

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2008
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

President Ryan Smathers called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. There were 15 members and one guest present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

The minutes of the general membership meeting are now being emailed to the membership with the meeting reminders. The minutes of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

Our guest was our program speaker, Dale Durkee, Joint School District #171 Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burnham announced that board member Stephanie Deyo and her husband Matt became parents on 8-08-08 to a beautiful baby girl named Reece Elizabeth.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We will have a Board of Directors meeting on Monday at noon at the Ponderosa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- On Tuesday, August 26, the committee will have a meeting with our district candidates in the morning and the current district Legislators in the evening.

Promotional- Laura Wolverton is the new Promotional Committee Chair. She will with Nancy Butler to discuss past and new promotional ideas and events. Bobbi Flowers announced that the new Lumberjack Days parade entry form is up on the website.

Lumberjack Days- Lumberjack Days is fast approaching. The dates are the 11th – 14th of September. The Chamber office has fielded several calls about the event. A sign up sheet for the beer garden was passed around to the membership.

President's Cup Golf Tournament- The President's Cup will take place the weekend after Lumberjack Days, the 20th and 21st of September. Entry forms will go out by the end of the week. If anyone has promotional items that they would like to donate for the "goody bags" please let Burnham know. We are also accepting sponsorships for on course prizes. The tournament is filling quickly so please get your forms turned in if you are interested in playing.

Welcome and Membership- No Report.

Economic Development – No Report

GEM- No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smathers announced that Burnham has turned in her resignation from the position of Executive Director of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce. She will be taking a job at Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics. The position is currently open and application packets are available at the Department of Labor and the City of Orofino.

PROGRAM

Programs- September 3, Danielle Hardy will update the membership on her trip to Africa.
September 17, Chris Goetz with the Clearwater County Sheriff Dept.

Vice-President Robison introduced our program speaker, Joint School District #171 Superintendent, Dale Durkee who updated the membership on the area schools. Durkee stated that the general trend for Spring ISAT scores was that they were up for the most part. Last year was also a great year for athletics.

Durkee listed the new hires for the coming school year. Jenine Hopkins-Nord will be the new teacher in Cavendish. Mindy Pollick will continue to teach in Peck. Angie Baldus is the new head principal at Orofino Elementary. Katrina Morris will teach Kindergarten ½ time and Beau Driskill will teach Special Ed.

At Orofino Jr. High, the new Principal is Jerry Uhling. Katrina Morris will teach English. Sandra Goffinet will teach Art. Kathleen Tetwiller will teach Music and Gordon Heath will teach Special Ed.

Orofino High School welcomes Sandra Goffinet as the Art teacher, Kathleen Tetwiller as the new Music teacher and Gordon Heath as the Special Ed teacher. Those teachers will split their day between the Jr. High and High Schools.

Timberline High School has a new Principal, Christopher Bennett and Kathleen Tetwiller will also teach Music there.

In addition to the teaching staff, Durkee announced that George Clark will be the new Technology Director for the District and Carmen Griffith will be the new Food Service Director.

Durkee invited the membership to the District-wide meeting on Monday, August 25th at Orofino High School. The keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Pritchard "Together, Everyone Matters" will take place from 10 a.m. to noon with breakout sessions from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to help develop plans to implement strategies in classrooms and community.

Durkee stated that the district is being careful with their budget dollars and it seems to be working well for now. They do appreciate the support they have received from the community. The District sold the apartment building on Ahsahka Road and Pierce and Weippe buildings will be on the market soon. They are also considering the sale of the old bus garage. Nothing will be done with Orofino Jr. High until they are finished with the Timberline project.

ADJOURN

President Smathers had to excuse himself from the meeting early, so there being no further business, Vice-President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Ryan Smathers, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director