

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

January 13, 2010

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth at 5:15 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. Byram	“aye”
Mrs. Robison	“aye”
Mr. Hancock	“aye”
Mr. Hepworth	“aye”

**Absent:** Mr. Peterson; and Dr. Peterson arrived late

Executive session concluded at 6:05 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:** 6:10 P.M.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Peterson

**Those in Attendance:** Gary Comstock, Stefani Cook, Debby Timm, Ron Smith, Steve Young, Sherry Simmons, Debby Lund, Doug Siddoway, Esther Henry, The Artega family, Kyly Abbott, Lori Troyer, Keith Scholes and the Rigby High School Student Council

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 6:10 p.m. Gary Comstock led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ron Smith offered the invocation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Byram that the Board approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Board meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approve the agenda for the Jan. 13, 2010 Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

**I. Recognition**

1. Kyly Abbott named outstanding senior for the week of Nov. 5, 2009 by the United Dairymen of Idaho and Local News 8. She will receive a check for \$100.
2. Rigby High School Student Council with advisor, Stefani Cook, for organizing and carryout the successful Food Drive for the Food Bank.
3. Patricia Arteaga, Jefferson Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, winner of 2009-2010 Back to School Haiku Contest sponsored by Achieve 3000.

**II. Public Comment**

1. Mr. Comstock complimented the students for the great food drive.
2. Mr. Young asked that we remember Haiti in our prayers because of the devastating earthquake.

III. Consent Agenda—Section 1

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

Hire/Resignation	Name	Position	School
Intern	Alissa McMinn	SLP Intern	District
New Hire	Jamie Flint	Part Time Secretary	Harwood Elementary
New Hire	Katie Blanchard	Extended Day Aide	South Fork Elementary
New Hire	Elizabeth Hargraves	Part Time Special Education teacher	Midway Middle School
New Hire	Holly Mickelsen	Homebound teacher	District
New Hire	Brion Boldt	RTI Paraprofessional/long term substitute	Midway Middle School
New Hire	Jeff Craven	Volleyball head coach	Rigby High School
Resignation	Patricia Murphy	Paraprofessional	Midway Middle
Resignation	Scott Ritchie	Paraprofessional	Jefferson High School
Student Teacher	Allison Williams	Teaching	Midway Middle School
Student Teacher	Spencer Chiu	Teaching	Midway Middle School

2. The evaluation and consideration of contract extension for Superintendent Tolman was discussed. An additional year to his contract was approved. Dr. Tolman was praised for his leadership in the district.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board approve Consent Agenda I, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark, voted and passed unanimously. Dr. Tolman accepted the contract offer.

IV. Consent Agenda—Section 2, Financial

1. Approval of Accounts Payable was requested.
2. Acceptance of the financial report was requested.
3. Approval for the furniture package for the new administration building was requested
4. Mr. Hall reported on the status of the Northwest Capital Recovery Group for utility and telecom bills.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Byram that the Board approve Consent Agenda 2; while abstaining from the bills related to his business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda—Section 3, Policy

1. Approval for the 2010-2011 school calendar proposal was requested.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Board Policy #2420, Title I, #2421, Parental Involvement, and #2422, Parent Notification

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

VI. Board Discussion Items

1. Review and consideration of the recommendation for approval of a petition for de-annexation of a portion of the Menan Buttes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that a petition for de-annexation of real property from the Jefferson School District #251 and annexation of the same property into the Madison School District having been signed by more than 1/4 of the school district electors in the affected area and it appearing that the proposed change will not result in the Jefferson School District # 251 having a bonded indebtedness in excess of the statutory limits the District directs that the petition be forwarded to the State Board of Education for review and action. The District notes that it is able and willing to provide educational services to the children in the affected area, although a significant number of such students are currently attending school in the Madison School District pursuant to waivers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hepworth, voted and passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Bingham presented information on the district writing focus. He asked the Board to direct him on what they are looking for district accountability and achievement. Mrs. Robison asked for programs that are used to reach the benchmark goals and level of implementation. How frequently does the Board want reports? Mr. Clark asked that data be provided for tracking students during their school years. He stated that the teacher is the most effective teaching tool for students. Dr. Tolman stated that we need to measure and adjust on possibly a quarterly basis. Mr. Bingham will be presenting the accountability plan to the Board in April.

VII. Information Items

1. Food Service report from Mrs. Timm was reviewed. The menus are online and parents are also able to pay online and see if they are eating.

Dr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Byram that the Board adjourn to executive session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (a)(b)(c)(d), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously.

Paul Hepworth	“aye”
Dean Hancock	“aye”
Leon Clark	“aye”
Jesse Byram	“aye”
Angie Robison	“aye”
Glade Peterson	“aye”