

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 8, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS: Ryan Ashcraft – Chairman
Willy Schmitt – Vice Chairman
Bruce Smith – Clerk
Burt Allen – Treasurer
Tanis Cherry – Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT: Dwight Richins

BUSINESS MANAGER: Patti Bingham

5:30 P.M. Executive Session

- I. Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206
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At 5:30 P.M. Mrs. Tanis Cherry moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206

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Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Allen (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE), Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mr. Ashcraft (AYE), All in favor - Passed.

I, Ryan Ashcraft, President 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

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Ryan Ashcraft, *Chairman*

At 6:25 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith made a motion to adjourn executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Willy Schmitt. All in favor- Passed.

6:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

In Attendance:

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

Patrons, employees: Patti Bingham, Valerie Young, Mikki Williams, Nyla Linger, Crystal Twitchell, Leo Twitchell, Clarynn Shuldberg, Cara Shuldberg, Don Bird, Jody Weekes, Jimi Burtenshaw, Nannette Hall, Kelsey Falter, Candie Reyes, David McDonald, Cheryl Bird, Sam Rodriquez

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mr. Ryan Ashcraft

2. OPENING CEREMONIES
 - a. Welcome to Visitors: Mr. Ryan Ashcraft
 - b. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Mr. Willy Schmitt
 - c. Prayer: By Invitation: Mr. Ryan Ashcraft

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - Additions: VI: Kerry Anderson-Tech Management
 - VIIa: Student #2016121 Request
 - VIIb: Floor Scrubber Purchase

Mr. Willy Schmitt made a motion to adopt the agenda with the above additions. Motion is seconded by Mr. Burt Allen. All in favor - Passed

4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016
 - b. Board Work Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016
 - c. Approval of Bills
 - d. Approval of Payroll
 - e. Monthly Budget Reports
 - f. Personnel Actions

Mr. Burt Allen made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion is seconded by Mrs. Tanis Cherry. All in favor- Passed.

5. REPORT/INFORMATION
 - a. Patron Input: None

- b. Board Member Input
 - 1. Mrs. Tanis Cherry complimented Mary Blackham on the minutes.
 - 2. Mr. Willy Schmitt talked with the patrons. There was a mix of opinions on the 4-day vs 5-day schedule.
 - 3. Mr. Bruce Smith suggested that the football turf and rake be sanitized.

- c. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. National Weather Services

Superintendent Dwight Richins, Mr. Willy Schmitt, Mr. Burt Allen, and Mr. Mike Pincock attended a meeting with the National Weather Service. They learned of an amazing website that displays the area wind chill, but still feel it is important to communicate with people throughout the district to determine weather conditions.
 - 2. Leadership Premium

The committee is meeting this next week to revisit the policy. The first report period is February. Mr. Richins explained that if all teachers earned a leadership premium, the district would have to cover the difference between what the teacher is paid and what the state distributes.
 - 3. Committees are being formed.
 - a. Graduation Policy
 - b. Safety
 - c. Strategic Plan
 - d. Calendar
 - e. Curriculum

6. PROPOSALS/DISCUSSIONS:

- a. Mr. Richins introduced Kerry Anderson from Ednetics. He explained how they can help the district manage and develop our technology.
- b. The 4-day school week discussion
 - 1. No decision was made to move to a 4-day week, however, a calendar committee will be formed under the direction of Superintendent Richins. They will meet and prepare three calendar options for the board to review, taking into consideration the requests and comments from the patrons.
- c. Board and district staff will meet on December 22 for Christmas lunch and to hand out Christmas hams to employees.
- d. District Policy discussed.
 - 1. Mr. Richins explained that we must be legally compliant in the policies. ISBA has 3 options for services in helping districts update their policies. Mr. Richins will investigate further.

Mr. Bruce Smith motioned to table District Policy at this time. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

- e. No Tolerance Policy
 - 1. Principal David McDonald asked that the policy be better clarified.
 - 2. Board suggested including intent in the wording.

Mr. Willy Schmitt motioned that 502.14 Dangerous Policy be moved to a First Reading. Mr. Richins, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Burt Allen will edit the Policy as discussed. Mr. Burt Allen seconded. All in favor- Passed

- f. Student Handbook
 - 1. Board went through the handbook revisions with Mr. McDonald.
- g. Mr. Burt Allen asked questions of Mr. McDonald
 - 1. Are the computer labs open and available to students? Both the computer lab and library are open to students from 8:00 – 4:00 M-F.
 - 2. Are more leadership opportunities needed for students? The Student Government gives students the chance to grow and development leadership skills when the advisors allow the students to lead.
- h. Mrs. Tanis Cherry suggested more recognition be given for non-athletic student achievements.

7. ACTION AGENDA:

- a. Floor Scrubber purchase- request made for \$6072.39 to buy a floor scrubber for the High School.

Mr. Bruce Smith motioned to approve purchasing a floor scrubber. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor -Passed

- b. Student 2016121 Request

Mr. Burt Allen motioned to approve request of student 2016121 upon meeting stipulations. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- passed

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith motioned to adjourn. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded. All in favor- Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- High School Christmas Program Dec. 14, 2016 7:00 pm
- Hamer Elementary Christmas Program Dec 19, 2016 7:00 pm
- Terreton Elementary Christmas Program Dec 20, 2016 2:00 pm

- Board Lunch and hand out hams Dec 22, 2016 12:30pm
- January Board Meeting January 12, 2017, 5:30 pm Executive Session, 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date