

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019**

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

5:00 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, (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. Willy Schmitt 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. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mr. Smith (AYE), Mrs. 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 p.m. Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to leave executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.

**Regular Board Meeting
January 24, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Burt Allen, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, Larry Soderquist, Elizabeth Moss, Alecia Nef, David McDonald, Ron Keller, Kim Keller, Andrea Rigby

I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Tanis Cherry

II. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

a. **Welcome to Visitors:** Tanis Cherry

b. **Pledge-of-Allegiance:** Willy Schmitt

Prayer: By Invitation: Mary Blackham

III. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Additions to Agenda: Tab 3 Consent Agenda – add Randi Burtenshaw- Softball Assistant, VII Action Agenda – add e. Student A request

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adopt the agenda with additions. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

IV. **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – JANUARY 2019-2020**

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to leave the board organization as it is now, including Regular Board Meetings to be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm with Executive Session at 5:00 if needed. The option to change the day and time of the meeting will be addressed on an individual basis. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. Bruce Smith would like the board to stay consistent on meeting times so patrons can plan. All in favor – Passed

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Nedra Perkins asked where the \$7500 received from the CSIup program has been spent. Mr. Richins said that it is being used for professional development. Nedra asked to have her name added to the minutes as attending the Hamer Christmas Program. The board members would like to have a copy of the SWIP that was sent to the state. Tanis Cherry asked about the lights cost on the accounts payable list. Larry Soderquist told the board that Rocky Mountain Power helped to pay to upgrade the lights. They covered 75% of the costs.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including TAB 3 personnel: Cheyenne Dalling, Dana Anderson and Randi Burtenshaw. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

VI. REPORT/INFORMATION AGENDA

a. Patron Input – None

b. Board Member Input

- Bruce Smith commented on the poor quality of the National Anthem played at the ball games. Mr. Richins will check into this. He is concerned about the direction teaching US History is going in public schools. Bruce wants to be sure that the students in our district are learning US History. He reported that the street sign request is still in to the state. It is a slow moving process and he wonders if it might be wise for the school district to invest in school safety signs. Bruce also asked how the raffle money is being tracked. Mary explained the procedure to him.
- Nedra Perkins said that she can feel the excitement over the raffle and ticket sales. On her trip to Jamaica, she was able to visit an elementary school. The children were so sweet. They speak English and use American workbooks.
- Willy Schmitt told the board that ISBA would like information on any issues within the District.
- Tanis Cherry reported that Parent Teacher Night was well organized.

c. Superintendent Report

- Mr. Richins is still looking for the right vehicle to purchase.
- Mike Pincock and Mr. Richins recommend that the district not purchase a bus this year. The district is in good shape for buses needed at this time. The board will discuss this further at the next work meeting.
- Mr. Richins will be issuing the Safe Schools Training this next week.
- Mr. Richins explained that the Strategic Planning is a continuous improvement plan, plus a goal of where we want to be in the next 5 plus years. David from ISBA will help get this done.
- The Gun Raffle Fund Raiser is up and running. Mary Blackham handed out the tally of sales so far. Mr. Willy Schmitt feels that if the district had a card reader for the games, more tickets would be sold.
- Mr. Richins addressed the technical proposal 2019-2020 from Jody Weekes. The goal is to have a 1-1 ratio of Chromebooks in the High School and Jr. High. Some of the overhead projectors need to be replaced, and Jody would like to purchase an interactive TV. .Board will discuss this at the next work meeting, to be prepared to make a decision at the February Regular Board Meeting.
- The gun zone signs have not been made yet. Mr. Richins asked the board members to revisit this topic at the next work meeting.
- The 2nd drug testing is due. Mr. McDonald will get this done.

VII. PROPOSALS/DISCUSSION:

- a. **Maintenance update:** Larry Soderquist reported that Kathy and Rick are both recovering from having back surgeries. A replacement has not been hired yet. Larry needs the board to approve the priority list as soon as possible so that he can get work scheduled. Board discussed items on the list. Bruce Smith told board members that he has had patrons tell him that if the district puts more money into keeping Hamer open, they will not vote for the bond. Mr. Richins told the board that maintenance can band-aide the Hamer roof one more year if needed, but it definitely needs replaced. Board asked Mr. Richins to put maintenance items #1 and #9 on the next work meeting agenda. They would like to have a complete list of costs to keep Hamer open.

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to move Maintenance List to Action Agenda letter f. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

VIII. ACTION AGENDA: TAB 5

a. 2019-2020 Calendar 1st reading

Board discussion with Mr. McDonald- head of the calendar committee. Some suggestions from the board are: Start earlier in August, school closure on Civil Rights Day-Jan 20, Christmas break- full two weeks, Potato Harvest – full 2 weeks, Spring Break – full week and look at the dates- should they be earlier vs later?

Add Elizabeth Moss to the Calendar committee.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2019-2020 calendar with committee considering suggested changes. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

b. Social Media Policy- Final Reading

Board discussion on personal time. Board does not want to micro-manage the staff, but would like all staff members to use their personal time, during school hours, wisely. Board members asked Mr. Richins to make sure that staff meetings are held in each school to address the contents of the Social Media Policy.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve the final reading of the Social Media Policy. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

c. School closure January 7, 2019

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve the school closure day January 7, 2019, due to weather conditions. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

d. Work Meeting

Board discussion - Work Meeting topics: Bus purchase, Strategic Planning, Maintenance items for Hamer and Hamer costs, Technology requests, Gun Carry Signs, Calendar, and Policies- Bluetooth and Work Release.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve work meeting topics to be held Wednesday, February 6 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

e. Student A request

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve Student A request upon completing graduation requirements. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

f. Maintenance List

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve maintenance list item numbers 2-8 and 10-12. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. 3 ayes 1 nay - Motion Passes

At 7:50 pm, Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to re-enter 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. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to adjourn executive session and to return to Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District Girls Basketball Jan 29- Feb 5
- District Wrestling – Feb 15 at North Fremont
- District Boys Basketball – Feb 12 – 20
- Day on the Hill – February 18-19
- February 21 – Regular Board Meeting 6:00 pm