have been ordered.

There have been lots of field trips.

Ben is trying to help Timberline Schools find funding for field trips without using district funds.

Special Education – Dr. Kerrie Raines, Director

Looking at meshing the Excent program into Power School for single entry capabilities.

SDE reviewed 6 files from the 2012-13 school year. These files were found to be 88.8% compliant. The District was given one year to make corrections to bring the six files to 100% compliance.

Food Service – Carmen Griffith, Director

Free and reduced numbers: TES is at 73%; TS is at 70% and the IDYCA is at 57%. Breakfast in the classroom is helping make the students more content.

IDYCA – Bicker Therien, Principal

The IDYCA started with 99 students. Currently there are 79 students on campus. Eight of these students should earn a high school diploma while at the Academy. “Study Island” is a program being used to accommodate students who did not pass the ISAT’s.

Eleven students will do the SBAC testing.

There were a few deficiencies in the initial Accreditation application. Those deficiencies will be corrected.

Star Rating – Alternative School students are given a six (6) year window instead of a four (4) year window.

Ms. Hardy would like to have a policy that would work with graduation requirements; ISAT and SBAC testing. She would like to find a way to get IDYCA students to TS to do their testing.

Presentation – Shaun Ball

Mr. Ball, TS Principal, gave a slide show presentation. Their motto is “Whatever It Takes”. The goal is to push kids to be successful in life. To look at a college career, be happy and have fun.

6. Superintendent’s Report – Robert Vian, Superintendent

The Idaho Law Conference will be held on April 28-29 in Boise.

Annette Haag was chosen as the Idaho Education Association “Member of the Year” by the state teacher’s union.

Last year the State Department of Education picked six files to examine for their compliance review. The files were 88.8 % complaint as sent. The district is given one year to make corrections to the files to bring them to 100% compliant. The State also pulled three additional files for each area of non-compliance to ensure the problem is not a system problem.

The State visited our District on April 11th to review the files that were to be corrected and to pull new files to review. The six files from last year were brought to 100% compliance for the 2012-13 school year.

A special board meeting will be held on May 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Administrative office to vote on a Resolution to approve filing a petition for judicial confirmation. The meeting must be held a minimum of fourteen days after tonight's meeting. If approved the next step is to ask the District Court for a hearing date.

The Head Start building should be going in any day as the foundations have been poured. The building will be painted, fenced and landscaping will be done this summer. After the building is in place the parking lot will be re-designed. The goal is to get the buses off of Brown Street and into a safer environment for the young students.

Work on next year's budget is ongoing. Department directors and principals have submitted requests for their departments or schools.

G. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

H. Old Business/Discussions

1. Judicial Confirmation Hearing

State Constitution says that "School Districts cannot borrow money". Schools must go through a certain process to receive funding. Permission to get funding to make necessary repairs to the buildings to make them useful can be granted by a Judge. Mr. Vian asked the Board, "Should the District go to a Judge to get permission to get the money to do repairs?"

Another option is to lease the equipment needed, to make the necessary repairs, for ten years. At the end of the ten years, the District will then be able to purchase the equipment for \$1.

Cheryl Stenzel asked if construction would begin before September, 2014.

The Board must consider their options for 14 days. After the 14 day period, the Board will meet to decide if they want to meet with a Judge or not. If the Board agrees to meet with a Judge, the District must prove that there is an emergency need for repairs for safety and operation of the buildings.

After the Judge has made his ruling, there will be a forty-two (42) day window for people to appeal the ruling.

Mr. Dave Daniels said "Why wait". He feels we should start now with the repairs. Timberline needs a new heating system and new windows.

I. Action Items

1. Calendar for 2014-15

A motion to approve Calendar A as presented to the Board was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

2. Second Reading of Policies:

- a. 3565 Termination of student driving privileges
- b. 5105 Certificated Personnel re-employment (corrected)
- c. 6400 Principal
- d. 7600 Financial Emergency
- e. 7600P Declaration of a Financial Emergency
- f. 7600 F1 Form to declare Financial Emergency
- g. 8550 Asbestos Program

Superintendent Vian recommended approving the above policies.

A motion to approve policies 5105; 6400; 7600; 7600P; 7600 F1; and 8550 was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

3. District and School Improvement Plans

“How to get kids engaged – problem solving”. Each school needs to devise “Smart Goal” plans for their building.

Ms. Hardy asked if the District needs to increase the amount of money available in the professional development budget.

Mr. Vian informed the Board that he is sending a group of twenty five people to the Spence Rogers training (PEAK) in October and another group will attend Idaho Leads. He feels that the District has the resources needed for training.

A motion to approve the District and School Improvement Plan was made by Mr. Nelsen, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

4. Bid for new bleachers at OES

Mrs. Brooks, Principal of Orofino Elementary School, said there are currently two sets of bleachers that were usable. Two other sets are hazardous and should not be used. The bleachers do not meet code and replacement pieces to repair the bleaches are not available. She also noted that there are no walkways or hand rails and there is a gap between the top of the bleachers and the wall.

The new bleachers are telescoping and meet code. They are also handicap accessible.

The existing storage closet will be removed to make room for the new bleachers. Items in the storage closet will now be stored on the stage.

Mr. Nelsen asked if the balcony seating was still useable. Mrs. Brooks said it was although the railing was an issue.

It was recommended that funding from the building fund (money from the sale of the old junior high building) would be used.

Norcon Industries, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona presented a bid for the bleacher replacement at OES. The bid amount is \$31,447.

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

5 Renew Contracts for current Certified Staff

One teacher has resigned/position will not be filled, one teacher will be moved from .75 to 1.0 FTE (elementary music), two category one teachers will be offered full time positions in SPED, all other certified staff will be offered new contracts for their current positions.

A motion to approve the contracts for current Certified Staff was made by Ms, Hardy, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

6. **Overnight Trip**

Mrs. Tetwiler, Music teacher, would like to take one student to Boise on May 2, 2014, to participate in the solo music competition.

A motion to approve the student/teacher overnight trip request was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Nelsen and approved unanimously.

J. Board Comments

Mrs. Jared wanted to say "Thank You" to Coach Bower.

Ms. Hardy gave thanks to both Bicker Therien and Shelley Brooks.

K. Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk