

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS: Tanis Cherry – Chairman
 Willy Schmitt – Vice Chairman
 Bruce Smith – Clerk
 Burt Allen – Treasurer
 Nedra Perkins- Board Member

SUPERINTENDENT: Dwight Richins

BOARD SECRETARY: Mary Blackham

5:00 P.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 5:00 P.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), Mr. Smith (AYE), Mrs. Cherry (AYE). All in favor, motion passes.

- 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 5:55 p.m. Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to leave executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.

**Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Burt Allen, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, Larry Soderquist, Ron Keller, Sheriff Anderson, Jeff Haroldsen, Will Slagowski, Parlser Dixon, Seth Brown, Slade Shupe, Wyatt Slagowski, Sawyer Shaffer, Jeremie Neville, Chad Hillman,

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

II. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

a. **Welcome to Visitors:** Tanis Cherry

b. **Pledge-of-Allegiance:** Willy Schmitt

Prayer: By Invitation: Nedra Perkins

III. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Changes to Agenda: Tab 3 Consent Agenda – add Josie Moss 8th grade Volley ball coach.
Table VIIb. Calendar reading

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

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

b. Nedra Perkins presented a write-up of what she would like added to the February 6, 2019 Work Meeting Minutes. She also asked about the High School cheerleader uniforms. Mr. Richins explained that they were not a high school expense, but the payment for them is run through the high school account. Question was asked about the lifetime sports pass. Mr. Richins told the board that the district gave Mr. Mark Sawicki a lifetime pass to sports events. He was very appreciative.

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve the Consent Agenda with additions added to b and Tab 3 f. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

V. **REPORT/INFORMATION**

a. Patron Input – NONE

b. Board Member Input-

- Willy Schmitt reported to the board that he replied to the inquiry from the state on issues the district is dealing with. He told them about the Jr. High improvements and The Hamer situation. The WJ Ed Foundation is pleased so far with the gun raffle money raiser.
- Bruce Smith talked about the technology, especially cell phones, usage. He is concerned that we are losing our rights and privacy.

- Burt Allen asked about the math program; how are the students who struggle being helped. Mr. Richins explained the math program to the board. They are currently looking at new curriculum.
 - Nedra Perkins is concerned about the ease of obtaining and using marijuana. Taking marijuana has been linked to mental illness. The board discussed drugs in general and the harm that they cause. The board members want to be sure that our students are being taught about the dangers of not only drugs, but tobacco and alcohol use as well. Nedra congratulated the girls' basketball team on going to state. She commended Jordi Holdaway as a great representative for the district. Mr. Richins informed the board that five boys are attending state wrestling.
 - Tanis Cherry asked Mr. Richins to report on the Scholastic Bowl Tournament that was held here. He reported that it was very well run and a success. Mr. Packer is doing an excellent job working with the students and encouraging them to get involved.
- c. Superintendent Report
- Mr. Richins told the board that the Gun Raffle has reached the amount to cover the costs. What we sell from here on out will be profit. He handed out an update from the state legislature on salaries, benefits, etc. He's not sure what they will end up with. The math committee met and had a very good discussion as to where the math program is going and what new curriculum they would like to use. The goal is to eventually have grades K-12 on the same program. Nedra and Bruce are on the math committee and would like to be involved in their meetings.

VI. PROPOSALS/DISCUSSION: TAB 4

- a. Teacher Carry
- Tanis asked Sheriff Anderson to address the board with his thoughts on the teacher carry subject. Sheriff Anderson told the board that there is a bill being looked at in the State Government that would allow all who have a concealed carry permit to have guns on school campuses. He hopes that the bill does not pass. The county will agree to train those who the board chooses to carry, but the district must have a policy in place stating the training procedures and releasing Jefferson County from any liability. He will have Captain Parker meet with Mr. Richins for help with writing the policy. Sheriff Anderson recommends having 2 people per building trained and carrying. He also said that an assault rifle with locked case will be installed shortly. Officer Keller will be the only person who will have access to it.
- The board thanked the county for placing Officer Keller here as the Resource Officer. Sheriff told the board that the cost will stay the same for next year. Mr. Neville speaking for the patrons thanked the district and county for having a resource officer on campus.
- b. Emergency Closures

Mr. Richins told the board that because of the closures, the seniors will have to make up some seat hours. The rest of the grades are alright. If there are any more emergency closures, the time will have to be made up.

c. March 12th Cottage Meeting

David Brinkman from the Idaho State Board Association (ISBA) will facilitate the meeting. This will allow the board members to listen to what patrons have to say.

Mr. Richins asked the board members to be open minded. There will be two options explained by Mr. Richins and Patti Bingham. Option 1: Numbers analysis with Hamer as is, and Option 2: All students attending Terreton Elementary.

Nedra Perkins asked that if Hamer presents another option at the meeting, the board would consider it as well. Nedra told the board that she has been asked by some Hamer patrons to attend a planning meeting and answer questions. She wondered what the policy is on her attending and participating. Mr. Richins told her to call ISBA and ask them.

Mr. Richins reminded the board that no decisions will be made at the Cottage Meeting. He also counselled them to be mindful of what they say in public.

d. ISBA Policy review

Mary Blackham explained the policy review process. Burt Allen suggested that a board member assist Mary. Nedra Perkins volunteered to help.

VII. ACTION AGENDA: TAB 5

a. Purchase of Technology

Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve technology purchase as requested. Bruce Smith asked if there is a plan in place in case of damage to the computers. Mr. Richins explained that there will be a usage fee. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

b. District 2019-2020 Calendar - Tabled

c. Bus Driver Phone/Blue Tooth Policy – 1st reading
Board discussion.

Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve the 1st Reading of the Bus Driver Phone/Blue Tooth Policy 1st reading with changes made. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

d. High School Work Release Policy- 1st reading
Board discussion

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve the 1st Reading of the High School Work Release Policy with changes by the board. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

e. School Closure February 7-8, 2019 due to illness

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve school closure on February 7-8, 2019. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed

f. School Closure February 11, 2019 due to weather

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve school closure on February 11, 2019. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

g. Early Release on February 13, 2019 due to weather

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve Early Release on February 13, 2019. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

h. School Closure February 14, 2019 due to weather

Mr. Burt Allen made motion to approve school closure on February 14, 2019. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed

Request was made to change the date of the March Regular Board Meeting. Tentative date will be March 14, 2019. Executive Session at 5:00 and Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 pm. Mr. Richins will check with David Brinkman to see if that date works for him.

Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adjourn Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cottage Information Meeting 6:00 pm ALC building
- Spring Break March 23-31