

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Regular  
DATE: November 18, 2013  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
SITE: Cavendish Teakean Elementary

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Vian, Superintendent  
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

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

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Shelby Donovan, Cavendish Teakean Elementary student led the flag salute.

C. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

D. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda with highlighted changes was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Payment of Bills
3. Surplus
4. Resignations with changes since original agenda was posted
  - a. Kathy Hanson (1.0 FTE Programs)
  - b. Kathy Hickman (.5 FTE Sec. TS)
  - c. Jessica Nelson (1.0 FTE Aide TS)
  - d. Pat Christopherson (Asst. FB and Baseball at TS)

5. New Hires (contingent upon drug test and background check)
  - a. Mary Strong - .5 FTE TES Aide (Gen. Fund-New)
  - b. Jessica Nelson - .5 FTE Sec. TS (replacement)
  - c. Mayze Daniels - .5 FTE OES Aide (Gen. Fund new)
  - d. Bruce McCormick – 1.0 FTE TS Aide (Medicaid)
  - e. Chyanna Freshour – (.5 FTE PSR OHS)

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

F. Reports and Recognitions

1. Recognitions
  - a. Certified and Classified Employee of the Month (Chairman O'Brien)

Mrs. O'Brien presented Excellence Awards for October to a certified and classified employee.

Tama Naden was selected as October Employee of the Month for the certified staff and Theron Bruce was selected as October Employee of the Month for the classified staff.

Other nominees for the certified recognition were Sharon Meador, Val Armichardy, Doreen Schmidt, Jim Gustin, Dan Hull and Annette Haag.

Classified staff who were nominated include Shelly McPherson, Patty Grimm, Marcie Bonner, Minnie West and Onalee Hill.

- b. Volunteer of the Month (Chairman O'Brien)

A volunteer was not recognized this month.

2. Enrollment

Enrollment numbers are staying up. We are currently up eighteen (18) students over this time last year. (6<sup>th</sup> grade students were added to the Junior High at Timberline ) The District currently has 1024 students enrolled.

3. Committee Reports

The Nutrition and Wellness Committee is meeting once again. The Committee has begun working through Board Policy – 8000 Section. The Committee is working to reflect current law and remove redundant phrases. The Committee will bring their recommendations to the Board in February.

#### 4. Building Reports

Written building reports were submitted to the Board in their monthly board packet.

Trustee Hardy asked Mrs. Pollock to look into setting up the Board members so they could access School Net.

Trustee Hardy ask Mr. Hull what he has been working on during staff development. Mr. Hull informed Trustee Hardy that he is focusing on accreditation.

Trustee Nelsen asked Mr. Hull how the Learning Lunch Program was working. Mr. Hull said this was a “good program” and that the program was working. He said they were making it harder for a student to fail then to pass.

Trustees O’Brien and Robinson both approve of the idea of a school wide phone system.

#### 5. Program Reports

Superintendent Vian thanked Russ Miles, Technology Director for his time and effort in obtaining \$115,000 worth of free technology equipment. This equipment is made available through the “Computer for Learning Program” started by President Bush.

Cassidy Lustig, a student from Cavendish Teakean Elementary, gave a presentation to the Board and patrons on the Kahn Academy.

#### 6. Superintendent’s Report

Two diseased trees were removed at OES. One of the trees broke during a wind storm and alerted us to the problem. While the tree service was available, Mr. Vian had them trim a large Ash tree and had two locust trees removed from the softball/Head Start area for safety reasons.

Mr. Vian has signed a Food Service Contract with NGYCS. We will employ six people to supply three meal and two snacks per day as required in the agreement. Mrs. Griffith, Food Service Director, will oversee the operation. The contract base is for \$218,000 for the session that begins in January and runs through June, 2014.

Our three Administrators and the Special Ed Director attended four days of training sponsored by the SDE on the evaluation of teachers using the Charlotte Danielson Model. This training, which will be required in the future, will provide the district with a unified vision of how teachers across the district should be evaluated. The group has two more days of training.

A firm has been hired to conduct a telephone survey regarding the possibility of placing a M & O Levy and a Facility Plant Levy on the same ballot in March.

The State Department of Education has accepted the District's Improvement Plan for 2013-14. The plan was rated as "exceptional" for the two categories within School Leadership and Decision Making. Our plan was also rated Exceptional and Acceptable for Curriculum, Assessment and instructional Planning. The acceptable rating was due to not listing enough "indicators."

G. Public Comments

Dean Gimmestad thanked Lonnie Simpson and the Lansings for the gravel that was donated and spread around the parking lot and access area to the propane tank.

Mr. Gimmestad also thanked Superintendent Vian for the new heating system at the Cavendish School and Jenine Nord, Head Teacher at Cavendish School for volunteering her time to do painting at the school.

H. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

I. Discussion

1. Maintenance and Operating Levy

Superintendent Vian discussed running the M & O Levy on March 18, 2014. He noted that the amount of the levy would remain the same as it currently is. He is also asking the Board/Patrons to approve making it a two year levy. By making it a two year levy we would save the expense/time of running one election and the District would know up front where it stands financially.

2. Facilities Levy

Superintendent Vian would also like to run a facilities levy at the same time as the M & O Levy. The money raised from the facility levy would be used to upgrade the buildings – new windows, heating systems, etc. This levy would provide \$100,000 per year for ten years. With passage of the levy, the District would be able to borrow against the \$1 million dollars to use for building upgrades. A approval rate of 55% is need to pass the levy.

At a rate of 2 tenths of a percent increase, the cost to a home owner for property assessed at \$45,000 (after home owners exemption) would be an increase of approximately \$9 per year.

- J. Action Items
  - 1. Second Reading Board Policy
    - a. Policy 8605 Retention of Records

A motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy 8605 – Retention of Records was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved unanimously.

K. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Jared – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She said it was refreshing to come to Cavendish and was fun to get to watch the kids.

Mr. Nelsen – ISBA Convention was a great conference. Great learning opportunity.

Dr. Robinson – Impressed will all staff utilizing resources that is available for our kids.

Chairman O'Brien – People are often gracious. They are excited about what kids have and what they are going to be getting.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk