

West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2017

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

6:00 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.

At 6:00 P.M. 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. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE), Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mr. Ashcraft (AYE), All in favor- Passed

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 7:30 P.M. Bruce Smith made motion to leave executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

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**Regular Board Meeting 7:30
P.M.**

In attendance: Ryan Ashcraft, Willy Schmitt, Burt Allen, Bruce Smith, Tanis Cherry, Dwight Richins, Ellen White, Val Young, Clarynn Shuldberg, Larry Soderquist, Don Bird, Cody Telford, Mattie Wood, Patti Bingham, Breanna Allen, Elizabeth Moss, Candie Reyes, David McDonald, David Gemar, Darrell Behunin, Sam Rodriguez, Nedra Perkins, Mary Blackham

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Welcome to Visitors: Ryan Ashcraft
- b. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Willy Schmitt
- c. Prayer: By Invitation: Ryan Ashcraft

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Additions and changes:

Add Recognize FFA to section V

Add 5.0 grading scale for honors to Section VI

Add Wellness Policy, Skills Camp and FFA Nationals Trip to Section VII

Burt Allen made motion to adopt the agenda with the above additions. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017
- b. Board Work Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2017
- c. Approval of Bills
- d. Approval of Payroll
- e. Monthly Budget Reports
- f. Personnel Actions

Willy Schmitt asked about the expenses for Jazz tickets. Mary explained that a fund raffle was held and the Jazz ticket purchase came out of the money raised.

Tanis Cherry inquired about the therapy costs. Wondered if it would be more cost effective if the district hired a trainer. Mr. Richins explained the laws regarding therapy for students. Question was asked as to when Mr. Behunin was done mentoring. He will work through the end of the school year. Mr. Richins told of how helpful he has been.

Ryan Ashcraft said that there should be a \$103.00 reimbursement for motel stay to attend Day on the Hill.

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Willy Schmitt made motion to adopt the consent agenda. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

V. REPORT/INFORMATION

a. Recognize FFA

□ FFA students took 1st place in the state competition. Nationals will be in Minneapolis in October 2017. They also attended the Rocky Mountain Welding competition and placed 2nd. Mr. Bird asked the board to approve attending the National Competition.

b. Patron Input

- Ellen White thanked the board for all that they do. She gave them each a small thank you gift.
- Cody Telford has some bus concerns. For the safety of the students, she suggested that they all come out the back door of the elementary. Coming out the West side door is a hazard. She also expressed the concern about having to wait for the students. There should be a strict time that the buses leave. The drivers have a schedule they must keep. Cody has asked to be on the May agenda to address these and other issues with the board. Mr. Richins suggested to her that she could visit with him and Mike Pincock to address her concerns.

c. Board Member Input:

- Burt Allen introduced his daughter, Breanna Allen, and asked that she tell of her experience visiting different schools. Breanna is going into elementary education at BYU. She had the opportunity to visit an elementary school rated excellent and an elementary school rated substandard. She saw that the school with the excellent rating focused on literacy throughout all subjects. She talked with the principal and he explained how reading aloud is very important.
- Tanis Cherry would like to have the rodeo schedule on the website and marquee.
- Tanis Cherry talked about the Safety Committee. The sub-committee has been meeting. So now, the entire group needs to come together.

d. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Richins told about the Legislative Tour.
- In the evaluations for next year, the board can set the district's own performance percentages.
- The Professional Development Committee, headed by Kristie Scott have done a fantastic job.
- The high school held an impaired driving and safety assembly. It was very informative.

VI. PROPOSALS/ Discussion: TAB 4

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a. Credits for Graduation

- The state requires 46 credits to graduate. The district requires 51. It has been difficult for students transferring into our district to acquire enough Social Studies credits to meet the requirement. Mr. McDonald suggests lowering the Social Studies credit level, which would allow credits earned in other areas to count towards the 51 total credits. The board asked Mr. McDonald, Mr. Gemar, Mr. Behunin and Mr. Richins to draw up an acceptable proposal of credit requirements. The board will discuss this further at the next work meeting.
- The Graduation committee is working on details for graduation. The board discussed the use of the boxes for gifts. Mr. McDonald said that the staff does not like them. Board wants the graduation committee to decide.
- Bruce Smith and Willy Schmitt will go over the applicants for the Jared Sullivan Scholarship.
- The board asked Mr. McDonald to try to keep the Graduation Ceremony to one hour.

b. Press Box

- Larry Soderquist explained that the engineer has been out, but he has not received any written instructions yet. The stairs and leg structures are a safety hazard. Any work done on the crows nest must have plans drawn and presented to the county building inspector for approval before proceeding. Mr. Richins and Larry will talk with Mr. Richey about the changes needed.
- Ryan Ashcraft checked into the cost of storage units. A 20 ft.(8x10) unit runs \$2550.00 if two or more are purchased. He would be willing to purchase one for personal use, if the district purchased the other.

c. Budget

- Board discussed budget.

d. Senior Schedule

- May 17 – Award Night
- May 31- Graduation

e. GPA Credits

Mr. McDonald proposed having a separate credit schedule for those students in the AP and Dual classes. Putting those classes on a 5.0 scale vs a 4.0 rewards those students who are taking the harder classes. Board will discuss this idea at the work meeting.

VII. Action Agenda

a. Calendar 2017-2018

- Board discussed the two calendar options: Option 1 Early Release Monday and Option 2 Early Release Friday. There is a concern about high school kids being tardy after lunch. Board wondered if adding 5 minutes to the lunch break would help.

Tanis Cherry made motion to approve Option 2, Early Release Friday. No Second- Motion Fails

Bruce Smith made motion to approve Option 1, Early Release Monday. Willy Schmitt seconded.

- Mr. Richins wanted the board to know that the teachers prefer Early Release Monday, but they would understand if it was Friday. They will be happy to have the early release. The biggest problem with early release Monday is that there are students hanging around after school to wait for their sports practices. Friday would help alleviate this as most games are on Friday, so practices are not usually held.

Bruce Smith withdrew the motion. Willy Schmitt withdrew the second.

- Burt Allen is concerned that Friday early release would not be effective. He suggested that the calendar be such as to have a Late Start Monday.
- Mr. Richins explained that this is a one year school calendar. If what the board decided this year isn't effective, then make changes.

Willy Schmitt made motion to table the calendar approval until the May meeting. No second, motion Fails.

Tanis Cherry made motion to approve Calendar Option 2, Early Release Friday. Bruce Smith seconded. Roll vote: Ryan Ashcraft- aye, Burt Allen- abstain, Bruce Smith- aye, Tanis Cherry- aye, Willy Schmitt- nay 3 Ayes, 1 Nay and 1 abstain. Motion Passes

b. Technology Purchase

Burt Allen made motion to approve the technology proposal discussed in work meeting. Tanis Cherry seconded. All in favor- Passed

c. 2016-2017 Calendar change

Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the 2016-2017 calendar change making the last day of school for students June 1, 2017, and June 2, 2017 a teacher workday. Bruce Smith seconded. All in favor – Passed

d. Board Policy 404.4 Employee Travel Compensation

Burt Allen made motion to approve the travel compensation change. Bruce Smith seconded. All in favor- Passed

e. Maintenance Projects

- The Board looked at the bids for the polished concrete.

Burt Allen made motion to accept the bid from Diamond Company to do the Terreton Elementary /Jr High floors contingent on Mr. Richins looking at their work in Boise. Mr. Richins will then report his findings to the board and a phone vote will be taken. Tanis Cherry seconded. All in favor- Passed

- Board looked at the bid for the smokestack replacement. Larry is looking for one more bid to come in. He would like to see what that bid is before choosing a company.

Willy Schmitt made motion to accept the low bidder, RMB, unless the American Fabrication bid is lower. Burt seconded. All in favor- Passed

Burt Allen made motion to have the maintenance crew fix two rooms this summer and to work with Rocky Mountain Power to change out the lights. Bruce Smith seconded. All in favor- Passed

f. Budget hearing

Bruce Smith made motion to approve that the Revised Budget Hearing for 2016-2017 be held June 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm; that the Proposed Budget Hearing for year 2017-2018 be held on June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm, and that the Regular Budget Hearing and School Board meeting be held June 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm, with the executive meeting at 5:30 pm. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

g. School Board election

- Mary explained that because the two board member seats up for election are uncontested there will not be an election.

Burt Allen made motion to approve “The Board of Trustees finds that the time for declarations of candidacy has expired and only one qualified candidate has been nominated for the position of trustee from Zone 5. Accordingly, I hereby move that the Board declares Nedra Perkins as the elected trustee in Zone 5 and further move that the clerk provide the candidate a certificate of election.” Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

Burt Allen made motion to approve “The Board of Trustees finds that the time for declarations of candidacy has expired and only one qualified candidate has been nominated for the position of trustee from Zone 4. Accordingly, I hereby move that the Board declares Tanis Cherry as the elected trustee in Zone 4 and further move that the clerk provide the candidate a certificate of election.” Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

h. Wellness Policy

Burt Allen made motion to move the Wellness Policy to 2nd Reading at the May School Board Meeting. Tanis Cherry seconded. All in favor- Passed

i. Skills Camp

Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the use of the buildings for the Skills camp. Tanis Cherry seconded. All in favor- Passed

j. FFA Nationals

Burt Allen made motion to approve the FFA students going to the National competition. If they need funding from the district, they will need to present a plan to the board. Tanis Cherry seconded. All in favor- Passed

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 p.m., Bruce Smith made motion to adjourn. Burt Allen seconded. All in favor- Passed

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular School Board Meeting May 11, 2017 6:30 Executive Session, 7:30 pm Regular meeting
- High School Graduation May 31, 2017
- Last Day of Class- June 1, 2017

Clerk
of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date