

West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Work/Special Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2017

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

8:00 A.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 8:00 A.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. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), All in favor, motion passes.

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.

Tanis Cherry Chairman

At 8:30 Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn executive session and begin Work/Special Board Meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

**Work/Special Board Meeting
8:30 a.m.**

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Burt Allen, Bruce Smith, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Dwight Richins, Larry Soderquist, Mike Pincock, Brittney Tomlinson, Cody Telford, Michelle Spencer, Erica Hutchings, David McDonald, Jeff Haroldsen, Mary Blackham

I. CALL TO ORDER- Tanis Cherry

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Welcome to Visitors: Tanis Cherry
- b. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Nedra Perkins
- c. Prayer: By Invitation: Bruce Smith

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bruce Smith 2nd. All in favor- Passed

IV. ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to adopt the Action Agenda with d. Alternative Authorization. Mr. Burt Allen 2nd. All in favor- Passed

a. Mid-day Bus

Tanis Cherry opened floor for discussion. Mr. Richins explained to the board options to bus the Montevew pre-school and kindergarten children to school. The students would be picked up for the afternoon session only. They would ride the regular bus home. Erica Hutchings, representing the mothers, has met with Mr. Richins and Mike Pincock to discuss pick-up locations. Nedra Perkins is impressed with the mothers joining together to request the bus route. Bruce is opposed to the bus route. Cost is a big concern. He worries that when the parents in the other communities hear of this, they will also request bus transportation for their children. The state does reimburse some funding, but the amounts can change on any given day. Nedra Perkins suggested that in the policy it states that the route would be cut if state funding cuts happen. The board discussed the need for an aide to ride the bus. Cody Telford doesn't feel the need for an aide. If there is a problem of any kind, the parents are willing to ride the bus.

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to accept the proposal of providing a school bus pick-up for the Montevew pre-school and Kindergarten age children.

On Friday there is no pre-school. Question was asked if the bus will run on Friday for the kindergarten students.

Mr. Burt Allen added to his motion that the bus run Monday thru Thursday without an aide, and go as far as Ricks corner. The pick-up will stop at the Salmon/Montevieu Highway. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. Mrs. Tanis Cherry called for a roll call vote. Willy Schmitt- Aye, Mr. Bruce Smith- Nay, Mrs. Nedra Perkins- Aye, Mr. Burt Allen- Aye. Motion Passes.

V. Proposals

a. Turf Sweeper

Mr. Richins explained how a synthetic turf sweeper would help to maintain the football field. The field is 10 years old. It must be maintained to get the best longevity from it. A sweeper would cost around 8 thousand dollars. He showed a video about it. Board members discussed the cost of this. Nedra Perkins wondered if the Hay Fund Raiser could pay for the sweeper. Mr. Richins thought that a portion of the costs could be incurred by the Hay fundraiser over a period of 2-3 years. The hay fund raiser needs to be better organized and run. It was suggested that the WJ Boosters control it. Burt Allen wants to make sure that the sweeper is a quality machine. Bruce Smith is concerned that athletics always gets the money. He is against spending the money on a sweeper. Raking and disinfecting should be enough.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the purchase of a sweeper up to \$10,000.00 with the Hay fund raiser helping to pay for it over a period of 3 years. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded. Mrs. Tanis Cherry called for a roll call vote. Mr. Bruce Smith- Nay, Mr. Burt Allen- Aye, Mr. Willy Schmitt- Aye, Mrs. Nedra Perkins- Aye. Motion passes

The board is pleased with the floor in the elementary. The maintenance crew has done an exceptional job this summer.

b. Press Box

Mr. Richey has an engineer working on the requirements to bring the press box up to code. The plans must then be approved by the county. If the county approves the plans, then work can begin on it. It is not able to be used until approved. Time is of the essence so that the announcer can use it for this football season. First game is the 1st weekend in September.

c. Eclipse

Tanis Cherry reported on the county town meeting. She wondered if school ought to start on the 23rd to allow people to clear out. She is worried about the traffic. There are people who would like to park in the parking lot to watch. Board has no problem with people sitting in the front parking lot only, but will block the entryways to the parking lot to vehicles. Larry is to put the gate up going to the

football field area. The district cars will be used to block the two entryways in front.

d. Hay Fund Raiser

The Hay fund raiser is for all sports. There needs to be a committee to help organize it better. Willy Schmitt and Nedra Perkins will head the committee. Mr. Richins will help form the committee. There needs to be an accounting as to where the money is spent.

e. Parade

Line up at the school at 5:30. Willy and Nedra will be in Willy's Porsche. Burt will drive the Viper. They will all hand out the cups and candy.

VI. Action Agenda

- a. Mr. Haroldsen explained fees for the grade school and JR. High. He handed the boardmembers a flyer that is going out announcing Back to School Night on Wednesday 16th starting at 4:30 pm. Registration can be done then and on Friday from 10-2:00. The Pre-school Peer Models fees are \$30. Those children that qualify are not assessed a fee. Willy Schmitt asked about hardship cases. Mr. Haroldsen said that this has not been a problem. Tanis Cherry asked about the differences in fee amounts between Terreton Elementary and Hamer Elementary. The costs need to be consistent in all schools.

Mr. McDonald told the board that the fees for the high school are the same as last year. Registration starts on the 14th. Nedra Perkins asked about the open enrollment policy. She was concerned that allowing students from other districts bumps our class sizes up. Mr. Haroldsen explained that class limits are set and thus far have not been a problem.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve fees for the 2017-2018 School Year. Mr. Burt Allen seconded. All in favor. Passed

- b. Anita Mason contract

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve the contract between Anita Mason and the School District for the maintenance and upkeep of the PE Facility. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

- c. Wellness Policy

Tanis Cherry would like to revisit the wellness policy. She asked the principals to ask the teachers how they feel about it. Tanis is invited to attend the faculty meetings.

- d. Approve Alternative Authorization

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve Alternative Authorization and declare a need in the district for Kathryn Trost – Math Teacher. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded. All in favor- Passed.

VII. Adjournment

At 11:15 am Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor. Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District Staff In-service Meeting- August 17, 2017 8:30 am
- Solar Eclipse- August 21, 2017 No school
- First Day of School- August 22, 2017

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date