

West Jefferson School District #253

Terreton, Idaho 83450

Monday, April 2, 2018 9:00 A.M.

Work Meeting

Attendance: Tanis Cherry, Burt Allen, Nedra Perkins, Willy Schmitt, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, David McDonald, Jeff Haroldsen, Sheriff Anderson, Larry Soderquist, Jeff Siddoway, Van Burtenshaw, Deputy Keller, Jody Weekes

Tanis Cherry welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Discussion on School Safety

Sheriff Anderson talked with board about arming some of the staff with guns. He asked that if the district does decide to arm teachers that they would have the sheriff's department train them. The training would include, but not be limited to: gun safety, hand gun retention, range shooting, and mental preparation. There would be ongoing training at no cost to the school district. It is a big concern that there is a possibility of having untrained, "do-gooders" carrying in the schools. This could lead into a dangerous situation. The Sheriff feels that it is important to ask the public their opinion on the subject before a decision is made, but ultimately it is the school board's decision and responsibility. Having a resource officer in the district is a great first step in deterring any problems, but not enough. The county is in the process of putting a locked long rifle safe in the principal's offices. The SRO will be the only person who has access to the safe.

Nedra asked if the Legislature has set aside more money for school safety. Senator Jeff Siddoway and Representative Van Burtenshaw joined in the discussion. Mr. Siddoway said that the senate is willing to help financially, but not sure what the answer is. He suggests that the superintendents gather together and come up with a proposal/plan and present it to the senate, then there would be something concrete to work with. In our community, he feels that we need to teach the kids to be our allies. If they see or hear something, then report it to the right authorities. Say something. Mr. Burtenshaw gave board a handout of the bill that the house passed that will go into effect July

1, 2018. Even if a child says a threatening comment in jest, he can be charged with a felony. The students and the adults need to be educated. If a gun or any other weapon is found on the student, or in the student's locker, vehicle, etc. they can be expelled and charged with a felony. This bill makes it a zero tolerance. Everyone needs to be educated. It was suggested that a community meeting be held to address these issues. Sheriff Anderson said that he would work with the board. Mr. Siddoway suggested that the school hold an assembly at the beginning of each school year for freshman to orient them and include this topic.

Tanis Cherry asked Sheriff Anderson if there was anything that the district could do to ensure that SRO Keller could stay out here full time. He thought that was the agreement. When school is in session Deputy Keller is to be here. Members of the board wondered if on the days that he couldn't be here, if someone would fill in for him. Sheriff agreed to that. The Board members expressed appreciation for Deputy Keller.

Mr. Richins will add to the April Board Meeting Agenda, under Action Items, to approve long rifle locked safes in the principal's offices.

2. CPR/First Aide Training

Mr. Richins is working on scheduling and negotiating prices for training. He is in the process of ordering a defibrillator for each school building.

3. Hamer Staffing

A discussion was held regarding the look of Hamer enrollment next year. The two options discussed were to stay as is with 3 teachers and 3 aides or drop a teacher, (teacher would possibly be moved to Terreton Elem.). Different ideas were tossed around, but no concrete decision was made. Board asked Mr. Richins to come up with some different feasible options.

4. Drug Testing Policy - Postpone

5. PA Replacement – Jody

Jody recommends that the district purchases the Niquist system for the new PA system. The cost will be around \$46,800. It can be used with what we already have and can be easily upgraded. This program will allow all schools and the ALC building the capability to communicate with each other. The company can begin to install June 1, 2018, so it will be ready to use beginning of next school year. The board gave Jody the go ahead to get it ordered. An

official vote will be done in the April Board Meeting. Mr. Richins will put it on the Action Agenda. The website for the district needs to be upgraded. It will cost right around \$7000 to renew and upgrade this year and \$3000 each year to renew with the program we currently have. Neither Jody or Mr. Richins are happy with the program we are using. If we want to change programs, there is one that Jody has seen and likes. It costs \$7700 to upgrade and \$6400 yearly renewal. The nice thing about this new one is that all the forms are on line.

6. Board Scholarship

Willy will be in charge of this.

7. Naming of buildings, etc.

The board discussed when the honor of having a building, park, facility, etc. named after a person is appropriate. Nedra feels that the request to do so should come from the public and should have at least 50% approval. It is usually done after a person has died as an honor for something extraordinary. Mr. Richins expressed that one can never thank a person enough.

At 11:35 A.M. Willy Schmitt made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-2061(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 74-2061(b) T 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. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

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 (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 12:05 P.M. Burt Allen Made motion to adjourn Executive Meeting. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:30pm

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date