

West Jefferson School District #253
Board Work and Information Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017
6:00pm

In Attendance: Mr. Ryan Ashcraft, Mr. Willy Schmitt, Mrs. Tanis Cherry, Mr. Burt Allen, Mr. Bruce Smith

1. Call to Order-Mr. Ryan Ashcraft
2. Technology- Mr. Jody Weekes presented the Technology Committee Plan for 2016-17 technology purchases. Mr. Weekes also discussed the 5- year plan. The board asked questions about the Chromebooks. The plan is to purchase back-up servers along with the Chromebooks. Funds will be used from the 2016-17 State Technology fund and money saved from last year.
3. 2017-2018 Calendar Options- Supt Richins reviewed the calendar options to vote on in the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting. Opt 1 is Monday early release, Opt 2 is Friday early release. Board voiced concerns about finding a compromise with people who wanted 4-day school week. Board also wants to support teachers as much as possible. The board understands the need for collaboration time, but they are still wondering how best to do this. Monday early release, Friday early release, or other options? Due to time restraints, the 2 options being voted on April 20th, are the only options for this year.
4. Budget- Teacher Negotiations 2017-2018: Mr. Richins discussed with board the upcoming budget and salary negotiations. Mr. Willy Schmitt and Mrs. Tanis Cherry will represent the board on negotiations. The state approved the 2017-2018 State Career Ladder.
 - a. Mr. Richins proposed that the district keep the district portion near the same as last year for the teachers. Adding \$90,000-\$100,000 above the State funded career ladder to the teacher salaries would be consistent with last year.

- b. Mr. Richins explained that the state scale increases the classified base pay by 3%. He explained that the State base pay is lower than what our district pays. Therefore, it doesn't carry over to a 3% increase for the classified personnel in the district. This also applies to the admin salaries.
 - c. The state budget does not cover costs for coaches and advisors. The district pays this out of the General Fund.
 - d. The Idaho State Dept. of Education is doing their annual roadshow around the state to discuss budgets and other legislation. This will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 in Idaho Falls. Mrs. Bingham and Mr. Richins plan to prepare the 2017-2018 budget, and the teacher negotiations.
 - e. Mr. Richins will present, for the board to approve, the teacher contracts for the 2017-18 school year, at the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting: Executive Session. The district will not be sending Letters of Intent. When negotiations are complete, the teacher will receive his/her contract.
5. HS Assembly- Impaired Driving Monday, April 10, 2017. Mr. Richins explained the assembly and invited the school board to attend.
6. School Board Elections- Both Zone 4 and 5 have only one candidate. The new board will begin at the July, 2017 meeting.
7. Board discussed moving school days because of attendance issues on June 2, 2017. Mr. Richins was checking with the state to see if it is possible to keep In-Service as originally planned on April 14th and, not hold school on June 2. This would greatly increase the ADA for the last week of school.
8. Summer Projects: Mr. Larry Soderquist presented his project list, in highest priority order, to the board.
- a. Remove and replace the High School smoke stack. Cost approx \$30-\$40,000.
 - b. Remove tile from Terretton Elementary and Junior High hallways and polish the concrete. Cost approx. \$40,000.
 - c. Replace outside lights with new energy efficient lights. After rebate, Cost approx \$5000 dollars.

- d. The Pressbox needs upgrades to make it safe. It is currently unusable due to safety issues. Not, sure what the cost will be. Larry is waiting for the engineer's estimate.
 - e. 2 Classroom remodels done by WJSD Maintenance, Cost Approx. \$30,000 dollars.
 - f. Security for doors at Hamer and WJHS needs addressed.
 - g. Pickup needs replaced. Need a pickup that can plow snow.
- Mr. Richins voiced concerns that there will not be enough Plant Facility Money to complete all items listed.

9. Strategic Planning Progress- Information not available for board at this time.

Announcements:

- a. April 20th, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date