

**Minutes of the Regular  
Board Meeting  
Joint Jefferson School District #251**

Dec. 8, 2010

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Clark at 5:30 p.m. that the Board enter executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (a)(b)(c)(d), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock. A roll call was taken and the meeting began.

Mr. Clark	“aye”
Mr. Hancock	“aye”
Dr. Peterson	“aye”
Mr. Peterson	“aye”
Mrs. Robison	“aye”
Mr. Hepworth	“aye”
Dr. Stephens	“aye”

**Absent:** Mr. Bingham

Executive session concluded at 6:05 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:** 6:05 P.M.

**Present:** Dr. Peterson, Mrs. Robison, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hancock, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Hepworth, Superintendent Ron Tolman, Nile Hall, and Rhonda Merrill

**Absent:** Mr. Bingham

**Those in Attendance:** Keith Scholes, Diane Clark, Becky Birch, Doug and Colleen Scott, Roseanne Henry, Clarissa Morris, Kevin Bodily, Brad McKinsey, Steve Young, Doug Siddoway, Gary Comstock, Chris Remsburg, Lisa Davie, Sheldon Packer and mother, Becky Vasas, Debbie Timm, David England, Bill Weed, Kamra Birch, Marilyn Prestwich, Esther Prestwich, PEP Students/Robotics team, Marie Hamilton, LaRell Greenhalgh, Ted Mecham, Whitney Young and parents, Cindy Scott, Katelyn Lusk and parents, Eric Jensen, Yvonne Thurber, AnnaLee Murr and Kaye Woodfield, Tyler Cammack, Kayla Curtis and mother, Lacey Weaver and mother, Sherry Simmons, Debby Lund, Michele Southwick

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 6:00 p.m. Becky Birch led the Pledge of Allegiance and Marilyn Prestwich offered the invocation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Peterson that the Board approve the minutes of the Nov. 3, 18, & 22, 2010 Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark, voted and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approve the agenda for the Dec. 8, 2010 Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hepworth, voted and passed unanimously.

I. Recognition

1. Seventh grade PEP students won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Regional Lego Robot Tournament Competition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. They also received the overall award.
2. Katelyn Kinghorn awarded Player of the Year for the Volleyball All Conference team.
3. Whitney Young and Desiree Nielson chosen for 1<sup>st</sup> Team for the Volleyball All Conference Team.
4. Reigan Decker chosen for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference for the Volleyball All Conference Team.
5. Courtney Nield and Esther Prestwich received Honorable Mention in the Volleyball All Conference Team.
6. Madi Hull named to the All-Northwest Honor Band.
7. Steven South, Kamra Birch, and Sheldon Packard named to the All-Northwest Honor Choir.
8. The following students participated in the GEM State Region Solo and Ensemble Festival and received Excellent and Superior ratings:
  - Kamra Birch
  - Tyler Cammack
  - Kayla Curtis
  - Sarah Fillmore
  - Katelyn Lusk
  - AnnaLee Murr
  - Lacie Weaver

Kevin Bodily of NBW and architects from VCBO presented information on the new high school design. Some of the key points covered include the following:

- The gym and auditorium have the ability to be separated by functions. The planned footprint of the classrooms and entire facility was presented.
- The building will have neutral colors with bold color accents along with some maple.
- The building will be approximately 265,000 sq. feet.
- There are two pieces of the building that are listed as alternates just in case the bids come in higher than expected. Those alternates that could be considered for later construction are:
  - 1. The professional technical building
  - 2. One of the practice gym floors could be eliminated.
  - 3. There may be some parking areas that can be identified for postponed pavement.
- The projections are those worked from the economic climate and those of the architectural firms.

- It is anticipated that the documents will be submitted to the State for review early next year and bidding some time next April.
- Projected completion scheduled for the summer of 2013.

Mr. Bodily asked that the Board approve the firms to go to the working drawing phase.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth to authorize the architects to move forward with the project as outlined, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Peterson, voted and passed unanimously.

II. Patron comments

III. Consent Agenda—Section 1

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the following personnel changes:

Hire/Resignation	Name	Position	School
Internship	Elizabeth Page	Student teacher	Special Education
Leave of Absence	Chelsea Wilson	Special Education Teacher	Rigby High School
New Hire	Morgan Snyder	Wrestling Coach	Rigby High/Jr. High
New Hire	Jodie Dansie	Golf Coach	Rigby High School
New Hire	Jennifer McKinney	Extended Day Paraprofessional	South Fork Elementary
New Hire	Beverly Horton	Extended Day paraprofessional	Roberts Elementary
New Hire	Darren Birch	Bus Driver	Transportation
New Hire	Megan Maxwell	Food Service	Food Service
New Hire	Val Robinson	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Jefferson High School
New Hire	Holly Mickelsen	Executive Director	Education Foundation
New Hire	Brandy Boyce	Clinical Supervisor	CNA Program-RHS
Resignation	Jeff Anderson	Tennis coach	Rigby High School
Resignation	Elaine Schauerhamer	Paraprofessional	Jefferson Elementary
Resignation	Teresa Murray	Bus Driver	Transportation
Resignation	Justin Chase	Bus Driver	Transportation

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hancock that the Board accept Consent Agenda, Section I as recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda—Section 2, Financial

1. Approval of accounts payable was requested.
2. Approval of the financial report was requested.
3. Approval of Nov. 22 and 23 as snow closure days.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approve Consent Agenda, Section 2 as recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hepworth, voted and passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda—Section 3, Policy

1. Request for travel to Seattle, Washington Feb. 17-20, 2011 for the All-Northwest Honor Band and All-Northwest Honor Choir.
2. Request for travel for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade PEP team to travel to the State Championship Robotics Tournament.
3. Request for the insurance buy down program for retirees was presented.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approve Consent Agenda 3 as recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Peterson, voted and passed unanimously.

VI. Board Discussion Items

1. Dr. Tolman presented a memorandum of understanding between Jefferson and Madison School Districts.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board approved the memorandum of understanding between Jefferson and Madison School Districts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously. Mr. Hepworth commended the Board for their insight into needs of others.

2. The Board discussed options for using the Education Jobs Fund monies. The District has been allocated \$829,000 of the funds and has 2 years to spend them. Dr. Tolman presented the following options for the funds.
  - Continue to hold the funds as a reserve in case there is a hold back this year or severe cut for the next fiscal year. Do not make a decision about restoring furlough days until the legislative session is over or nearly over.
  - Use the \$829,000 to restore as many of the FY 2011 furlough days as possible. A prorated amount would be calculated to add to each employee's salary or wages and that amount would be spread over the remaining payroll months in FY 2011.
  - Use a portion of the \$829,000 to restore some of the FY 2011 furlough days. A prorated amount would be calculated to add to each employee's salary or wages and that amount would be spread over the remaining payroll months in FY 2011.
  - Use the \$829,000 to restore as many of the FY 2011 furlough days as possible and use reserve funds to make up the difference to bring employees to the same level as they were last year. A needed amount would be calculated to add to each employee's salary or wages and that amount would be spread over the remaining payroll months in FY 2011.

- Use reserve funds to restore some or all of the FY 2011 furlough days make up the difference to bring employees to the same level as they were last year. Keep the Education Jobs funds for the future. A needed amount would be calculated to add to each employee's salary or wages and that amount would be spread over the remaining payroll months in FY 2011.
- It was mentioned that another option could be to hire additional staff to reduce class size in as many places as possible.

Some of the questions asked and concerns expressed included the following:

- The Board is concerned about maintaining as healthy financial position as possible.
- What happens if there is a holdback in the next 1-6 month?
- What would be the option if the funds were restored and then a hold back happened? Do we have indications of State budget?
- It appears that the state needs to find 60-100 million in order to maintain current funding. It may be that we will face additional cuts for 2011-2012.
- The funds can be used for paying anyone who works in the District with the exception of central office administrators.
- The Board could choose to hire additional staff to reduce class size.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Clark that the Board table for the Education Jobs Fund until more information is received and the teacher survey reviewed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hepworth, voted and passed unanimously.

3. Dr. Tolman presented a recommendation for work sessions for the Board to review data prior to Board meetings.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board move the regular Board meeting to 6:30 to accommodate earlier work meetings when needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Peterson, voted and passed unanimously.

## VII. Information Items

1. Mrs. Timm presented the monthly food service report.

Dr. Tolman reported that the entire Board packet is available on the website for review of staff and patrons prior to board meetings.

Dr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.