

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Special

DATE: October 10, 2011

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

SITE: District Office

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson
Theresa Graber, Vice Chairperson
Amy Jared
Alyce Arnsberg
Danielle Hardy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Durkee, Superintendent
Trina Snyder, Clerk
Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk

A. Roll Call

Ms. O'Brien opened the meeting and Trina Snyder, Clerk, called the roll of members: Danielle Hardy, Alyce Arnsberg, Cindy O'Brien, Theresa Graber and Amy Jared were in attendance.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute.

Chairperson O'Brien led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Arnsberg, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously to move Public Comments to after item F. Action Items.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of B.3. Trina Snyder's resignation as Board Clerk

3. Trina Snyder's resignation as Board Clerk

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously to accept Trina Snyder's resignation as Board Clerk..

Ms. Graber and Mrs. Jared added that this would be a huge loss to the Board and that they appreciated working with Mrs. Snyder.

Mr. Durkee will add filling this position on the next board agenda and will make a recommendation at that time.

Mrs. Snyder left the meeting and Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk, took the minutes for the rest of the board meeting.

B. Public Comments

This item was moved to follow F. Action Items

C. Board Work Session

1. Board Training: Open Meeting Laws, Board Roles

Jim McNall, ICRMP presented an “overview” of Open Meeting Laws and the Roles of Board Members. Mr. McNall extended an invitation to the board to host a regional board training workshop. This workshop would cover open meeting laws, conflict of interest, public records, etc. He will notify Mr. Durkee of possible dates to have this workshop.

D. Executive Session

1. Consider evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student {IC 67-2345(b)}
2. To communicate with legal counsel to discuss legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated...{IC 67-2345(f)}
3. To engage in communications with a representative of the public agency’s risk management or insurance provider...{IC 67-2345(i)}

Ms. O’Brien asked for a motion to recess into executive session. Mrs. Jared made a motion, seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously to enter into executive session and a roll call was taken:

Danielle Hardy	Yes
Alyce Arnsberg	Yes
Cindy O’Brien	Yes
Theresa Graber	Yes
Amy Jared	Yes

A vote being counted and not less than two-thirds of the Trustees having voted in favor of motion, the Chairperson declared the meeting into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bret Walther, Attorney for the Idaho School Boards Association gave a presentation on the above three items.

Open session was declared at 8:05 p.m.

E. Action Items

1. Strategic Planning

Ms. O'Brien would like to discuss "What is a Strategic Plan"?

Mr. Durkee made a request to the Board. "What do you want to obtain as the end result for the Strategic Planning Committee"? "What are we after"?

Ms. O'Brien would like to develop a "Vision" for the district. This Vision would be a precursor to the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Arnsberg gave each member a handout of the steps she'd like to take and the goals she is reaching for. She wants to focus on what's needed for the future - get ahead of the game.

Mrs. Jared asked when the plan was to be in place.

Ms. Arnsberg said there was no time line, some things will fall into place, others will not.

The Board asked what role the SDE has in providing technology to districts? They feel that the first step is to develop a plan on how to equip each classroom for any technology changes. Examples of that would include updating classrooms with adequate electrical capabilities.

Ms. Graber suggested starting by looking at Superintendent Luna's whole plan. What are our needs? Pull all players together to develop a strategic plan.

Ms. Arnsberg would like to bring in any/all interested patrons. She says the first thing they need as a group is to know where they are going. Set up a strategic planning committee similar to the Plus 5 Community. Ask each of the different community groups to participate. Set a Vision for the District.

Ms. O'Brien feels that more information on how to plan a Vision is needed before making a committee. As the Board will be attending the ISBA Convention, she would like the members to attend the Strategic Planning workshop. Upon returning from the convention ask the community for public input, support and participation.

Mrs. Jared is looking into finding a place for the board members to meet to hold a work session while at the ISBA Convention.

The Board would like Mr. Durkee to put an article in the local newspaper regarding the the Strategic Plan and the Boards plans on attending a Strategic Plan workshop at the ISBA Convention. The Board would like to identify their Vision and the process to follow along with receiving public input on their return from the convention.

Ms. Hardy wants to set up e-mail accounts for all interested persons, so updates can be sent electronically. She feels this would be the fastest and most economical way to send out information to the public.

Mrs. Jared suggested that those patrons who attend the meetings sign up if they want to be contacted from here or not.

C. Public Comments

There were no comments at this time.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Graber to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk