

**West Jefferson School District #253
Terreton, Idaho 83450
Board Work Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 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

**Board Work Meeting
9:00 AM**

In attendance: Willy Schmitt, Burt Allen, Bruce Smith, Tanis Cherry, Nedra Perkins, Dwight Richins, Mary Blackham, David McDonald, Sherri Bell, David Gemar, Larry Soderquist, Jody Weekes

Chairman Tanis Cherry called the meeting to order.

1. Volleyball Standards and the Press Box

Larry Soderquist explained to the board the plans to shore up and revamp the volleyball stands in the high school gym. When done there will be standards enough to have three nets up at the same time. His cost estimate is around \$5000.00. The Press Box (Crow's Nest) is not yet completed to the county specs, but close. Larry is waiting for warmer weather to finish up. He knows what needs to be done and it won't take much to complete. Larry informed the board of a senior project that is being done at this time. A senior student is building a concession stand for the football field. The problem is that it has not been approved through the proper channels and does not have wheels to be moved easily. It's a great idea, but the logistics and details have not been discussed and worked out.

2. Teacher Evaluation Policy Review

Mr. Richins explained the policies for both the certificated and classified evaluations. Mr. Richins recommends following the Charlotte Danielsons model, using 4 steps of evaluating. 1-4. 1-Unsatisfactory, 2 -Basic, 3- Proficient, and, 4- Distinguished.

Board discussed the pros and cons.

3. Calendar

Mr. Richins explained the survey taken district wide by the staff. The overall opinion was to leave the Harvest Break as is. See report attached. Board members discussed. Tanis Cherry asked Mr. Richins to send home a questionnaire to the elementary students' parents asking their opinion, with emphasis on whether they would rather have school go from Labor day- Memorial day or have a two-week Harvest Break. The board also asked Mr. Richins to ask Mike to have a report on how many 7th – 12th grade school students actually ride the bus and would it be possible to combine routes the first few and last few weeks of school when just those grades would be attending?

4. Drug Testing Policy

Will work on at another time.

5. P.A. Replacement

Jody Weekes told the board that he and Mr. Richins went to a school in Idaho Falls to see one of the systems that he is considering for the PA system. It is better than what we have, but not the top of the line. He is looking for something that will be compatible with what we already have. The board asked Jody to have his recommendation to the board as soon as possible. They want to move on this.

6. School Safety Committee Report

Will work on at another time.

7. Math Proposal

Mr. McDonald, Sherry Bell, and David Gemar presented a proposal to change the requirements for math credits. As it is, a student does not have to take math their Junior year. The proposal is to require a math class all four years of high school. See attached handout. Board discussed and asked questions. Mr. Richins will put the math proposal on the action agenda for 1st reading for the March Board Meeting.

Mr. Richins asked the board to move to Executive Session.

At 11:40 AM Mr. Burt Allen made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(a), To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, where in the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need; and Idaho Code 74-206 1(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. All in favor – Passed

At 12:05 PM Mr. Willy Schmitt made motion to adjourn Executive Session. Mrs. Nedra Perkins seconded. All in favor- Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 15, 2018 Board Meeting 5:30 Executive Session, 6:30 Regular
- March 19-23 Spring Break

Clerk of the Board

Chairman of the Board

Date