

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS: Ryan Ashcraft – Chairman
Willy Schmitt – Vice Chairman
Bruce Smith – Clerk
Burt Allen – Treasurer
Tanis Cherry – Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT: Dwight Richins

BUSINESS MANAGER: Patti Bingham

6:30 P.M. Executive Session

- I. Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need.

At 6:30 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(a): To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE), Mr. Ashcraft (AYE), All were in favor, the motion passes.

I, Ryan Ashcraft, President of the West Jefferson School Board of Education, certify and swear that the purpose of the above Closed Executive Session was concerning Idaho Code 74-206 (a): To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need.

Ryan Ashcraft, *Chairman*

At 7:25 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith made a motion to adjourn executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burt Allen. All were in favor, the motion passes.

7:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Excuse Ryan Ashcraft and Willy Schmidt

In attendance: Burt Allen, Bruce Smith, Tanis Cherry, Dwight Richins, Patti Bingham, Mary Blackham, Kirk Powell, Ranae Powell, Don Bird, Cheryl Bird, Kirk Jacobs, Cara Shuldberg, Jonathan Shuldberg, Clarynn Shuldberg, Kaid Hall, Nannette Hall, Candie Reyes, Joshua Reyes, Duggan Grimes, Oliver Grimes, Jeff Haroldsen, Merrilee Haroldsen, Jarrett Haroldsen, Val Young, Jill Egan, Annie Dalling, Mckell Carpenter, Kevin Carpenter, Kelsey Falter, Dustin Falter, Kimery Capell, Conner Jacobs, Trish Dalling, Ron Keller

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- I. Welcome to Visitors: Burt Allen
- II. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Tanis Cherry
- III. Prayer: By Invitation: Bruce Smith

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bruce Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Tanis Cherry. All were in favor, the motion passes.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2016
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Approval of Payroll
- d. Monthly Budget Reports
- e. Personnel Actions

Mrs. Tanis Cherry made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion is seconded by Mr. Bruce Smith. All were in favor, the motion passes.

V. REPORT/INFORMATION

A. Patron Input:

- Jonathan Shuldberg introduced Mr. Kirk Powell from Idaho Ag Credit. Mr. Powell presented a donation from the Sharing Success Program to Mr. Don Bird, for the ag department, in the amount of \$2500. CoBank and Idaho Ag Credit shared in the donation. Mr. Don Bird is planning to purchase a band saw.

B. The 4-day school week moved to section VI in order to hold a discussion.

C. Board Member Input:

Mr. Burt Allen thanked the public for their discussion. His hope is that in the end, whatever decision is made, it is what's best for all the students.

D. Superintendent's Report

i. District SRO

1. Introduced Ron Keller as the School Resource Officer.
2. His hours will be split with Jefferson County: 4 hours/day at the schools and 4 hours in the community.

ii. District Secretary

1. Introduced Mary Blackham as the part-time district secretary. She is working 6 hours/4 days a week plus board meetings.

iii. Sportsmanship

1. Mr. McDonald attended a meeting with Idaho Sports discussing sportsmanship.
2. Both fans and students need to show better sportsmanship like conduct.

iv. Pressbox

1. The pressbox is nearly completed.
2. \$10,000 has been donated, the district has paid \$3000 for electrical and internet. Mr. Richins will check with Wayne Richey for an update and needs list. Larry is estimating that it will take between \$2000-3000 to bring it up to safety standards.

VI. PROPOSALS:

- a. Kirk Jacobs introduced the topic of the four (4) day school week. He was on the 2011 committee looking into the pros and cons. They found favorable results. He suggested the possibility of doing a hybrid school year: 1st tri- 4 day, 2nd tri- 5 day, 3rd tri-4 day.

The board members and public discussed the pros and cons of making changes, some in favor, others opposed.

Pros mentioned: More family time, absences would decrease due to scheduling appointments, sports, etc. on day off, more teacher/student time in a day, more appealing to hire good teachers, save money for district, less homework for students.

Cons mentioned: Long hours, would have to catch the bus earlier and get home later, worried about children retaining lessons learned, wouldn't have time for homework in evenings, sports practices earlier and later, pay cuts for classified personnel, concern for latchkey children.

Suggestion made to use Friday as a half-day to help those students that are falling behind. It was pointed out that this would make school a punishment if one sibling had to go to school and the other gets to stay home.

Mr. Dwight Richins explained that the state mandates how many hours needed and how the school calendar is built. Teachers are required to have 182 days, high school students 170 days with 990 hours, and grade school less. On a four-day vs five day, 5 ½ hours a week needs to be added. Inservice days for teachers would have to be scheduled on the student's day off.

b. Supplemental Levy

1. Need to schedule a public meeting to explain what the levy is about. Also send out a brochure.
2. Levy is used for teachers' salaries, benefits and technology. It allows the district to pay above the state schedule to attract good teachers. It is renewed every two (2) years for \$300.000/yr.

VII. ACTION AGENDA:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith made a motion to adjourn. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Tanis Cherry. All were in favor, the motion passes.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 26 – Supplemental Levy Public Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- October 26- Working board meeting 5:00 p.m.
- November 8- Elections and Supplemental Levy
- November 9-11- ISBA Convention
- November 17 - Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date

