

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Regular
DATE: June 15, 2015
TIME: 7:00 PM
SITE: Timberline School

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

MEMBERS ABSENT
Jerry Nelsen

Robert Vian, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Call to Order

Cindy O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Roll Call

Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Amy Jared, Cindy O'Brien and Danielle Hardy were in attendance. Charity Robinson joined the meeting via Skype at 7:05 PM. Jerry Nelsen was absent.

C. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien led the flag salute.

D. Approval of Agenda

A motion to amend the agenda to hold an Executive Session was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

A motion to move into Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (a) to discuss a personnel issue, was made by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

Executive session began at 7:10 PM. Chairperson O'Brien recused herself because of a conflict of interest. Mrs. Jared took over the meeting during Chairperson O'Brien's absence.

A motion to adjourn from Executive Session was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

Open meeting began at 7:30 PM.

- 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. Doug South – VP/AD @ OJSHS
 - b. Mary Strong – Title Parapro @ TS
 - c. Mary Strong – Asst. Track Coach @ TS
 - d. Robbin Armstrong – Knowledge Bowl Coach @ OHS
 - e. Janice Hartig – National Honor Society Advisor @ TS
 6. New Hires
 - a. Rebecca Nemeth – THS Language Arts Teacher 1.0 FTE (replaces Strong)
 - b. Melina Johnson – OJHS Girls BB Coach (replaces K. Savage)
 - c. Allison Chatfield – OJHS Girls BB Coach (replaces H. Savage)
 - d. Pat Christopherson – THS Jr. High Football Coach (replacement)
 - e. Jeff Wright – VP/AD at OJSHS

Superintendent asked the Board to amend the Consent Agenda. He would like to add Jeff Wright as a new hire – VP/AD at Orofino Jr/Sr. High School. (Item 6e)

Chairperson O'Brien excused herself from voting on approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Jared took over for Mrs. O'Brien.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Jeff Wright was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

The Budget Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM was postponed until after approval of the agendas. Superintendent Vian gave a brief recap of the proposed budget.

A motion to approve the 2015-16 Budget as presented, was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

- F. Reports and Recognitions
1. Recognitions
 - a. Certified Staff of the Month
 - b. Classified Staff of the Month

We did not have nominations for either the Certified or Classified Staff this month.

- c. Volunteer of the Month

Kurt Savage was selected as Volunteer of the Month for managing the 2-A State Softball Tournament.

2. Enrollment

District enrollment is down 3 students from May 7, 2015. The District is down 18 students from June, 2014.

The Idaho Youth Challenge Academy is down to 81 Cadets.

3. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports this month but Superintendent Vian noted that he is forming a "Standing Committee" to review policies before they are sent to the Board for approval. Policies will be filtered through the ISBA.

4. Building Reports – Reports were included in the Board member packets.

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

5. Program Reports – Reports were included in the Board member packets.

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

Superintendent Vian noted that work for the Special Ed classroom will not be done as planned. There will be three (3) offices instead of six (6) and the handicap restroom and kitchen will not be installed/constructed at this time.

Mr. Vian also proposed hiring an attorney to represent the district in negotiations in the future. Mrs. O'Brien commented that she feels that hiring an attorney would make negotiations more objective – less personal. Ms. Hardy feels that hiring an attorney is a mistake. She said negotiations did get personal but shouldn't have.

Mr. Vian said he would check into the cost for hiring an attorney.

G. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

H. Old Business/Discussion

1. Board Work Calendar

The work calendar was given to the Board as a reminder of what needs to be done each month. Mr. Vian noted that the District needs to start planning for the Levy. He would like to run the levy for two years at the same dollar amount as we asked for previously.

Mrs. O'Brien said that the Board Self Evaluation was due and she would get it out to the members of the Board

2. Kaye Weller/Jim Gustin School Garden

Mrs. Weller said she would like to see the school garden recognized as a club with paid positions.

Mr. Gustin and Mrs. Weller want to build a 40'x40' green house in the fenced area by the programs office. They are asking to the Board to review their plans and be put on the agenda at a future date to ask for help in funding the project. Their hope is to have the green house up and operational in three years. Constructing the green house would be phase #1 of the project and would cost approximately \$75,000. Phase #2 is estimated to cost between \$10,000 and \$18,000, while phase #3 is basically fixing things up. The existing green house would be moved to the high school.

I. Action Items

1. Budget for 2015-16

This was approved earlier in the meeting.

2. Board Meeting Calendar for 2015-16

Superintendent Vian will re-print the Board Meeting Calendar after changing the location for the June meeting from Orofino High School to Timberline School. The Calendar will be the same as it was this year.

A motion to approve the 2015-16 School Board Calendar, with change, was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

3. Alternative License to teach Physics (Erica Lingard)

A motion to approve an Alternative License to teach Physics was made by Mrs. Jared, and seconded by Dr. Robinson.

Ms. Hardy questioned monitoring progression in teaching.

The motion carried.

4. First Reading
 - a. Student Athlete Drug Testing 3400
 - b. Extra-curricular Chemical Use Policy 3390
 - c. Participation Policy 3380

After a lengthy discussion, Superintendent Vian asked the Board to read and make suggestions to Policies 3400, 3490 and 3380 outside of the meeting. These three policies will be discussed at the next regular board meeting.

- d. Leave of Absence Policy 5400

Superintendent Vian would like the Board to approve the Leave of Absence Policy immediately. Changes to Policy 5400 include changing the wording to reflect that \$75 will be paid to “classified” employees for unused personal leave. \$90 will be paid to ‘certified” employees for unused personal leave, but the policy will not reflect the dollar amount for the certified staff.

A motion to approve Leave of Absence Policy 5400 with changes was made by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

5. Revise the District Calendar

A motion to approve the revised calendar for 2015-16 was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

6. Classified Salary Schedule
7. Substitute Salary Schedule
8. Administrative Salary Schedule

A motion to approve Action Item 6 – Classified Salary Schedule, Item 7 – Substitute Salary Schedule and Item 8 – Administrative Salary Schedule as presented, was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

- J. Board Member Comments

Cindy O’Brien reminded the other Board members and Superintendent Vian that she would not be at the July meeting. She also told the Board that she would not object to being nominated as the Chairman of the Board.

- K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Board Chairperson

Attest:

Clerk