

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

**MINUTES**

MEETING:	Regular	MEMBERS PRESENT
DATE:	September 20, 2010	Don Ebert, Chairperson
TIME:	7:00 p.m.	Theresa Graber, Vice Chairperson
SITE:	Timberline Schools	Amy Jared
		John Schwartz
		Alyce Arnsberg
		MEMBERS ABSENT

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Dale Durkee, Superintendent  
Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk

A. Roll Call

Mr. Ebert opened the meeting and Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk, called the roll of members: Amy Jared, John Schwartz, Don Ebert, Alyce Arnsberg and Theresa Graber were in attendance.

B. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute.

Chairperson Ebert led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Durkee asked the board to add Tory Howard as agenda item 1B under Action Items. Mrs. Arnsberg made a motion to add Bob Reggear to the agenda under Reports & Recognitions, item #7. Mrs. Arnsberg also made a motion to move Action Item #6 Facility Plans - Next Step from Action Items to Reports & Recognitions #7.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arnsberg, seconded by Mrs. Graber. Mr. Ebert asked for a call of the members: Amy, Yes; John, No; Don, No, Alyce, Yes; Theresa Graber, Yes. Motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Arnsberg, seconded by Mrs. Graber, and approved unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

D. Reports and Recognitions

1. September Enrollment

The September Enrollment of 1,118 students is down 10 students from August 2010 and down 39 students from the September 2009 numbers.

Mr. Durkee noted that the September 2010 numbers are more accurate than those from August. Mr. Durkee went over the spreadsheet regarding enrollment numbers with the Board, noting that the pre-school numbers will change throughout the year. He also noted the number of students currently enrolled at each location, and the changes from last year.

2. Regional Meeting on Common Core State Standards - LCSC, 9/23/10, 6-8 PM

The Idaho State Department of Education is working with 47 other states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia to develop common core standards in Math and English Language Arts. These proposed standards have been initially approved by the Idaho State Board of Education and are now available for public comment. The standards will go back before the State Board of Education for approval in November.

There will be a public hearing on Thursday, September 23 from 6:00-8:00 PM at LCSC Sacajawa 12. Mr. Durkee encouraged patrons to attend the meeting and add their comments.

3. 2010 Teaching American History Grant - Pam Danielson and Shannon Poppe

This grant provides three years of training, teaching materials and stipends for Idaho history teachers. Pam Danielson and Shannon Poppe will participate in the project.

4. Framework for Understanding Poverty In-service - October 7 & 8

This year the District is sponsoring a workshop on Understanding Poverty. This two day workshop will be held on October 7-8 and is designed for educators at all levels. It provides practical, real world support and guidance for overcoming barriers and helping others succeed.

October 7th's topic will be "A Framework for Understanding Poverty". October 8th's workshop will provide hands-on techniques that will help teachers narrow and eliminate the achievement gap for all students, especially under-resourced students.

Mr. Durkee and Mrs. Baldus, OES Principal, have extended an invitation to the Board and the public to attend the workshops.

## 5. Education Job Funds

Of the \$51.6 million the State of Idaho will receive, Joint School District No. 171 expects to receive \$267,012. This money will be used to support education jobs through the Education Jobs Funds. The Governor and Superintendent of Public Education have encouraged districts to use this funding effectively and efficiently to re-hire classroom teachers and to restore classroom time.

Mr. Durkee recommended to delay action on this item until the Education Job Guidelines and the money have been received. He also noted that ARRA Title 1 and ARRA Title VI funds will expire this year and that none of those funding sources have been re-authorized.

Mr. Durkee noted that he has received various recommendations from staff members on how the money should be used.

Mr. Ebert asked Mr. Durkee to encourage others for their input, suggestions and concerns on how they feel the money should be spent.

Mr. Durkee will have the Education job guidelines and a recommendation to the Board at the October board meeting.

## 6. Building and Programs Reports

Building administrators and program directors gave reports on their building and activities. Cavendish has 18 students, 5 parent volunteers. Donna Curfman is a new employee. Currently teaching Self Esteem, Self Initiation and Critical Thinking.

Peck has 23 students. This is the first year that they are serving hot lunch and have 100% participation. They are focusing on "tolerance and respect".

Orofino Elementary is experiencing new challenges with the addition of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Orofino Jr./Sr. High School is a "unified" school. All activities are being held at OHS. Power School is working fairly well. The Volleyball team is currently undefeated. OHS received a letter for Superintendent of Schools, Tom Luna congratulating them on making AYP last year.

Timberline Schools currently has 230 students enrolled. That is up 2 students from last year. They no longer have a varsity football team - only have a JV team. Timberline now has a mobile computer lab up and running. IDLA can now use the classroom computer lab. Fifty students are enrolled in IDLA. Timberline Schools have received the fruit and vegetable grant for the third year.

Food Service Program is feeding 57% free and reduced students. This summer, food service provided 1,894 breakfasts and 3,994 lunches to students - no adults were fed. Peck Elementary is feeding 100% of their students hot lunch.

A new newsletter, "Nutrition Nuggets", is being sent out to elementary parents once a month this year.

Technology - Power School is in the finishing stages. Lightspeed can differentiate between teacher and student users. A mobile lab will be up and running at Orofino Jr/Sr. High School within a week or two.

Special Services is growing with a current count of 146 students. Twenty four students with IEP's have transferred into the district. We currently have on-site PT and OT services.

E. Public Comments

Mr. Bob Reggear would like the board to allow patrons a brief comment time before a vote is taken. He feels that if patrons are allowed more time to share their thoughts/concerns, they would be more likely to attend meetings.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Reggear for his comments and said that it was worthy of consideration. Mr. Ebert agreed with Mr. Schwartz. Mrs. Arnsberg also thought it was a good idea.

The Board would like to give the patrons a brief comment time at board meetings for several months to see how it works. If need be, Mr. Durkee will look at the policy and see what policy changes would need to be made.

**The Board** decided to discuss early graduation requests before continuing with the Reports and Recognition items.

F. Action Items

1. Early Graduation Request - Mackenzie Welch - OHS

Mr. Nelson, OHS Principal spoke on behalf of Ms. Welch. Mr. Nelsen said Ms. Welch was on track to graduate, is a hard worker and that she is also holding down a job.

Mrs. Jared made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and approved unanimously to approve the early graduation request for Ms. Welch.

2. Early Graduation Request - Tory Howard - OHS

Mr. Nelsen, OHS Principal spoke on Tory's behalf, saying she is a very capable student and would have no problems meeting graduation requirements.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously to approve the early graduation request for Ms. Howard.

D. Reports & Recognitions

7. Facility Plans - Next Step

Mr. Durkee thanked everyone for their work on the Bond Levy.

**Safety Loading Zone:** Mr. Durkee has submitted a proposal to the Orofino City Street Committee asking to eliminate parking on both sides of Michigan Avenue, to repaint the center line and fog lines in front of OES, and to designate the curb space in front of OES as a bus loading/unloading zone. Under this proposal, parents in private vehicles would be allowed to pick up and unload their children on “H” street.

With this plan, up to eleven buses would be able to line up on Michigan Avenue. Students would exit the building through the doors closest to Glenwood I.G.A. and take the sidewalk to their bus. A single release time at OES would need to be implemented.

Mrs. Graber’s comment was that there has never been an incident before. She feels that by moving the bus loading/unloading zone, we would be adding to the safety issue.

Mr. Ebert is interested in what the City Street Committee has to say. Their meeting is on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Arnsberg would like to see the fence changed at the corner of the front lawn and crossing guards used.

**OES Kitchen Remodel:** The kitchen at OES has major health code inadequacies which need to be addressed with or without additional funding. With the boards approval to proceed, Lawrence Rose of Design West would develop the plans. The dollar amount for the remodel would remain the same as in the bond. With board approval, the project could be bid and construction could begin immediately after students leave for the summer.

Mr. Durkee recommends having the project completed. The funds could come from either federal forest dollars or from the building fund. Mr. Durkee is concerned about the Greg Widen money as we only have one year remaining and it has not been re-approved as of yet. Mr. Ebert would like to talk about selling property and OJHS at a later date. Mr. Schwartz also feels that we should put facilities not being used under action items.

**OHS/THS Classrooms:** Five options are available for consideration.

1. Rerun the bond levy. Eric Heringer indicates that QSCB (interest free money) funds are available thru December 21, 2011. Two-thirds plus one votes are needed to pass the bond.
2. Run a plant facility levy. Build as money is received - up to ten years.
3. Move modulars to the OHS site. Four classrooms are needed at OHS. We can buy

the modulars located at TS for \$77,000 each and/or we can purchase new modulars for approximately \$87,000 each plus moving/set-up expenses.

Mountain View School District has a modular at Powell that they would like to sell for “almost nothing”. Mountain View S.D. would require that the foundation be removed, the site leveled and seeded with grass. Clearwater Homes in Orofino said they could move the building from Powell to Orofino for \$16,000.

4. Maintain K-7 at OES and 8-12 at OHS until there is enough space at OHS for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
5. Double shift at OHS. Mrs. Arnsberg wanted to know what the cost would be to double shift.

Mrs. Arnsberg said patrons have approached her to re-open the Orofino Junior High.

Dean Gimmestad asked about going to “year round” schooling.

Bob Reggear felt that our best shot was to re-run the bond levy. He thought we needed to put out a survey to the patrons to ask why people voted no at the last bond levy election, or have public meetings to find out why patrons were not supporting our efforts.

Mr. Schwartz went over the time line of events by the bond levy committee. He would like to see the board and patrons work together to meet the needs of the students in District 171. He is in favor of re-running the bond levy.

Mrs. Arnsberg commended Mr. Schwartz and family, Jenine Nord and Dean Gimmestad for all their hard work.

Minnie West said that the patrons did not have a clue on how much money it would cost them each year.

Mrs. Graber noted that patrons who work “swing shift” can not attend any of our meetings.

Mr. Reggear said that the information was out there. We need to come up with a reasonable plan, answer concerns and look at other options. “Start Over”

Carol Galloway said there was a lot of anger towards the school board and the superintendent. They need some way to vent their anger. She agrees to send out a survey that asks “if you voted no - why did you vote no?”

Mrs. Graber wants to have meet/greet meetings on the hill and in the valley so patrons can tell us what they want. She also thought we needed an easier to read/understand ballot.

Mr. Ebert wants ideas on what should have been done sent to Mr. Durkee. Mr. Schwartz would like to make an effort to get more people involved and Dean Gimmestad would like to put an advertisement in the paper with an e-mail address to solicit input from the public.

Any input received by Mr. Durkee will be included on the October Board Agenda.

## Public Comments

Mary Ann Jageman read a letter to the board that she had written that told of her duties as an teacher at OES. She feels that she is asking to do more with less. Mary Ann was very passionate in what she felt she needed in order to give her students the best education available. With the way things are now, she is both frustrated and concerned that the district is not supporting the needs of the students. She would like to see some of the Education Job Funds money be used to hire two para-professionals that could be used both on the playground and in the classroom to help alleviate some of the work load on teachers.

Dean Gimmestad who Mr. Ebert said was “at a Loss for Words” spoke in regard to junior high issues. He would like to get comments from the junior high teachers on what they want.

Mrs. Graber felt that if you put out a questionnaire to the junior high teachers they would respond with they want a separate building on separate land - something the district could not afford.

### F. Action Items

#### 2. District Limited English Proficiency Plan

The State requires LEP plans (all paperwork) on students. We currently have one student on LEP. We receive \$250 from the state to provide for the students needs.

Mrs. Jared made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and approved unanimously to submit the LEP document to the State Department of Education.

#### 3. Liability Insurance Quotes

Two quotes were received for District Liability Insurance. Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) has carried the District’s liability insurance for the past several years. Their premium for liability insurance coverage from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 is \$62,965.30. Moreton and Company, who is the ISBA insurance carrier, gave a quote of \$56,756 for coverage from October 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011 (nine months).

Moreton and Company would also provide legal advise and provides more than 125 on-line trainings through Safe Schools for \$1.50/FTE/year.

Neil Johnson, ICRMP representative gave a presentation on his company.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and approved unanimously to continue with ICRMP as our Liability Insurance carrier.

4. Year End Board Self-Evaluation

Mr. Durkee noted that there were very positive marks, but also some areas that needed addressed. He recommended asking ISBA to come and give on-site training.

The board asked Mr. Durkee to contact ISBA about receiving training.

5. Strategic Plan for 2010-11

Mrs. Arnsberg addressed the board with several ideas regarding the Strategic Plan. She said other school districts have many more than 3 objectives and she would like to add more to ours. She would like to form a district improvement committee and re-work the current district plan to make it more relative to now and 10 years from now. She wants a ten year plan that will guide us: "Where are we going?"; "What are we doing?" Mrs. Arnsberg would like to hire a part-time or full time grant writer. She would also like us to send out a quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Schwartz wants to meet as a board and resurrect a strategic planning committee who will make a list of objectives.

Mrs Jared agreed with Mr. Schwartz. She said if they are going to dedicate time they need to do the job. She doesn't have a problem with putting in new objectives. A retreat or a workshop are good ideas.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mr. Ebert and approved unanimously to approve the objectives as presented by Superintendent Durkee and address items as presented by Alyce to separate agenda items.

G. Board Member Comments

**Agenda Addition**

A motion was made by John Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to add a schedule change to the agenda.

Mrs. Arnsberg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Graber to move the October 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting from Cavendish-Teakean Elementary School to Orofino High School and the November board meeting from the District Office to Cavendish Teakean Elementary School.

**Deny Terrorist Coverage**

Neal Johnson explained to the board that ICRMP has a terrorist coverage policy that he is required to offer. The cost of the coverage is \$43,000. He also told the board that they were truly appreciated by the community for everything they do.



Mrs. Jared made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to deny the terrorist coverage.

Mr. Ebert asked everyone to keep Rhonda Norland in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Reggear and Mike Schwartz for all their help and hard work on the bond levy committee.

H. Executive Session

No executive session was needed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

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Don Ebert, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Janice Sutton, Assistant Clerk