

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Special
DATE: February 6, 2012
TIME: 6:30 PM
SITE: Orofino High School Library

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Durkee, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Amy Jared, Danielle Hardy, Alyce Arnsberg and Cindy O'Brien were in attendance. Theresa Graber entered the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Arnsberg and approved unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

D. Action Items

1. Strategic Plan

Mrs. O'Brien began the meeting by giving the stakeholders an explanation of the purpose for the meeting. The intent of this meeting is to give information on the Strategic planning process and to establish advisory committees to assist with the developing goals and ways to achieve those goals. Included in those goals are four areas: a) Facilities; b) State Mandates; c) Finances and d) Student Learning Environment.

Mrs. O'Brien then gave each stakeholder a handout which asked two questions:

1. What do YOU appreciate about our district?
2. What do YOU think are the characteristics of a model school district?

Mrs. O'Brien asked those in attendance to think about the questions and how they would answer them for a discussion later in the meeting.

Each of the five board members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their zone.

Mrs. Arnsberg gave a power point presentation on the purpose of a Strategic Plan. The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to inspire change and revisions in services, to clearly define the criteria for achieving success, assist in daily decision making and provide accountability.

In order to achieve these goals the district must set clear expectations such as creating conditions for success and hold the system accountable.

Mrs. Arnsberg's presentation showed seven steps to become a 21st Century School or District. To accomplish this the school or district must fuse the 3R's with the 4C's.

The four C's are: Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity.

The seven steps shown in Mrs. Arnsberg's power point are:

1. Adopt Your Vision
2. Create Community Consensus around the 4Cs
3. Align Your System to the 4Cs
4. Use the 4Cs to Build Professional Capacity
5. Embed the 4Cs in Curriculum and Assessment
6. Use the 4Cs to Support Teachers
7. Improve and Innovate: Create a 4Cs Organization

In order to incorporate the Strategic Plan into every board meeting the school board would need community involvement through surveys, public input and via the district website.

Mrs. O'Brien presented the draft of the district's Strategic Plan outline which includes the Mission, Motto, Vision and Goals for the district.

Comments/Questions from Stakeholders:

Dr. Doug Gray - Where is the district with technology in schools?

Dr. Doug Gray - On Line Courses: Are we using them? What other school districts are?

Dr. Doug Gray - Where do sports fit in with the Strategic Plan?

Mr. Durkee informed the group that we currently have students enrolled in IDLA classes and offer two on-line classes between OHS and TS. The State is mandating that two on-line classes will be needed in order to graduate.

Bob Reggear - Need to address maintenance of our facilities.

Galen Kuykendall - Extra curricular has to be included in the whole Strategic Plan.

Dean Gimmestad - This is the largest group of people at a school board meeting since the discussion on sex education. What can the board do to get these people to come to future meetings?

Danielle Hardy - Finances Ms. Hardy wants a process in place so things are always moving along. "Data Driven" information.

Alyce Arnsberg - No need to re-invent the wheel. Get information off web sites and come prepared with actual concrete ideas.

Sandra Goffinet - Contact Joy Rapp of the Lewiston School District for back issues on information they have printed in the Lewiston Tribune.

Cindy O'Brien - Would like to present guidelines for the four committees at the February 27, 2012 regular board meeting with balanced representation for all areas.

Theresa Graber - Supported Trina Snyder, Business Manger for the information she provides on the "projected" budgets. Final figures are not back in time from the state to help in the process of setting our annual M/O levy.

Bob Reggear - He says we must look at past history to see where we are over, under, etc.

Theresa Graber - Without Mrs. Snyder in attendance the Board does not get the flow of information as was provided in the past.

John Schwartz - The board is re-active and it's getting worse. The board doesn't do anything until something happens. The board does not get information out until decisions need to be made. His advise is to start now for this year - plan for immediate needs.

Alyce Arnsberg - Have concrete ideas in place. She agrees with John Schwartz in that we need to get priorities in place this year, with specific objectives for what is needed next year and set priorities to set the budget.

Dr. McGrath - Cultural Change - will be very difficult work.

Alyce Arnsberg - Cultural Change is part of the supportive learning environment.

Cindy O'Brien - We need to set another meeting to see which areas the stakeholders are interested in, set up groups and do an overview of finances.

A special board meeting, to continue work on the Strategic Plan, has been set for March 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the library at Orofino High School, contingent on the location being available for use. At this meeting the statements for the Mission, Vision, Motto and Goals will be discussed. The stakeholders will break up into committees and decide the direction we need to go.

2. Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Durkee submitted his letter of resignation to the board effective June 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Hardy and a roll call was taken to accept Mr. Durkee's resignation effective June 30, 2012.

Cindy - aye
Theresa - aye
Alyce - aye
Amy - aye
Danielle - aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jared thanked Mr. Durkee for his years of service to Joint School District No. 171. Mrs. Graber also thanked him and wished him all the best.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson

Attest:

Janice Sutton, Clerk