

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING: Special
DATE: May 7, 2012
TIME: 6:30 PM
SITE: Orofino High School Library

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

MEMBERS ABSENT
Amy Jared

Dale Durkee, Superintendent
Janice Sutton, Clerk

A. Roll Call

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M, and Janice Sutton, Clerk, called the roll of members: Theresa Graber, Cindy O'Brien, Danielle Hardy were in attendance. Alyce Arnsberg entered the meeting at 6:33 PM. Amy Jared was absent.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Cindy O'Brien led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Public Comments

There were no comments at this time.

B. Action Items

1. Resignations:

- a. Dr. Carl Morgan, Special Education Director (effective at end of school year)

A motion to approve Dr. Carl Morgan's resignation, effective at the end of the school year, was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously.

2. Administrative Staffing for 2012-13

A motion to hire a full time Special Education Director was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Arnsberg and approved unanimously. Mrs. Graber abstained.

Ms. Hardy wanted to know who we advertise through. Superintendent Durkee suggested that she call Mrs. McIntosh to get those details.

2. Strategic Planning Session

Sandra Goffinet would like to change some of the headings that are currently listed on the District's mission statement page. Mrs. Goffinet would like to move away from using "State Mandates" as a heading. She would like to see our district incorporate the headings used in the Moscow School District's Strategic Plan. She wants to amend the structure of our mission statement/plan so it does not become stagnant. She feels the plan needs to be re-structured each year.

Mrs. O'Brien said the goal is to succeed and lead.

Mr. Reggear thinks the finances and facilities should go hand in hand.

Mr. Reggear also wants the committees to become educated - get the knowledge on how to get funding for facilities.

Mrs. Arnsberg wants to keep physical plant issues separate from the learning environment.

Mrs. Goffinet feels we need more focus on core curriculum.

Mrs. Arnsberg does not want to have too many focus areas. She would like to keep special services and learning environment together. She would like to remove items A & F from the Learning Environment Focus Area and add it to Facilities.

Mrs. Arnsberg made a motion to amend the goal areas of the Strategic Plan to:

1. Communication
2. Student Achievement
 - a. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment
 - b. Special Services
 - c. Technology
 - d. Learning Environment
3. Business & Operations (Finance)
4. Facilities

The motion was seconded by Ms. Hardy and approved unanimously.

Mrs. O'Brien gave a brief summary of the Facility Committee findings. The group recently toured the district's facilities.

Michelle George mentioned that with House Bill 633, if a district runs a bond levy and the levy fails twice, a district may be able to get money from the State for safety issues.

Mr. Vian asked Mr. Reggear what he thought our chances were of passing a levy to get our buildings in shape?

Mr. Reggear thought chances were good. He said that communication is very important. He feels the district needs to put dollar amounts to what is really wrong and inform the public what the cost would be to fix the problems. He feels we should run the levy for enough money to do the repairs for the entire district - not piece meal it. If we address just the issues that are most important, he feels we have a pretty good chance of getting the levy passed.

Mr. Reggear gave a brief update on the finance committee.

Mrs. Goffinet is going to draw up an outline for the three committees to complete. The committees will draft their ideas on the outline and present them to the Board at the June School Board Meeting.

Mrs. Arnsberg would like to look at the budget planning/staffing. (Just Salaries).

A budget work session/public meeting will be held between May 16 and June 7, 2012. Discussion will also be held regarding the movement of the seventh grades from OES to OJSHS. The time and date will be set at the May 16th regular board meeting.

There will be a Negotiations meeting at 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 10, 2012 in the Library at Orofino Jr/Sr High School.

Mr. Vain reminded the board that they need to remain impartial when dealing with employee issues. The board members are the judges when issues come before them.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Cindy O'Brien, Chairperson

Attest:

Janice Sutton, Clerk