

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Regular

DATE: April 23, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM

SITE: Timberline Schools

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Danielle Hardy

Dale Durkee, Superintendent  
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:50 P.M. and Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Theresa Graber (the first to arrive), Cindy O'Brien, Amy Jared, and Alyce Arnsberg were in attendance. Danielle Hardy was absent.

B. Executive Session

A motion to recess into executive session to consider the evaluation, dismissal or discipline of a staff member per IC 67-2345(b) was made by Mrs. Jared. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously.

Angie Baldus, OES Principal entered executive session at 6:50 PM and exited the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Open session was declared at 7:05 PM

C. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Arnsberg asked to amend the agenda by adding Action Item E - Place a Teacher on Probation.

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item E was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously.

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Payment of Bills
3. Surplus
4. Resignation
  - a. Pat Rayner, TS Head Secretary (as of end of school year)
  - b. Cheryl Stenzel, TS Library Aide (as of end of school year)
  - c. Lucas Tilley, TS Teacher (as of end of school year)
  - d. Melanie Barrett, OES Food Server
  - e. Lon Blades, Transportation Supervisor (as of August 31, 2012)
  - f. Shannon Poppe, TS Teacher (as of end of school year)
5. New Hires (contingent upon drug test and background check)
  1. Tony Snyder, OHS Track Coach Assistant
  2. Josh Jones, OJH Track Coach Assistant
  3. John Curtis, Bus Driver
  4. Dianne Cochran, PSR Worker

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimous.

E. Reports and Recognitions

1. Enrollment

Mr. Durkee gave the enrollment figures for April, 2012. As of April 9, 2012 the district enrollment was 1,010. That number remains the same as last month, but is down 47 students from April, 2011.

2. Avista Energy Efficiency Rebate, \$500 - Carmen Griffith

An incentive check in the amount of \$500 was given for installing energy efficient food service equipment (a warmer) at Timberline Schools.

3. District Innovation Mini-Grant Awards

\$1,000 Innovation Mini-Grants have been awarded to thirteen (13) certified staff members. These mini-grants which target ways to improve student learning are funded through the District's Title II allocation. Recipients of the grants are: Valerie Armichardy, Cindy Beck, Katie Bird, Elaine Cook, Sharon Deitrick, Michelle George, Tammy Gilmer, Sandra Goffinet, Jim Gustin, Cathy Moore, Peggy Polito, Carol Robinson and Vicky Stewart.

4. Clearwater Realty - \$640 Donation

Clearwater Realty donated \$640 from the sale of the Weippe Elementary School back to the District.

5. Clearwater Substance Abuse Task Force Board of Directors Vacancy

CSAW is looking for a school representative to serve on their Board of Directors. Interested persons should contact Superintendent Durkee.

6. Supplemental Levy

May 15, 2012 is the date set for the Supplemental Levy election. The Board set the supplemental levy amount at \$1,940,000.00, the same amount as last year.

Mrs. Arnsberg asked that the District makes sure that the information from the County is correct.

7. Building and Program Reports

**Angie Baldus - Orofino Elementary School**

OES is currently doing their ISAT testing. The staff was told that they could “not dip” (have scores dip), so to keep staff motivation up they made various kinds of dips such as bean dips, chip dips, etc,. Tickets are being given to students who improve their scores over last year’s scores. The ticket earns the student a prize.

**Jenine Nord - Cavendish/Teakean Elementary**

Cavendish is also in the process of ISAT testing. Mrs. Nord gave kudos to the technology department for keeping everything running properly.

Dworshak Fisheries donated salmon to the school for dissecting.

**Bob Alverson - Orofino Jr/Sr High School**

Began ISAT testing last week. Home School students are also taking part in the testing. Mr. Alverson invited the patrons to come look and see the work done in the gymnasium. OJSHS is once again hosting the State Baseball Tournament. They are sprucing up the facilities by painting the score board, dug outs, fronts of the step/seats and handrails. SAT’s were completed last week.

Keith Brink is applying for a grant from Dworkshak Rec to redo the gym floor.

**Bob Vian - Timberline Schools**

ISAT scores are doing very well. Secondary students, except 7<sup>th</sup> graders, have completed the testing

Mrs. Stenzel reported that 5422 books were checked out of the library in March.

TS has applied for grants from the Nez Perce Tribe (\$5,000) and Weippe/Pierce.

Chamber of Commerce (\$1,000).

Baseball and Softball teams are still winless, but still playing and having fun.

### **Carmen Griffith - Food Service**

Free and Reduced lunches served this year are at 44.95%, compared to 55.93% last year. Overall, 39% of students participate in the breakfast program, and 61% participate in the lunch program.

Carmen is working to get the summer foods program up and running. She has workers lined up.

A training workshop, focusing on how to implement the new guidelines that will be in place by July 1, 2012, will be held in Orofino, mid-May.

### **George Clark - Technology**

Mr. Clark was asked to develop a district blog/wiki site. This website is up and ready to go. (<http://sd171blogs.net/>) This site works inside and outside the school district network.

Mr. Clark is working on increasing the bandwidth at Peck and Timberline Schools. He is also working on network re-configuration and upgrades. 30 i-Pads, 33 new laptops, 27 Elmos and 1 projector were purchased for the district. Mr. Clark gave kudos to Ms. Baldus and Vicky Stewart for their help in setting up the i-Pads.

#### **F. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **G. Action Items**

1. Timberline Schools Wastewater Project - Terry Nab of Progressive Engineering Group, Inc.

Terry Nab and assistants from Progressive Engineering gave a brief update on the wastewater project at Timberline Schools. Mr. Napp said that after making a few minor revisions, Progressive Engineering will submit the plans to the State of Idaho and the Department of Health and Welfare for approval.

Progressive Engineering would like to advertise the project for public bid this week. We will accept bids to be opened at 4:00 PM on May 21, 2012 and a contractor approved at a special meeting to be held at 5:30 PM. Progressive Engineering will award the bid, but construction can not begin until approved by the State. They hope to begin construction in early June with completion that end of July.

b. Timberline Schools Principal

Superintendent Durkee recommends that the vacancy for Timberline Schools Principal be advertised as a full-time position.

Mrs. Jared made a motion to advertise (as soon as possible) the vacancy for a full time Principal at Timberline Schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graber and approved unanimously.

c. Special Education Director

The Superintendent recommends leaving the Special Education Director's position at .5 FTE for the 2012-13 school year. If the Vice Principal at OJSHS becomes open, then he recommends combining the .5 FTE Special Ed Director with a .5 FTE Vice Principal position. By combining the two positions we would be able to keep the Special Ed Director in district each of the 4 working days per week.

The technology support person at Timberline Schools resigned his position. We need to advertise for the position. It was recommended that the position be advertised as 4/7 technology teaching position w/technology aide attached.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared to advertise for a 4/7 technology teacher with technology aide duties attached to the position. Ms. Graber seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Conversation centered around the possibility of moving the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to OJSHS for the 2012-13 school year. Ideas/Plans are being explored on getting the junior high back as one unit. The principal, counselor and others are juggling ideas to make everything fit. Mr. Alverson, Principal at OJSHS wants to run the junior high as a junior high and the high school as a high school.

The Board gave it's approval to proceed. The Board wants staff input on working through all possible scenarios. The Board also want to go public with the plans before making their final decision.

4. Place a Teacher on Probation

A motion to place a teacher on probation per the Superintendent's suggestion was made by Ms. Graber, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien and approved unanimously.

H. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Arnsberg questioned replacing teachers in Orofino.

With the reduction in money we will receive and the loss of the Jobs Ed Money, we are looking at a reduction in funding. Recommendations for staffing will be given to the board as soon as possible.

I. Executive Session (if needed)

An Executive Session was not needed.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

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Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson

Attest:

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Janice Sutton, Clerk