

**West Jefferson School District #253**  
**Terreton, Idaho 83450**  
**Friday, June 1, 2018**  
**Work Meeting**

**8:00 A.M. Executive Session**

- I. Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(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; and Idaho Code 74-206 1(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 8:00 A.M. Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to enter 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; and Idaho Code 74-206 1(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), Mr. Smith (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE).**

- 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; and Idaho Code 74-206 1(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.

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*Tanis Cherry - Chairman*

**At 8:30 A.M. Mr. Burt Allen made motion to leave Executive Session, to return after the Work Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed**

## June 1, 2018 Work Meeting

**Attendance:** Mrs. Tanis Cherry, Mr. Burt Allen, Mrs. Nedra Perkins, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Willy Schmitt, Superintendent Dwight Richins, David Hadley, Teri Smith, Emily Belnap, Cody Telford, Jeff Haroldsen, Sherry Gray, Mary Blackham

### 1. Hay Fund Raiser

- Coach Hadley explained to the board how he has made a calling tree for the athletes to call the farmers for the Hay Fund Raiser. They will be calling starting June 11 and will arrange to have the hay picked up between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Board thanked Coach for his work in getting this organized.

Mr. Jeff Haroldsen and Mrs. Tanis Cherry thanked Sherry Gray for her work as a Paraprofessional. They presented her with her retirement plaque.

### 2. Teacher Mastery Agreement

- Mr. Richins explained to the board that according to the Master Agreement as it stands now, the teachers are allowed to leave at the same time the students are excused, on holiday vacation days. This past year, having early-release on Friday has caused a bit of an issue because there are more holidays that fall on Fridays. Mr. Richins recommends to amend the Master Agreement to read that teachers may be excused on Federal Holidays. Board members agreed. Board discussion led to topic of Early-release days. Burt Allen wants to go on the record that he disagrees with early-release days completely. He suggests meeting an hour earlier or later. Then when the teachers have enough hours built up from the extra hour, the school takes a day off. It is too late to change the calendar for the 2018-19 year, but the board will look seriously into making changes for the future. Both Mr. McDonald and Mr. Haroldsen agree that collaboration is critical in their schools.

### 3. Classroom Budgets

- There is concern that teachers are going to the public through social media asking for money for their classrooms. They should be going to the building principal, and the Ed Foundation, Not the public. Teachers are spending their own money, and they shouldn't have to do this. The question was asked if the classroom budgets need to be raised.

### 4. Lunch Prices

- In order to stay within budget, Lisa Ward is asking to raise the prices of school lunches by 10 cents. Board asked Mr. Richins to put item on the agenda for regular meeting.

### 5. Cell Phone Use in Classroom

- Board members wanted to know what the school policy is for cell phone use. Mr. McDonald said that it is up to each teacher. Board discussion. The concern is that students are cheating on tests using their phones.

### 6. District Social Media Policy

- The district does not have a social media policy. The board feels that it is imperative that one is in place immediately. Mr. Richins will build one for approval.
  - Jody is working on making our website disability compliant.
7. Math calculators
- Mrs. Bell with the Math Department is in need of 15 calculators. They cost about \$100 each.
8. Statewide Lawsuit
- Mr. Richins informed the board that there is a statewide lawsuit going on about student fees and a free education. The state attorneys are handling the case.
9. Safety Committee
- The Safety Committee is planning to hold an open house/town meeting in August to help educate the community members, young and old, on the safety plans and steps that have been and are being taken for our schools and students. They plan to discuss the new PA system, new laws passed, the district wide safety plan, and more.
10. Student Drug Policy
- The board is in agreement to have a drug testing policy. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be at the June Board Meeting.

Patron Input:

Cody Telford complimented Mrs. Cherry on the way she handled the board meeting in May. She would like the board members to think outside the box, and put emotions aside when dealing with the Hamer school. Mrs. Telford feels that closing the Hamer school will save the district money and be the best for all the students in the district.

Teri Smith asked the board to become educated about the funding process from the state as part of their research into the question of closing Hamer school.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins said that it is a misconception that Hamer is costing the district money. If the students who should be attending Hamer would attend Hamer, the school would be a viable, thriving elementary school.

Mr. Burt Allen asked where the funds are going to come from to pay to remodel and repair the Hamer school.

Teri Smith suggested putting it on the Historical Registry. Grants are available for buildings at least 50 years old and important to the community, which the Hamer school is.

Mr. Richins is meeting with Dr. Bollinger Monday to begin a complete study of Hamer school. He will be an unbiased, outside view of the situation. After the study, Mr. Richins will put together a committee to discuss the results and different options available.

**Mr. Burt Allen made motion to adjourn the work meeting and return to Executive Session. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded. All in favor- Passed**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:30 P.M.
- 2017-2018 Revised Budget Hearing Thursday June 21, 2018 7:00 P.M.
- 2018-2019 Budget Hearing Thursday June 21, 2018 6:30 P.M.

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*Clerk of the Board*

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*Chairman of the Board*

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