

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 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

10:30 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 10:30 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. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE), All in favor, motion passes. Mr. Burt Allen absent.

- 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 11:05 am. Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.

Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2018
11:00 A. M.

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Dwight Richins, Patti Bingham, Mary Blackham, Val Young, Cassie Mays, Brian Mays, JoAnna Mays, Teri Smith, Dave Gemar, Jody Weekes

I. CALL TO ORDER- Tanis Cherry

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

IV. CONSENT AGENDA TAB 3:

Mr. Richins went to Day on the Hill instead of Mr. Burt Allen. Questions were asked about some budget items. Patti answered the questions. Basically the bottom line is what they need to look at on the budget reports.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

V. REPORT/ INFORMATION AGENDA

a. Patron Input

Mrs. Valerie Young talked to the board about the struggle that students are having in the 5th and 6th grade. In her opinion, bringing the Hamer students over at this age is not helping any of the students. She recommends closing Hamer and having all students attend Terretton from the start.

b. Board Member Input

- Bruce Smith asked who was going to attend the safety training in Pocatello with him. Mr. McDonald, Mr. Haroldsen, Officer Keller, and Mr. Richins will be going along with Mr. Smith on Monday and Tuesday.
- Nedra Perkins is concerned about the school band/music program. Mr. Richins explained that the trimester system is not music friendly and it is an elective. He has talked to Mr. McDonald and told him to work on building the program. The music program in the grade school is doing very well. Mrs. Perkins also wondered if any of our teachers were

strong in the STEM programs. There is a conference this summer that looked interesting. Mr. Richins will check into this.

- Willy Schmitt told the board about the Day on the Hill. It was very informative. They are working hard on improving the transportation regulations. Mr. Schmitt told the board that there is a net in the middle of the ceiling in the PE building that was originally planned to be used to divide the gym into two classrooms. It has never been used and is a baseball catcher when the teams have practices in the gym. He suggested that we just take it out. Mr. Richins will check into this. The Ed Foundation has a new name, and is meeting Monday to establish itself as Tax exempt.
- Tanis Cherry asked about the crows nest status. Mr. Richins reported that Larry is waiting for the weather to dry up and then he will finish a few outside cosmetic needs and it will be finished. She wants to schedule a safety committee meeting soon after the safety conference. Mrs. Cherry explained the emergency phone app a little more. Feels that it is a good route to go. The board needs to make a decision. She is concerned about putting labels on students across the whole spectrum from special ed to handicapped to gifted and talented.

c. Superintendent Report-

- Mr. Richins reported that the State is indecisive at this time on the career ladder for teacher's salaries. All preparations need to be done and ready by August for the November Supplemental Levy election, so we will be busy preparing for that. Mr. Richins talked with both Larry and Raquel Torgerson about what needs to be done to fix the volleyball net system in the HS gym. They have decided it would be better to tape the boundary lines each time instead of painting them. The Girls Basketball took 2nd in Districts and Consolation at State. The Boys Basketball took 4th in District. The Wrestling took 3rd in District and will take 7 wrestlers to state. The Spring sports are starting practices. The Scholastic Bowl Team is doing well and host a tournament here tonight.

VI. PROPOSALS:

a. Cassie Mays- FFA

Cassie Mays showed the board a slide show presentation of her trip to the National Convention. She and Hyrum Richins had a good experience and learned skills that they can use in the West Jefferson FFA Chapter. She thanked the board for allowing them to go and for the monetary help in getting them there.

b. Drug and Alcohol Policy

The board looked through the rough draft of the drug and alcohol testing policy, and made some changes. They will work on it more in depth at the next work meeting.

c. PA System

Jody Weekes presented the board with three proposals- IEACOM, P&Lnew, P&L refurbished. There is one more that he is waiting on a price from- S2CONNECT.

The board asked Jody to have his recommendation to the board ready at the next board work meeting on March 5th.

d. Multi-grade Staffing-Hamer

The concern is the size of classes and the amount of staffing allowed. Teri Smith, a teacher at Hamer, Mr. Gemar, Federal Programs Administrator, and the board had a discussion on numbers allowed, and teacher/student ratio for government funding. The projected number for Hamer for the 2018-2019 school year is 33 students.

VII. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Superintendent Contract 2018-2019

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the Superintendent Contract for the school year 2018-2019. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

b. Diesel fuel purchase

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve the purchase of diesel fuel for the buses. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

c. Calendar

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to table the 1st reading of the calendar to allow more discussion to be held in the next work meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.

d. Work Meeting

Board Work Meeting – Monday March 5, 2018 9:00 AM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:10 pm. Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to adjourn the Regular board meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Board Meeting March 5, 2018 9:00
- Regular Board Meeting March 15, 2018
- Spring Break March 17-March 25, 2018

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date