

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 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

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, (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.

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. (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. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE). All in favor, motion passes. Mr. Smith joined at 8:10.

- II. 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. (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 9:00 a.m. Mr. Burt Allen made motion to leave executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.

Regular Board Meeting
December 5, 2018
9:00 am

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Burt Allen, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, Larry Soderquist, Val Young, Elizabeth Moss, Jeff Haroldsen, David McDonald, Ron Keller, Sheriff Anderson

I. **CALL TO ORDER-** Tanis Cherry

II. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

III. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Additions to Agenda: Tab 3 Consent Agenda – add Tracy Johnson. VII Action Agenda – add f. 1st reading Social Media Policy.

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to adopt the agenda with additions. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA TAB 3:**

Nedra Perkins requested an itemized accounting of the Hay Fundraiser.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

V. **REPORT/ INFORMATION AGENDA**

- a. **Patron Input- None**
- b. **Board Member Input**
 - Bruce Smith reported on the ISBA Convention. He attended a class on vaping and e-cigarettes. Vaping is very dangerous. It is an aerosol, not vapor as the name implies. Suicide is real- we need to be kinder to and notice everyone that we come in contact with.
 - Burt Allen expressed the need to watch out for the less fortunate. It is our responsibility to help keep the students safe.
 - Nedra Perkins talked about how busy the children are with school, church and extra-curricular activities. She thanked the board members for approving no activities on Monday night.

- Willy Schmitt also talked about vaping. It is unregulated and there is no information on long-term ramifications. The students and parents need to be informed of the dangers. He agreed that we need to show compassion to others.
- Tanis Cherry thanked the board for being flexible in moving the meeting time and day. She thanked the community for passing the levy. Tanis told the board some of the information that she learned at the ISBA Convention: when there is a roll call vote needed, the clerk is to call for votes; in a discipline situation, after receiving all the facts, everyone is asked to leave the room leaving the board members to discuss the situation; if a board member abstains from a vote, he/she can stay in the room during discussion time, but, if they recuse themselves, they must leave the room prior to any discussion or vote.

c. Superintendent Report-

- Mr. Richins told the board that the State Funding Formula is a very hot topic. It is still in the discussion phase.
- At the ISBA Convention, Dwight attended an alternative certification class. There is so much paperwork and work that is required.
- The first drug test will be conducted before Christmas break.
- Still need to do the Hamer study.
- The Strategic Plan is in the works.
- The Jr. High improvements are on schedule.
- The Social Media Policy is ready for first reading. Tanis has been working with Dwight on it.
- Because of injuries to maintenance personnel, Larry has been going over his allotted time. He will be paid for the extra overtime.

VI. PROPOSALS/DISCUSSION:

- a. **Maintenance update:** Larry Soderquist reported that Kathy is recovering from having back surgery, and Rick has been placed on light duty.

Larry is looking at projects for next year, and will have a priority list for the board in January. The board thanked Larry for all his hard work.

- b. **School report-** Mr. Haroldsen

Mr. Haroldsen thanked the board for the turkey at Thanksgiving. He reported that the mentorship for new and non-certified teachers is going very well. He thanked Mr. Richins for starting and managing the program.

Mr. Haroldsen thanked Larry and his crew for fixing classrooms. A request has been received to replace the carpet in the library.

Wendy's night has been a success. Val Young got that started.

School improvement comparisons were handed to the board. CSIup is based mostly on ISAT scores. Mr. Haroldsen has put a committee together to continue improving measures for the Jr. High. The State Education Department has given the school \$70,000 to help with improvement through professional development, etc.

The Buhl District website has a section teaching about the dangers of vaping. Mr. Haroldsen plans to do something similar on ours.

c. 2019-2020 Calendar

Mr. McDonald is leading the calendar committee. They still need a community member and a board member. Bruce Smith agreed to be on the committee. They are looking for some direction from the board in regard to Spring Break, Christmas Break, early release, spud harvest, etc. A suggestion was made to move Jr. High under the High School Principal. There are many parts of the calendaring to look at. Nedra Perkins requested a study on Friday early release effect on attendance vs Monday early release.

VII. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Surplus Sale

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud.

Some items were not bid on. Mr. Richins and the department heads will decide what to do with those items.

Bidders are as follows: Craig Falter, Luke Granden, Stanley Babcock, Dan Mitchell, Richard Bell, Desiree Shively, Kort Albertson, Brett and Amy Murdock, Joe Billman, Shively Custom Farming, Dan Owen, Frank Rowe, Parley Roundy, Patrick Jones. Each item went to the highest bidder in all cases:

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve the awarding of the surplus items. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

b. Vehicle purchase

Board discussion on type of vehicle needed to replace the van.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve Mr. Richins purchasing a district vehicle. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

c. Hamer Christmas Program

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve Hamer Elementary to hold a Christmas program on Monday night. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

d. Board Christmas Dinner

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve holding a board Christmas dinner at Mary Blackham's home, and to hire Scott Blackham to cater the dinner. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

e. Work Meeting

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to not hold a Work Meeting in December, and to move the Regular Board Meeting to December 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Then hand out the hams starting at 3:00. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to hold a Work Meeting January 7, 2019 at 9:00 am., and Regular Board Meeting to be held January 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

f. 1st reading Social Media Policy

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve the 1st reading of the Social Media Policy. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

At 11:30 am, Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to re-enter 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, (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. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

At 11:55 am, Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn executive session and to return to Regular meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve Student A request as discussed. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to deny Student B request as discussed. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve Employee A request as discussed. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve Employee B request as discussed. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:05 pm. Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

XI.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 13, 2018 Terreton Christmas Program 2:00 pm
- December 17, 2018 Hamer Christmas Program 7:00 pm
- December 20, 2018 School Board Meeting 1:00 pm (hand out hams after)
- Early Release –begin Christmas vacation
- December 21, 2018 – Jan 1, 2019 Christmas vacation
- January 2, 2019 Return to school
- January 7, 2019 Board Work Meeting 9:00 am

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date