

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING:	Regular	MEMBERS PRESENT Don Ebert, Chairman Amy Jared
DATE:	December 13, 2010	John Schwartz Alyce Arnsberg
TIME:	6:30 PM	Theresa Graber, Vice Chair
SITE:	District Office	MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Durkee, Superintendent
Trina Renee Snyder, Clerk

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Mrs. Snyder called the roll of members: Don Ebert, John Schwartz, Theresa Graber and Amy Jared were in attendance. Alyce Arnsberg arrived at 6:37 PM.

C. Executive Session

Mr. Ebert asked for a motion to recess into executive session in the manner and for the purpose authorized by IC 67-2345 (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations and ID 67-2345 (b) Evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of an employee. Mrs. Jared made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Graber and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Schwartz	yes
Mr. Ebert	yes
Mrs. Jared	yes
Mrs. Graber	yes

A vote being counted and not less than two-third of the Trustees having voted in favor of the motion, the Chairperson declared the meeting into Executive Session at 6:32 PM to discuss these issues.

Mr. Herb Lawler was in attendance. He left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Open meeting at 7:05 PM..

D. Call to Order

1. Flag Salute

Chairperson Ebert called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda amendments:

Item D.5. New Hires

Delete item b.

Item D.4. Resignations - Rhonda Norland, Driver Education Coordinator

Item G.6. Terminate a classified employee

Item G.7. Extend probation for the remainder of the year for a certified employee

Item G.8. Set the Supplemental Levy date for the third Tuesday in May, 2011

Item G.9. Negotiation Team Appointment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Graber to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Mr. Ebert and approved unanimously.

E. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Arnsberg has a correction to the November 15th, 2010 minutes; page 5 number 6.

Mrs. Arnsberg noted that the website available is the Idaho Department of Education website, not the Middleton School District website. Alyce moved to approve the consent agenda with the above correction. Mr. Schwartz seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

F. Reports and Recognitions

1. December Enrollment

Mr. Durkee noted that December enrollment is at 1,091 This is a decrease of fifteen students from this time last month and less 49 students from this time last year. He went over enrollment projections for the future noting that, at this time, it's only projections.

2. Clearwater Paper Grants

Mr. Durkee noted that Debbie Wilson, OHS Teacher, received a grant from Clearwater Paper in the amount of \$160 to purchase a switch box and laser mice. He also noted that Bob Emigh, OHS Teacher, received a grant from them in the amount of \$840 for the purchase of a 110 volt wire-feed welder. Kudos to the teachers and to Clearwater Paper for these wonderful grants.

3. Mastery Advancement Pilot Program (MAPP)

Mr. Durkee noted that Timberline High School and Orofino High School have qualified to participate in this program, a six-year pilot where districts can utilize mastery exams to allow students to progress quicker through high school. Our district is one of thirteen

districts in the State to offer state-funded college scholarships to students who graduate early.

4. Building and Program Reports

Building principals and directors of programs presented information about their school and programs in an effort to increase communication and collaboration with the board and patrons.

G. Public Comments

Darlyn Lanier expressed her concern regarding the drug issues in the schools. She asked that the district be more “pro-active” with dealing with the problems that are arising in the schools. She noted that her husband, a police officer from Lewiston, has offered services such as loaning their drug finding dog to the district as well as offer training to the staff in searching for drugs, etc. She noted that students need to know that there are consequences to their actions and feel this is a serious problem that needs to be pro-actively dealt with. Mr. Ebert and Mr. Schwartz suggested inviting the Sheriff and police to the schools. They would encourage a discussion with the administrative team to get their perspective and to see how they would like to proceed with this. Mr. Durkee noted that the students are being disciplined. Mrs. Arnsberg would like to have the board review the Drug Ed policy - noting that the verbiage indicated suspension but not expulsions.

H. Action Items

1. Emergency Closures

November 16-17, 2010 - All Schools - Power Outage
November 22-24, 2010 - OES - Heating System Failure
November 29, 2010 - Timberline Schools - Gas Leak

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to approve the emergency closures listed above.

2. Policy - 2640 Middle School Credit - First Reading

Mrs. Graber made a motion to include adaptation for students that are on a 504 plan. Mr. Schwartz seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

3. Early Graduation Request

Mrs. Beck and Paige Walker were in attendance for this request. Mrs. Beck noted that Miss Walker is a very good student and is on target to graduate this semester and recommends that Miss Walker is approved to graduate early. A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to approve Miss Walker’s request. The Board commended her and wished her the best.

4. Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Mrs. Arnsberg, seconded by Mr. Ebert and approved unanimously for Mrs. Danielson's class to attend the "We the People" State competition in Boise Feb. 22-23, 2011. Mr. Durkee noted that the expense will be paid by the students.

5. Ten-Year Facility Plan

Mr. Durkee provided several documents including enrollment projects and draft building capacity information. Mr. Durkee, along with Mr. Lawler provided building condition evaluations as well as energy audit information. Mr. Durkee requested direction from the board as to what they would like to have included in the report.

It was mentioned that costs would be important to determine priority of projects accomplished and suggested that Avista personnel or Clearwater Power personnel be contacted to see if they can estimate costs for electrical efficiency projects noting that they may not charge a fee for their services. Mr. Durkee will work with Mr. Lawler providing as much information as they can for the report to be completed in January.

6. Termination of Classified Employee

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to terminate a classified employee based on Mr. Durkee and Mr. Lawler's recommendation.

7. Extend Probation for Certified Employee

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Ebert and unanimously approved to extend probation for the remainder of the year for a certified employee.

8. Supplemental Levy Election Date

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to hold the Supplemental Levy Election the third Tuesday in May, 2011.

9. Negotiation Team Appointment

Mr. Ebert and Mr. Schwartz are excited to represent the Board of Trustees for this opportunity.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Schwartz would like to see the committees that previously worked so hard on the recent Bond election to reconvene and begin planning on the facility needs of the district. He would like to see the process begin so needs can be assessed and possible utilization of the savings that might be accessible through the 2011 year. Mr. Durkee asked the two co-chairs, Bob Reggear and Mike Schwartz to set these meetings up.

Mrs. Arnsberg would like to see a budget meeting set up in January.

Mr. Ebert thanked Mrs. Lanier for her input and being pro-active against drug abuse. He would like to see the Principals come to the next meeting with their input as well as invite the Sheriff to attend as well.

Mrs. Graber would like to know the actual cost savings of closing the Orofino Jr. High.

Mrs. Beck noted that, on a very positive note, a lot of good things are happening at the Orofino High School. She noted that a student is a semi-finalist as a National Merit Scholar and two students have been accepted into the S.T.E.M. Project. Kudos to their achievements.

Mr. Schwartz wished all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

J. Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Don Ebert, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Trina Renee Snyder, Clerk