

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 171

MINUTES

MEETING:	Regular	MEMBERS PRESENT Don Ebert, Chairman Amy Jared John Schwartz Alyce Arnsberg Theresa Graber, Vice Chair
DATE:	January 24, 2011	
TIME:	5:00 PM	MEMBERS ABSENT
SITE:	Peck Elementary School	

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 Alyce Arnsberg were in attendance. Amy Jared arrived at 5:15 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; and ID 67-2345 (b) Evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a student. Mrs. Graber made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Schwartz	yes
Mr. Ebert	yes
Mrs. Arnsberg	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 5:02 PM to discuss these issues.

Mrs. Jared entered the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Mr. Durkee exited the meeting at 5:20 PM

Student and Parent A entered the meeting along with Mr. Durkee and Ms. Baldus.

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Riverside Recovery representative entered the meeting at 5:38 PM.

Student and Parent A and the Riverside Recovery rep. exited the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Student and Parent B entered the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Student and Parent B exited the meeting at 6:26 PM.

Student and Parent C entered the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Student and Parent C exited the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Student and Parent D entered the meeting at 6:44 PM.

Student and Parent D exited the meeting at 6:57 PM

Student E was not present.

Open meeting at 7:08 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

e. Lisa Hanna, OJH Volleyball Assistant Coach

f. Donald Stanley, TS Head Custodian

Item D.6.b. Resignations - Sandra Baggett, OHS Media Specialist (at end of school year)

Item F.6. Bus Bid

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

E. Consent Agenda

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

F. Reports and Recognitions

1. January Enrollment

Mr. Durkee noted that January enrollment is at 1,082. This is a decrease of nine students from this time last month and less 56 students from this time last year.

2. Office of Energy Resources

Mr. Durkee noted that the Office of Energy Resources has completed HVAC tune-ups on all public school buildings and will now be replacing T-12 lighting fixtures with energy efficient T-8 fixtures. This work will affect Peck and Cavendish elementary schools and the work should begin in the Spring. This is a grant that has no cost to the district.

3. Timberline Wastewater Project

Mr. Durkee explained that Progressive Engineering is prepared to proceed with the Timberline Wastewater Project. The ground is prepared and has been cleared and prepared for the leech field. The estimated cost of the system improvements is \$275,240. The district has on-going costs of water testing, etc., is approximately \$6,300 annually. He noted that the work could be done this summer.

4. OES Kitchen Remodel Project

Mr. Durkee explained that the cost estimate for this project has increased approximately \$26,000 due to the following:

- a. Previous budgeting did not include repairing the storage area roof and siding;
- b. Previous budgeting did not include relocating existing district freezer;
- c. The food service equipment package is more extensive than previously estimated;
- d. The floor area involved in the project has increased to include the current coaches office area
- e. TERO fee and cost estimate impact is now included.

Mr. Durkee noted that the total estimated cost to proceed is \$438,689. By Consensus, the Board of Trustees agreed to proceed with this project.

5. State Insurance Fund

The district has received a dividend check from the State Insurance Fund for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$12,962.

6. Superintendent Tom Luna's Presentation to Joint House and Senate Education Committee

Mr. Durkee read aloud the elements of Tom Luna's "the 21st Century Classroom":
-ensuring that Idaho's middle grade students are prepared to move on to high school and beyond.

- increasing math and science requirements for all high school students.
- state investment of hardware and software for Idaho classrooms.
- requiring all 9th graders to take two on-line courses per year.
- laptops for all 9th graders.
- state payment of dual credit courses for 12th graders.
- allowing public colleges and universities to operate public charter schools.
- restoring full funding to the Instructional Salary Grid.
- raising the minimum teacher salary to \$30,000.
- giving building principals the authority to select staff at school level.
- allowing boards to hire a superintendent who does not have a current superintendent endorsement.
- giving liability insurance options to teachers.
- replacing tenure with a rolling contract for all new teachers.
- eliminating seniority as criteria for Reduction in Force.
- tie teacher and administrator performance evaluations partially to student growth.
- including parent input in all teacher evaluations.
- implement Pay for Performance.
- fiscal report cards for every school district.
- holding salary negotiations in open public meetings.
- making master agreements available online.
- allowing students to take online courses without permission of the school or district.
- limiting collective bargaining agreements to one year.
- limiting collective bargaining to salary and benefits.
- stressing use of statewide purchasing contracts.
- eliminating 99% protection (protected units).
- flexibility to terminate unneeded teachers in September.
- enacting fractional ADA (funding to follow the student).

Mr. Durkee noted that this is a very controversial proposal. He explained that with the loss of A.R.R.A. funds, approximately \$200,000 for the past two years, and the loss of approximately 3.6 units as well as the loss of funding because of losing the protection of our ADA/Units, this would impact major changes in our budgeting.

He explained that the district's administrative team has met and they have prioritized the need to move the 7th graders from OES to OHS this Fall.

Mr. Ebert opened this topic for public input.

Mrs. Deitrick wondered if the funding for retrofitting the buildings electrical systems are included in Mr. Luna's proposal since the buildings cannot accommodate the new items.

Mrs. George noted that no research has been done to say that these online course requirements are best for the students. Many students do not do well with this educational process.

Ms. Haag suggested that everyone involved has an obligation to call their legislators to let them know what they think of Mr. Luna's plan.

Mr. Reggear wondered what the plan was to move the 7th graders to OHS? Would a Bond issue be sought again?

Mr. Nelsen and Ms. Baldus explained that the special education support is having the hardest time being at two places at one time. The travel for the teachers has been very difficult for them.

It was suggested that meetings be set up to deal with these problems and to come up with solutions in a non-reactive stance. Get started solving some of these difficulties now rather than at the last moment.

Mrs. Arnsberg noted that an assessment needed to be done. Whether a Bond will be attempted or whether the need to lease or purchase modulars to house the students will need to be looked at. Information needs to be gathered with input from all.

A meeting to discuss these issues was set for February 5th, 10:00 AM at the Orofino High School Library. It will be a working session for the Board with all patrons, parents, administration and staff invited to attend.

7. Youth Culture Special Speaker

Clearwater Substance Abuse Workgroup, the Orofino Police Dept. and others have arranged to have a renown speaker, Officer Jermaine Galloway present his address on youth culture and young adult alcohol and drug use in-district from March 16-18. It will include classroom presentations, community meetings and presentations to civic organizations.

8. 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.

F. 3. Early Graduation Request

Per Mrs. Beck and Mr. Nelsen's approval, a motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mrs. Graber to approve Tom Windham's request to graduate early.

G. Public Comments

Dean Gimmestad wondered if window replacements were part of the Energy Resources grant? Mr. Durkee noted they were not. Mr. Gimmestad also wondered if there was an established fee for the architects? Mr. Durkee said that there was a contract but he did not know the fee percentage at this time.

Ms. Haag thanked Mr. Durkee and the Board for their comments/information on Mr. Luna's proposal noting that everyone needs to take time to write down their concerns and issues and send them to Mr. Luna. She also noted that the PowerSchool issues within the schools have been a large challenge especially for the secretaries that have to deal with the input and the accuracy of the information. She expressed her gratitude to them. She also explained that she has heard that the Speech/Language Pathologist has an extremely large amount of students to service.

Mrs. George expressed her concern regarding the new requirements for the middle school students to pass 80% of their classes to advance. Her fear is that the message has not been received by those that this impacts; that they will not be allowed to pass to the next level, as in the past. She asked for some thought on how this will be addressed.

A patron asked the question why there were so many students leaving the school system. Mr. Durkee went over some of the exiting reasons.

A ten minute break was taken at this time.

Mr. Ebert recognized Mr. Jerry Nelsen, noting that he has given his resignation after thirty four years of service to the district. The Board, patrons and staff applauded Mr. Nelsen and thanked him for his time and dedication to the students, staff and patrons of the district.

Mr. Nelsen thanked all for the opportunity - noting that it has been an enjoyment but now it's time for him to look toward more relaxation.

H. Action Items

1. **Emergency Closures - January 13 - Road Conditions**

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Jared and approved unanimously to approve the emergency closure as well as approve the Timberline School's make up day of Friday, March 4th.

2. **Policy - 2640 Middle School Credit - Second Reading**

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to approve this policy.

4. Idaho National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program

Mr. Durkee noted that Mr. Ebert, Mrs. Jared, Mrs. Snyder and himself attended a meeting with the National Guard representatives in Boise on January 11th to discuss this program utilizing the Pierce Elementary School. All agreed that the meeting went very well. In order to invest funds in renovation/upgrades to the facility, the National Guard must have a certificate of title for the property. After discussion of various options, the parties came to a tentative agreement to share joint ownership of the property. If the National Guard would cease to use the facility for the Youth ChalleNGe Program, full ownership of the property would revert back to the school district. Language for the agreement is being developed by legal counsel but actual change would not happen until the Department of Defense is funded through the annual appropriations bill. The plan remains to include a July 2012 start-up of the program. A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Arnsberg and approved unanimously to proceed with the development with the agreement that formal action will be taken after the agreement is written and the funding commitment is in place - subject to final ratification of the school board.

5. Curriculum Adoption - 4th Grade Idaho History

A motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to adopt the 4th Grade Teacher’s recommendation Idaho Adventure in the amount of \$4,944.50.

6. Bus Bids - Lon Blades

Per Mr. Blades recommendation, a motion was made by Mrs. Jared, seconded by Mrs. Graber and approved unanimously to approve Harlow’s bid (International) in the amount of \$84,359.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Schwartz encouraged those that are writing to the State Department regarding the new education proposal to deal with issues and implementations.

H. Executive Session

I.

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Mrs. Jared yes

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Open meeting at 9:28 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Graber and unanimously approved to expel Student A, Student B, Student C, Student D and Student E for one year. He noted that the students may seek an outpatient treatment program by a certified drug and alcohol counselor. If they complete this program, the Board may consider allowing them back into school at an earlier date but no sooner than the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Don Ebert, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Trina Renee Snyder, Clerk