

West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Work Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018

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

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Mary Blackham

Board Work Meeting
8:30 AM

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Bruce Smith, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, Emily Belnap, Rochelle Ricks, Elizabeth Moss, Officer Keller

After talking with ISBA, and learning that some of the practices of the board are incorrect, Chairman Tanis Cherry explained to the board changes and procedures that will take place, effective immediately.

- a. Officer Keller will now attend all Board Meetings.
- b. Patron Input will be handled differently- Patrons are not to be put on the agenda, however they can address the board by signing the Patron input sheet. They are allowed 3 minutes at the chairman's discretion. The Board Meeting is an Open Meeting, NOT a Public Meeting. There is a statement that is to be read aloud prior to any public input.
- c. Prayer may be said at the beginning of the meeting, but is not to be listed as a line item on the agenda or added to the minutes. The policy needs to be looked at and changed if need be.

Chairman Tanis Cherry opened the Board Work Meeting and welcomed the public present.

1. Activities held on Monday Nights

Board members discussed the request from patrons to make a policy to end all school activities, and/or functions, held on Monday nights, at 6:00 pm. There have been over 200 signatures on a petition requesting the policy be made. Nedra suggested that the wording of the policy should not be day specific, rather designate that one night a week all activities will end by 6:00 pm, to be reviewed yearly. Bruce is in favor of a policy, but wondered if the facilities could be better utilized. He stressed that this is not just one religion request, but all would benefit. Mr. Richins answered questions about sports practices. He also explained some complications that a policy such as this would or could create. Nedra suggested that the policy read: No grade-related activities, sports practices, or any other school related activities after 6:00 pm on a board designated night. Exceptions are to be brought before the board. Officer Keller reminded the board that District games are scheduled on Monday night.

2. Teacher Carry

Mr. Richins told the board that Scott Blackham would donate a ticket to attend Front Sight Gun training in Nevada. The board members appreciate his offer. Officer Keller explained the training the county officers must go through. Sheriff Anderson is willing to help train, but needs to know what the board wants. The question was raised as to the community feeling about teachers carrying. Mr. Richins will conduct a survey of both the faculty and patrons. The safety measures that have been done are good, but the board members feel that more should be done. They would like to see a sign, or on the marquee stating that this is NOT a gun free zone. Having Officer Keller here has been a great help.

3. Drug Policy Review

Board members discussed the revised Drug Testing Policy. The type of test needs to be determined. Policy will be on the agenda for October Board Meeting as 2nd reading.

4. Social Media Policy discussion.

Board discussed different items that need to be included in a social media policy. Board members agree that there should be NO friending students by the teachers or vice versa. Parents should be included in all communication between the student and the teacher. This includes a text. Nedra would like to see what the master agreement says about teachers' lunch time. Does it specify if the lunch break is the teachers own time?

5. Hamer Facility Study

Mr. Richins would like to have a study and cost analysis done on the Hamer building. This would include a fact sheet on the financial and structural conditions. The board members want to be sure that this study is done by a neutral, unbiased company. After the study is done, Tanis would like to present the information to the public for their vote. Mr. Richins will have an agreement contract for the October meeting.

6. Middle School Status

Mr. Richins told the board that the state department will do training, at their cost, to help our Middle School meet standards. A team of 5 will go to Boise for a conference. The state will then come to the school for assistance and training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting September 20, 2018 6:00 pm
- September 22 – October 7 Harvest Break
- Homecoming week September 10-15
- Supplemental Levy November 6, 2018

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date