

**West Jefferson School District #253  
Terreton, Idaho 83450  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 15, 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

**6:30 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 5:30 P.M., Mrs. Nedra Perkins 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. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Mr. Smith (AYE), Mr. Schmitt (AYE), Mrs. Perkins (AYE), Mr. Allen (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.

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*Tanis Cherry- Chairman*

**At 6:25 P.M. Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to adjourn Executive session and begin Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed.**

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 15, 2018**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**In attendance:** Willy Schmitt, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Bruce Smith, Burt Allen, Dwight Richins, Patti Bingham, Larry Soderquist, Bonita Smuin, Don Bird, Jim Brook, David McDonald, Jeff Haroldsen, Jody Weekes, Cheryl Bird, Cassie Mays

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Tanis Cherry
- II. OPENING CEREMONIES
  - a. Welcome to Visitors: Tanis Cherry
  - b. Pledge-of-Allegiance: Burt Allen
  - c. Prayer: By Invitation: Willy Schmitt
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
  - Need to Table Items e,h,and i. Burt Allen would like to add item k- Out of District Students.

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

- IV. CONSENT AGENDA, TAB 3:

**Mr. Burt Allen made motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed**

**Mrs. Nedra Perkins made motion to approve Jenna Vadnais as a substitute teacher. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.**

- V. REPORT/ INFORMATION AGENDA

- a. Patron Input**

- Don Bird and student Cassie Mays, invited the Board Members to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Jefferson FFA Chapter Celebration. It will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 at the ALC building. It was started by teacher, Al Knutson in 1968 and has been a strong club. For the celebration, they are planning on 300-400 people Rob and Lisa Shively will be doing the pitchfork fondue.

- Mr. Brook addressed the board on school safety. He feels that gun shootings are happening because they are gun-free zones. If guns are in the schools it would be a deterrent to gun violence. He would like to see the board pass a policy allowing a select few to carry firearms in the school.

- b. Board Member Input**

- Postpone recognizing volunteers

- Bruce Smith would like to see our science lab and department built up. He feels that Science has not had a strong emphasis and would like to see a million dollar bond go towards an up-to-date science lab.
- Burt Allen went with the High School to the Tech Expo. He was very impressed with all the variety and hard work that went into putting it on. There are apprentice programs available. Mrs. Jimi Burtenshaw arranged for students to go. Burt felt that it was very worthwhile. He asked if the school had a 3D printer. Mr. Bird said that Mr. Hansen has one.
- Nedra Perkins agreed with Bruce Smith on the science lab, and would like to include technology with it. She wondered if some of the apprenticeships could be done in our own community. Nedra commended the high school play. All of the drama students did an excellent job. Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Shuldberg did excellent with the students. Nedra would like to have a refresher CPR course held for all staff. She wondered if the Senior Project is really necessary.
- Willy Schmitt would like to see the Ag Shop improved. The bond money is to help improve all areas of the school. FFA could use more support as well.
- Tanis Cherry attended the Donkey Basketball Fund Raiser. Coach Hadley did a great job announcing the game. The play, Fiddler On The Roof, was amazing. The parents appreciated being included on the harvest break survey.

#### **c. Superintendent Report**

- Mr. Richins told the board that there is a student who has built a concession stand as his Senior Project. At this time, it hasn't been decided where to put it. It isn't on wheels and once placed will not be movable. Still some issues to be worked out, but he wanted the board to be aware of this.
- The FFA fundraiser at the fair funds are student generated. They are used to help send students to nationals, for FFA future students, and for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- The Safety Committee is ordering safety equipment. It will cost about \$1500. Noah from the weather service talked with Mike and Mr. Richins. He walked through the safety plan with them and is happy with what is being put into place.
- There were 30 students who walked out of class on the "student walk-out day". The walk-out was for the 17 students who were killed, not against guns. It was a respectful moment. Board discussion on topic. Mr. Richins told Board that Representative Van Burtenshaw would like to hold a school/community meeting on this topic. Need to educate our parents and community members what the laws are regarding guns, or weapons of any kind, on school grounds, and what to expect and how to react in case of a situation. Meeting should include a panel of School Board Members, Sheriff and Representative Burtenshaw.

## **VI. PROPOSALS:**

### **a. Maintenance Project Summer List**

Larry Soderquist handed out a more detailed list. See attached. In addition to the list, Willy Schmitt would like to have the net in the PE Gym removed. Larry agreed. He said it was a poor design and never worked the way it was intended.

**b. Mr. McDonald**

Mr. McDonald presented the High School highlights to the board. **They have added a STEM class to the curriculum** this tri. The board asked him questions about it. 11 students are enrolled in it. **The play was very successful.** Performed to sold-out crowds. Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Shuldberg did very well with the students. **The Scholastic Bowl Team** is doing very well. Jimi Burtenshaw arranged a **College Day** here. Had 10-15 college representatives come and try to sell their college to the students. It was a huge success. **The Math students went to BYUI** for a math competition. They did well representing our school. Nedra Perkins asked about Senior Projects. Mr. McDonald said that they are mandated by the state, but the state has not given much direction as to the rules and regulations that must be followed. Our school is trying to be more project based, along with a research paper. They present their projects in April. Mr. Richins will advertise when.

**c. Math Sequence/Credit Proposal**

The proposal is the same as what was presented at the work meeting. Nedra Perkins asked Mr. McDonald questions about graduation. Our District has about a 92% graduation rate.

**d. Mr. Haroldsen**

The Maturation film is shown in 5<sup>th</sup> grade . The boys and girls are in separate rooms. See handout for more information.

Mr. Haroldsen gave handout for the gifted and talented curriculum. The committee is trying to come up with the best situation to serve the students. All students are Gifted and Talented in some area. The board asked Mr. Haroldsen to present more detail on Gifted and Talented at the next work meeting.

Mr. Haroldsen told Board about the Read across America and Dr. Seuss Day where they were able to skype a grade school in Wyoming and read books to each other. It was a very fun activity.

**e. Phone call – Dr. Bauscher**

Tabled

**f. PA System- Jody**

Jody Weekes gave board handouts with specs required and proposals for the PA system. He and Mr. Richins are studying each system in depth so we get what we are looking for. They are not yet ready to make a recommendation. Hopefully they will have one for the April meeting. The key goal is to bring all the schools together on the same system, to be able to communicate between each other at any given time, and to have one that will blend with what is already in place. Bruce Smith would like to also have the phone app. Mr. Richins suggested that Bruce and he visit a school that is using the phone app.

**g. HS Athletic Gate Ticket Policy**

Mr. Richins gave board members a handout with current ticket prices. The ticket money and the hay fund raiser money pays for the officials and game costs. Mr. Richins recommends that the prices stay the same for next year with the exception that military and senior citizens 65 and older get in free.

**Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to move HS Athletic Gate Policy to Action Agenda VIC. Mr. Burt Allen seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.**

**h. Drug Policy Progress**

Tabled

**i. Full time SRO**

Tabled

**j. Harvest Options – Survey Results**

Board discussion on school calendar. Mr. Richins told board that early Friday release has not been as productive as early Monday was. Tanis explained the results of the parent surveys on harvest break.

Parents tally: 121- Keep as is  
84 - No break at all  
11 - Neutral  
Staff tally: 31 – Keep as is  
10 – HS only  
11 – Elementary 1 week  
7 – No break

Based on these results, Mr. Richins recommended to leave harvest break as is.

**k. Out of District Students**

Burt Allen would like to consider having a bus pick up the students that come to West Jefferson from out of the district in the Montevue/Dubois area. There would be approximately 7 students. Mr. Richins will check with Mike on the possibilities and legalities of doing this.

**VII. ACTION AGENDA:**

**a. Calendar Opt. 2 for 2018-19 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Option 2 Calendar for the school year 2018-2019 and to move it to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed**

**b. Teacher/Administration Evaluation Policy 402.5 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Richins gave handout to board members and explained it. Nedra Perkins wanted to be sure that personal conduct such as: dress, punctuality, attendance, etc. is addressed. Mr. Richins will make the additions and send it to the faculty.

**Mr. Bruce Smith made motion to approve the Teacher/Administration Evaluation Policy 402.5 1<sup>st</sup> reading with changes discussed and to move it to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor - Passed**

**c. HS Athletic Gate Ticket Policy**

**Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to approve the HS Athletic Gate Ticket Policy for school year 2018-2019 as they are with the following changes- Seniors 65 and older, and Veterans get in Free. Mr. Bruce Smith seconded the motion. All in favor – Passed.**

**d. Work Meeting**

Board Work Meeting – Monday April 2, 2018 9:00 A.M.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 10:45 pm. Mr. Burt Allen made motion to move into 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 11:15 pm. Mr. Burt Allen made motion to close Executive Session. Mr. Willy Schmitt seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed**

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*Tanis Cherry- Chairman*

**At 11:18pm. Mr. Burt Allen made motion to adjourn Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor- Passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Work Board Meeting April 2, 2018 9:00
- Regular Board Meeting April 19, 2018

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*Clerk of the Board*

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*Chairman of the Board*

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*Date*