

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

May 20, 2010

A work session was held at 4:30 to listen to liability insurance providers

**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. Clark. A roll call was taken and the meeting began.

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

**Absent:** none

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board extend probation for teacher A, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Peterson, voted and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board adjourn executive session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

Executive session concluded at 5:55 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:** 6:00 P.M.

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

**Absent:** none

**Those in Attendance:** Jorge Rodriquez, Gary Comstock, Debbie Timm, Debby Lund, LaRell Greenhalgh, Anita Birch, Doug Siddoway, Keith Scholes, Steven Smith, Teresa Pope, Roseanna Henry, Esther, Henry, Sheldon Packard, Connie Surerus, Nichole Nordstrom, Tamra Birch, Gideon Burrows, Rachel Lords, the Rigby High school choir, Crystal Nelson, Kimberly Parrett, JoAnn Jones, Mr. Spain, Clarissa Lords, Ryan Excel, Krissa Hegsted, Rachel England, Sam Merrill, Dan Mecham, Mrs. Wood and Daniel’s sister, Becky Vasas, Janette Melgaard, Chris Warner, Sue Parrett, Carolyn Wood, ShaNell Larsen, Kimi Cottle, Karie Nelson, Gail Geisler, Connor Geisler, Shantell Melgaard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Michael Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Keith Scholes offered the invocation.

Mr. Larry Stephens was sworn in as the Trustee for Zone 3 to replace Mr. Byram by Mrs. Merrill.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hancock that the Board approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010 Board meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Robison, voted and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Peterson that the Board approve the agenda for the May 20, 2010 Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark, voted and passed unanimously.

I. Recognition

1. Bob Grossman received a National Endowment for Humanities scholarship to study the framing of the constitution.
2. Nancy Lovejoy placed 1<sup>st</sup> in State Nursery/Landscape
3. Connie Surerus received an INL mini-grant of \$2,000
4. Girls Golf awarded State academic champions with 3.860 GPA
5. Daniel Wood named a National Merit Finalist Scholar
6. Anita Birch, Kamra Birch, Nancy Lovejoy, Sheldon Packard, Steven South named to the IMEA All-State Mixed Choir
7. Kimberly Parrett named to the All-State Treble Choir
8. Colorado Music Festival awards in Denver. Our band and orchestra took first place. Following are individual awards.
  - BreAnna Cordon -- Outstanding Soloist for Orchestra
  - Crystal Nelson – Outstanding Accompanist Award
  - Rachel Lords – Outstanding Accompanist Award
  - Choir-- First place in AA division
  - Choir—First place over all divisions
  - Concert Band—First place in AA division
  - Jazz Band – First place in AA division
  - Jazz Band – Best over all divisions
  - Orchestra – First place in AA division

The choir presented a beautiful number

II. Public Comment

- I. Teresa Pope spoke about the possibility of sports/athletics not being held accountable in the current budget cuts. She asked that the Board consider all aspects of the budget when approving the budget cuts.

III. Consent Agenda—Section 1

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

Hire/Resignation	Name	Position	School
New Hire	Ashley Barrington	Bus aide	Transportation
New Hire	Courtney Caldwell	Bus driver	Transportation
New Hire	Hailey Jones	Assistant Cheer Coach	Rigby High School
New Hire	Jennifer Bean	Bus driver	Transportation

New Hire	Lacey Treasure	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teacher	South Fork Elementary
New Hire	Megan Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> grade teacher	Jefferson Elementary
New Hire	Megan Thurgood	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teacher	South Fork Elementary
New Hire	Melissa Torgensen	5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher	Harwood Elementary
New Hire	Rebecca Madsen	Head Cheer Coach	Rigby High School
New Hire	Sharmayne MacEwan	Special Education teacher	Midway Middle School
New Hire	Spencer Chiu	5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher	South Fork Elementary
Resignation	Boyd Fullmer	Bus Driver	Transportation
Resignation	David Chase	Bus Driver	Transportation
Resignation	Georgia Brown	Teacher	Harwood Elementary
Resignation	Jennifer Brown	Title I Teacher	Harwood Elementary
Resignation	Katherine Oram	Bus aide	Transportation
Resignation	Krystal Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher	Harwood Elementary
Resignation	Logan Brown	Business Teacher	Rigby High School
Resignation	Rick Johnson	Bus Driver	Transportation
Resignation	Wes Brown	Bus Driver	Transportation
Retirement	Bird Derrick	Transition Specialist	Rigby High School
Retirement	Diana Burke	Language arts teacher	Midway Middle School
Resignation	Daniel Mecham	Science Teacher	Rigby High School
Resignation	Russ Rapp	Special Education teacher	Jefferson High School

2. Approval for the non-renewal of a Category 2 teacher was requested.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hepworth that the Board accept the personnel changes from Consent Agenda I and the non-renewal of Teacher A, 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 and Education Foundation grant of \$700 to the Rigby High School band for a vibraphone was requested.

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

#### V. Consent Agenda—Section 3, Policy

#### VI. Board Discussion Items

1. The preliminary budget proposal was presented by Dr. Tolman. Dr. Tolman was questioned on the pay to play option; another option would be to charge less for the pay to play and then suggest Foundation donations from parents and patrons to subsidize the sport. Mrs. Robison and Mr. Clark were in favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> option.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approval the preliminary budget for 2010-2011 as proposed and change the pay to play to the 2<sup>nd</sup> option for \$125 total instead of \$200 per

sport and ask for supplemental donations from parents and patrons to the Education Foundation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

2. Don Bingham presented a proposal from the Leadership Team. He explained that if funding isn't available the plan will be altered until funding returns. Grammar, spelling, and mechanics of writing will be a focus or the goals. Specific training and programs will be adjusted and student test results will tell us if we have met our goals. The Leadership Team was conscientious and diligent in putting together the proposal.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hancock that the Board approval the Leadership Team proposal for improvement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark, voted and passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Michael Peterson reported from the Design Team for the new high school. The committee met on May 19<sup>th</sup> and reviewed with the architectural firm the footprint of the building. The design of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was discussed. A vote to go ahead with the 2 floors for the science department was unanimous by the committee. The configuration of language arts and social sciences to be closer to the media center. The placement, arrangement and width of the hallways of the building was discussed. Student observation was considered. The committee unanimously approved modified hallways. It was the opinion of the Design Team that the Board approve the hallway proposal and the Science department on 2 floors.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Robison that the Board approve the recommendation of the Design Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hancock, voted and passed unanimously.

4. Dr. Tolman asked for 2 Board members to serve on the Principal Selection Committee for Jefferson Elementary School. The timeline is to have a recommendation by the July Board meeting. Mrs. Robison and Mr. Stephens volunteered.

## VII. Information Items

1. A report on the Wind Turbine Project was presented by Dan Mecham and Jorge Rodriquez. Boise State University has provided a grant for turbines and they will be set up at Midway Middle School and Rigby High School. Data will be studied during the year. The project will need cement pads and electrical hookup. The teachers are searching for funding for the rest of the project.

Dr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

1. Dr. Tolman informed the Board that a small shed/building is being constructed at Midway Middle School for storage of lawn equipment, etc. A building will also be constructed by Mr. Daku and the construction class to the north of the Central Office to store curricular materials and Special Education documents.