

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

July 20, 2009

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Clark at 1:00 p.m. that the Board convene in a special meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Byram. Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order.

**Absent:** Rhonda Merrill, Clerk of the Board

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

**Those in Attendance:** Doug Siddoway, Keith Scholes, and Brad McKinsey

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and Dr. Tolman led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

The Board participated in a conference call with Alan Westenskow and Nick Miller to go over the information that was presented at the last Board Meeting. Nick Miller reviewed the use of plant facilities funds to help retire funds and also what would be needed to extend the 2001 Bonds. Alan reviewed options of how to structure a possible bond without increasing the tax rate. He reviewed using Plant Facilities Levy, and retiring or reauthorizing the 2001 bonds. Alan would need to know if the Board wanted to pay the loans off or extend the 2001 bonds. Dr. Tolman stated that the Board would be discussing that issue after the conference call and get back to them on a direction. Mr. Peterson asked if there would be wiggle room in the bonding capacity if we needed to go out for another bond for an elementary school in 15 years. Alan stated that due to paying off bonds and growth there would continue to be an increase in bonding capacity. Mr. Clark asked about the disadvantages of an interest only loan. Alan stated that you would cut the interest rate and save some funds, but would be extending the debt. Dr. Peterson asked what the disadvantage of doing away of the plant facility levy. Dr. Tolman stated that it might limit what maintenance projects due to lack of funds which were generated by the plant facility levy. Mrs. Robison asked what it would cost to lengthen the existing bonds out. Alan said that he would have to run it. He will also run the two scenarios that were discussed to see what it would look like on the tax rate and get that information to the Board. Alan did feel that the Board would be able to go to the voters for a \$45 million bond and no increase the tax rate. The Board discussed the option of holding a bond election for a new high school and how to structure the funding for the project. Dr. Tolman asked three questions: If they feel it is the time to go out for a bond for a new high school? How are we going to pay for it? Who the architects would be? Nampa, Meridian, Twin Falls, and American Falls were all mentioned as possible high schools to go and visit.

The Board seems to be in favor of going out for a bond for a new high school. The members of the Board would like to wait on how to pay for it until they hear from Alan. The Board would like to have a three year plan of how the technology increase will be added into the district.

Dr. Tolman recommended that the Board approve the low bid and offer the contract for the base bid and additive alternate two remodeling of the weight room for the addition to the high school. Mr. Byram voiced his desire to include the additive alternate one for two additional classrooms. The Board discussed the need for additional classrooms if they are going to be potentially building a new high school in a few years.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board accept the low base bid and additive alternate two for the weight room to the Wright Brothers Construction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed with Mr. Byram abstaining.

Dr. Tolman recommended that the Board approve Barry Hayes Construction as the low bid for the Central Office with additive alternate 1.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Peterson that the Board accept Barry Hayes Construction as the low bid for the Central Office with alternate 1 for wiring, with a clarification of technology on what we are getting in the wiring, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hepworth, voted and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed adding a culvert in the ditch in front of South Fork Elementary. The Board would want protection on the entrance of the culvert similar to what we have at Midway to protect the possibility of a child getting into the culvert.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Byram that the Board authorize a culvert at South Fork Elementary that would be smooth on the inside and that an agreement be put into place that Jeremy Magera reimburse the district for said expense, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Byram that the Board adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously.