

West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 20, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS: Tanis Cherry – Chairman
 Willy Schmitt – Vice Chairman
 Bruce Smith – Clerk
 Burt Allen – Treasurer
 Nedra Perkins- Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT: Dwight Richins

BUSINESS MANAGER: Patti Bingham

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Mary Blackham

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, (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

At 5:00 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. (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public school student. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Nedra Perkins (AYE), Mr. Bruce Smith (AYE), Mrs. Tanis Cherry (AYE). All in favor, motion passes.

- II. I, Tanis Cherry, Chairman 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. (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

Tanis Cherry- Chairman

At 6:00 pm. Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to leave executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

Regular Board Meeting September 20, 2018

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Dwight Richins, Patti Bingham, Mary Blackham, Officer Keller, Kim Keller, Naomi Parker, Cody Telford, Jeremy Shaffer, David McDonald, Tianna Erickson, Amanda Erickson, Renay Torgerson, Mike Pincock, Emily Belnap, Trever Belnap

I. CALL TO ORDER- Tanis Cherry

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Welcome to Visitors: Tanis Cherry
- b. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Willy Schmitt
- c. Prayer: By Invitation: Bruce Smith

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

TAB 3: add Samantha Hillman-substitute and Sherry Gray- retiring. Nedra asked about the professional development expenses. Patti will get her an itemized account.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, Passed

V. REPORT/ INFORMATION AGENDA

a. Patron Input-

- Amanda Erickson thanked the Board Members for taking the Monday night free request seriously.
- Cody Telford asked that her name be removed from the petition for Monday night free.
- Jeremy Shaffer read a letter from Raquel Torgerson asking the board to change their focus to other issues besides Hamer.

b. Board Member Input-

- Nedra Perkins attended the Gifted and Talented open house. She was impressed. Nedra would like to have Accelerated Math offered in the Jr. High, especially in the 8th grade.
- Willy Schmitt told the board about the ISBA District meeting. Board will go through the resolutions at the next work meeting.

c. Superintendent Report-

- Mr. Richins turned some time to Naomi Parker. She thanked the Board Members for allowing her to attend the music conferences this summer. They were very helpful. The orchestra class is growing and students are getting excited about music.
- Mr. Richins asked Mike Pincock to report on the transportation state inspection. The inspector looked at 4 buses. He found a leaky air hose, and offered suggestions for safety. Mike reported that the superintendent and school board of Clark County schools has asked us to not go into their county to bus students. So, the parents, from Clark County, are now bringing their students to the Newman home for bus pick-up. There are 4 buses and 2 pick-ups to be added to the list for a surplus sale. The board asked Mike about the possibility of having a travel bus. He explained that the state will not help financially, unless, it is a yellow bus.
- Willy Schmitt moved that Surplus Sale be added to the Action Agenda item VIIc.
- The PA system is working in all the buildings.
- Mr. Richins and Patti Bingham talked to a representative from Zions Bank about the upcoming bond. The next date to run a bond is November 2019.
- Larry checked the condition of the football field. It is still good for this year, but will need rubber replacement next year.
- Larry Soderquist has planned the maintenance projects while students are out for spud harvest. Willy Schmitt asked that the AG door be added to the list. Mr. Richins will tell Larry.
- September 24th is Teacher In-service.
- Nedra Perkins asked if teachers are allowed to solicit funds. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Richins explained the Donors Choose program. It is more like a grant that is applied for by the teacher and then the donor decides.
- Mr. Richins will work with Patti to present a cost summary for Hamer.
- Larry is looking at different options for a storage shed.
- Mr. Richins is working on appropriate questions for the gun carry survey. He would like the board's input. A nationwide survey shows that most teachers do not agree with teacher carry. Tanis Cherry said that there was a shooter training class being given at the State Fair. She asked the instructor his opinion. He approved teacher carry. Willy Schmitt moved to add gun carry signs to action item VIIId.
- The district will hold a CPR training/refresher course for all staff.
- District has ordered 2 more ADs. This will bring the total to 4- one in each building.
- There will be ISBA training for the board on October 8th at 8:00 am. At this meeting, the auditor will also attend and present the fiscal year report.

- No smoking or vaping needs to be added to the district policy. Tanis Cherry asked Bruce Smith for the status of the school zone signs. Bruce is in contact with the state highway dept. They are working on it.
- Mr. Richins explained a letter received from M&T Water and Sewer demanding that a grease trap be in place in the lunchroom by the end of harvest break.

VI. PROPOSALS:

a. High School Report – Mr. McDonald

- The substitute training has been very successful.
- All the content teachers 6-12th grade are collaborating together.
- Homecoming was a big success ending with the football game win.
- Mr. McDonald is in the process of rewriting the mission/vision statement.
- The Hay fundraiser brought in approx. \$22,000. Mr. Richins thanked Mr. McDonald and Mr. Hadley for their work and time given.
- The Senior Projects have been revamped some. The approach is more project based rather than report/paper driven. Nedra Perkins asked about technology classes offered in the high school.
- Students will have the opportunity to make college visits. Jimi Burtenshaw is doing a great job.

b. CSI-UP

- Mr. Richins reported that the kick-off for improving the Jr. High was held in Boise. The state has appointed a mentor for our school. He will come and help train and improve in all areas of the Jr. High School.

c. Social Media Policy

- Board discussion- Mr. Richins will continue to work on the policy.

VII. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Student Drug Testing Policy – 2nd reading

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve the Student Extra- Curricular Drug Testing Policy as written, to begin with the 2018 high school winter sports. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mr. Richins will have in place by November 1, 2018.

b. Updated policy for Monday night Activities – 1st reading

Board discussion- still have some questions and wording that needs changed. Nedra Perkins will clean it up and have ready for the next work meeting. Mr. Richins will ask the lawyer about the wording for no Sunday activities.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to accept the 1st reading and have Nedra Perkins rewrite it to be ready for a 2nd reading in the October Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in Favor –Passed

c. Surplus Sale

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve holding a surplus sale. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

d. Signs

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve putting up signs that state “SCHOOL STAFF ARMED AND CERTIFIED IN FIRE ARM TRAINING AND SAFETY – NOT A GUN FREE ZONE.” Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 pm. Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 24 – District In-service 8:30-3:00
- September 11- October 5- Harvest Break
- October 8 - ISBA Training and Board Work Meeting
- October 18 – Regular Board Meeting

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date