

West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Work Meeting, Information Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28th, 2016

In Attendance:

School Board-Mr. Ryan Ashcraft, Mr. Willy Schmitt, Mrs. Tanis Cherry, Mr. Burt Allen, Mr. Bruce Smith, Superintendent Dwight Richins.

Patrons, employees- Janice Wilcox, Cody Telford, Nyla Linger, Mikki Williams, Candie Reyes, Mike Pincock, Terry Jensen, Peggy Petersen, Mckell Carpenter, Crystal Twitchell, Kaid Hall, David McDonald, Trish Petersen, Lacey Stoddart, Larry Soderquist, Cara Shuldburg, Shawna Bare, LeiLani Neville, Jani Hope

1. Call to Order-Mr. Ryan Ashcraft –Chairman

A. Discussion: 4 Day School Week-Pros and Cons:

Mr. Ryan Ashcraft asked patrons for any feedback on 4 -day school week. The following patrons took a few minutes to discuss their feelings and opinion. Kaid Hall, Janice Wilcox, Peggy Peterson, Cara Shuldburg, Trish Peterson, Janie Hope, Lacey Stoddart, Cody Telford. The board then discussed back and forth on the pros and cons.

Some of the concerns expressed were:

1. Is a four-day week in the best interest for the student's education?
2. Too long of a school day with extra activities such as practices, etc.
3. Less time available for extra activities such as piano, dance, etc.
4. Classified personnel would lose salary.
5. The decision on cold days would have to be made at an earlier hour.
6. Would the four- day week increase the teachers load?

Suggestions for the board to consider:

1. Changes could be made to the calendar: vacations, harvest break, beginning and ending of school and balance in the trimesters.
2. If a four-day week, classified personnel could cross and do other jobs. Grandfather current employees, and increase their pay to offset hours lost.

The board will discuss again at the December School Board Meeting.

B. School Closure Procedures-

Weather Service Meeting Nov 30, 2016 12:00 p.m.- Mike Pincock, Dwight Richins, Burt Allen and Willy Schmitt will attend.

Board discussed weather issues and communication on inclement weather. Who makes the call?

Mr. Richins explained the current protocol on determining school closure due to weather conditions: Mr. Pincock and Mr. Richins talk at 5 am and discuss conditions. Mr. Pincock calls various drivers who have thermometers. We also check the INEL weather stations. Mr. Richins calls board members for their input. Mr. Richins also talks with other school districts. Mr. Richins then makes the call and checks with Board Chairman to verify. Emergency closure procedures are then put in motion. Mr. Richins calls TV, Radio, posts on facebook, and sends notify me texts and emails. Mr. Richins calls principals who then use their chain of communication to get word out.

C. Discuss Policy Review- ISBA

Discussion on what we can do to get our policies updated. There are 3 options with the ISBA. They vary in price, depending on how extensive the process is. Mr. Richins will bring options to the board at next board meeting.

D. Mr. David McDonald talked about the High School Handbook. He asked about the board's opinion on zero tolerance and wondered about more training with our SRO.

E. Facilities Needs

1. Discussed what might be in the future as far as expenses. Mr. Richins talked about the turf. It has a life span of about 15-20 years. It will need replaced in the next 10 years. How will we do this?
2. Talked about key issues at big gym, we are changing locks and only entrance will be electronic lock at front.
3. Bus barn needs painted. Bus parking lots could use gravel, Mr. Smith said he will haul gravel if district will purchase.

Board decided to try Dec 13th for Board Christmas get together.
Board will hand out hams to staff on Dec 22nd at 2pm at ALC

Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Mrs. Cherry, All aye.

Meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.

Announcements:

- a. Weather Service Meeting, November 30, 2016 12:00 p.m.
- b. Dec 8, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting
- c. Dec 23 -Jan 2, 2017 Christmas Break

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date