

MINUTES

Meeting: September Special Meeting

Date: September 27, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Site: Orofino Elementary/Online Zoom

Members Present

Dr. Charity Robinson, Chairperson

Greg Gerot, Trustee

Chris St. Germaine, Trustee

Christine Erbst, Trustee

Angela Pomponio, Trustee

Dr. Michael Garrett, Superintendent

A. Call to Order (**Special Meeting**)

Charity Robinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken at 6:36 PM via online Zoom and in person to begin the Special Meeting. Dr. Charity Robinson, Greg Gerot, Chris St. Germaine, and Christine Erbst, present in person. Angela Pomponio present via Zoom. Dr. Garrett and Russel Miles were also present in person.

Dr. Robinson asks out of reasons of necessity and emergency to add an item immediately to the agenda. To amend the agenda for the location of the Special Board Meeting from the Elementary Orofino Library to the Orofino Elementary Gymnasium so we can fit the patrons who have shown up for the meeting. We have exceeded the fire safety capacity in the library.

Chris St. Germaine makes a motion due to emergency circumstances, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-204, we amend the agenda related to the location of the building, to adequately host the number of visitors we have tonight safely in accordance with fire code, Christine Erbst seconds the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0.

Due to poor audio connection after moving locations we are disconnecting and restarting the meeting in the hopes for clearer audio connection.

C. [Flag](#) Salute

D. Approval of Agenda - 1500P (**Action Item**) ~~Removed~~ Additions

Motion to approve the agenda made by Greg Gerot, seconded by Christine Erbst. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0.

E. Public Input - 4105

Taylor McIntosh
Lynn McCarthy
Casey Carson (Zoom)
Amy Spence
Cutter Price
Joey Schneider
Lindsey Baanrud
Jenna Smathers
Ashley Ott
Caralyn McCollum
Cassandra Swindell
JoAnn Allen
Nancy Stafford- Declined to speak
Melissa Hartig
Gradi Thomson
Laura Bardavid
Damon Popovic
Jerry Johnson
Shelley McFeron
Taylor Davidson
Elizabeth Ott

F. Discussion Items

- 1. COVID Back to School 2021 Plan (includes decisions on mitigation items such as masking in schools)**

G. Action Items

- 1. Action Item - Consideration of allegation of Open Meeting Violation with potential action to self-cure and to declare ovoid action relating to “Back to School 2021 Plan, Action Item 1” if board finds an Open Meeting Violation**

Statement made by Dr. Charity Robinson:

Whereas, during the Board Meeting held on the evening of September 20, 2021, the Board took action during such meeting to add a matter to its agenda, and further took vote on such added agenda item, contrary to the applicable provisions of the Idaho Code, which prohibits voting on an item added to a meeting agenda during the meeting, and

I hereby move that the Board of Trustees of the Orofino Joint School District 171 self-recognize that such action was a violation of the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 74-208(7), Idaho Code.

As a voted amounting to the final action is at issue with regard to this Open Meeting Violation, I further hereby move that the Board declare the action of “Back to School 2021 Plan, Action Item 1.” to be declared null and void and of no effect at this time.

Motion to declare the Board failed to adhere to the Idaho Open Meeting Law in accordance to Section 74-208(7), Idaho Code, in the meeting on September 20, 2021 made by Chris St. Germaine, seconded by Christine Erbst. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0.

Motion made to cure our open meeting violation according to the statement read by Dr. Charity Robinson on our September 20, 2021 meeting, made by Angela Pomponio, seconded by Greg Gerot. Motion carries with a vote of 5-0.

2. COVID Back to School 2021 Plan (includes decisions on mitigation items such as masking in schools)

Motion that JSD #171 has face coverings as highly recommended and when we have greater than 2% of student population is out due to COVID, positive tested, or more than 25% of student population are absent resulting in a school closure, made by Chris St. Germaine, seconded by Christine Erbst. Motion carries with a vote of 3-0. Charity Robinson and Angela Pomponio voted nay.

- H. Board Member Input for Future Agenda Items (Next Regular Meeting October 18, 2021)
- I. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Board Chairperson

Attest:

Board Clerk/Superintendent