Joint School District #171 Regular School Board Meeting January 10, 2022 Minutes

Meeting took place @ Orofino Elementary Library, Online & Zoom. Notice of Meeting previously posted.

The meeting was called to order @ 6:30pm

Roll call was taken and Trustees present were: Zone 1 Greg Gerot, Zone 2 Chris St. Germaine, Zone 3 Christine Erbst, Zone 5 Dr. Charity Robinson, Chair via Zoom. Zone 4 Angela Pomponio, absent.

Also present were Dr. Michael Garrett present. Russel Miles.

Flag Salute

The Approval of the Agenda: Motion from Chris St. Germaine, 2nd Christine Erbst and carried by a vote of 4-0.

The approval of the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the December 22, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion from Chris St. Germaine, 2nd by Christine Erbst, and carried by a vote of 4-0.

Newly Elected Board Members, Jesse Daniels Zone 4, and Brian Craig Zone 5 sworn in by Trustee Greg Gerot.

Election of the Chair of the Board: Motion from Chris St. Germaine for Christine Erbst, 2nd by Greg Gerot and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Election of the Vice Chair: Motion from Greg Gerot for Chris St. Germaine, 2nd by Jesse Daniels and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Election of the Clerk: Motion came from Chris St. Germaine for Greg Gerot, 2nd by Jesse Daniels and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Election of the Board Treasurer: Motion was made by Christine Erbst for Brittany Goetz (Business Manager for the District), 2nd by Chris St. Germaine and carried by a vote of 5-0.

All Trustees agreed at this point to sign the Code of Ethics.

Establish Signatories Motion made by Chris St. Germaine to approve Christine Erbst(Chair), Farrah Zumhoff(HR), Brittany Goetz(BM) and Courtney Ohlson(AP/PL) as Signatories, , 2nd by Brian Craig, carried by vote of 5-0.

Establishing of the Calendar of Regular Board Meetings (Discussion Only) For calendar year 2022. The Superintendent created and presented a meeting calendar which would incorporate meetings at each facility throughout the year to allow student and staff involvement on a wider level within the district. Connectivity for streaming at each location was assured.

Board Meeting Postings: The list as has been practiced was approved with the addition of the Joint School District #171 Facebook Page and the Lewiston Tribune

Motion from Greg Gerot and 2nd by Chris St. Germain, and carried by a vote of 5-0. It was noted that the posting of such meeting notices were to be done 48 hours ahead of the regular meeting and 24 hours ahead of a special meeting.

Reports and Recognitions included:

1. Appreciation from Dr. Garrett for all the extra effort given by the community and staff to help during the inclement weather of the last weeks.

No Committee Reports were given....it was mentioned by Dr. Garrett that we would deal with committees in the discussion area of the agenda.

Building Reports: IDYCA Report for end of this session. some highlights:

1. Four potential students from School District #171 plan to attend the upcoming cycle

Superintendent's report: There was mention of the furnace upgrades. Question arose about how the progress on this was coming. The only holdup is getting the units in. The units are shipped. Completion is a priority. When they come they will be installed.

Discussion items:

1. PK Program expansion was presented by Jennifer Leachman. The program was started in the fall with children 3-5 as a pilot program, to test and perfect and ultimately offer more widely in the fall of 2022. St. Maries has had a program for quite some time, and ours at OE is modeled after theirs. The effort is to prepare special needs children for public school and is why it includes peer models, non-disabled kids, the goal being roughly 50/50. It was noted that the location of the classroom is important. It is directly across the hall from the kindergarden students at OE. The idea is for them to acclimate to being in the "big school" and to get to mix with the Kinders and PK peer models. This access to PK for these children will teach tolerance, empathy, and an environment of inclusion

2. Board Committees. These would include: Planning, Safety, Health, Calendar, and Negotiations. A question arose the Policy Committee. The committee will be meeting again the end of January, or first of February. Regarding Health... the current CDC standards for the Safe Return to School Plan are less than what we have currently in place and we will review those in the February meeting. We were given copies of the CDC guidelines. . We are currently getting Covid tests from the state to be able to test our employees following quarantine or exposure after day 5. We will need a Covid test plan and a policy in place that will be ready for the board to go over in detail at the next meeting. Having our own testing capacity will help keep our staff on the job and lose less days due to delayed testing elsewhere. Test can be done and turned around in a half hour.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) Meeting Calendar
Motion to approve the Calendar as presented for 2022 made by Greg Gerot, 2nd by Chris St. Germaine, and carried by a vote of 5-0.

2) PK Program Expansion
Motion to approve taking in outside funds for the PK Program Expansion by Chris St. Germaine, 2nd by Jessie Daniels and carried by a vote of 5-0

3) Closure of Accounts
Closure of 3 bank accounts at: P!FCU and Wells Fargo. The Business Manager explained that these are 3 accounts that we currently do not use and we continue to pay fees on. She recommended moving the funds into our General Account. The accounts in question are already included in our overall finances.
Motion by Chris St. Germaine that we close the accounts, Potlatch Credit Union ending in 03, Wells Fargo ending in 3407 and 7079, 2nd Jessie Daniels, and carried by a vote of 5-0.

4) Transfer Management of NELSON & FROMELT SCHOLARSHIP FUND to Timberline Alumni
Item in question regarded the transfer of management of The Nelson & Fromelt Scholarship Fund to the Timberline Alumni Foundation. This scholarship money was originally intended specifically for Timberline students. The Timberline Alumni Foundation has agreed to take this over.
Motion made by Chris St. Germaine to transfer the management of the Fund to the Timberline Alumni Foundation, 2nd by Greg Gerot, carried by a vote of 5-0.

5) Emergency Closures (TS 12/14/2021 late start/early dismissal, 2 hr. Late Start, All Schools closed for 1/6/2022
Motion by Greg Gerot to accept the emergency closures, 2nd Brian Craig, carried by a vote of 5-0.
6) New Hires/Separations
Motion made by Chris St. Germaine to accept the New Hires and Separations, 2nd by Greg Gerot, and carried by a vote of 5-0.

The Chair welcomed the new board members, Jessie Daniels, and Brian Craig and the
Meeting was adjorned at 7:28 PM.