

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

August 10, 2021

On August 9, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 opened their Policy Review at 6:30 PM and opened their Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. This report covers the major items of business at this meeting. In addition, you are given a listing of topics, which will come up for discussion or action at future Board meetings.

1. Public Comment – Troy Reichert spoke to the board regarding mask mandates for the 2021-2022 school year. He asked the board to consider not mandating masks for the students or staff for the upcoming school year. Dakota Conner and his mother were present and asked the trustees for monetary support to attend a function he had been elected to as an office through Skills USA. The conference is scheduled for mid/September.
2. Staff/Student Recognition – Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were in attendance and presented PCSD#2 a 2020-2021 Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Education Teacher Award Middle School Level in recognition of Karen Wambach who was a state school winner.
3. **Mr. Flaherty – District**
 - ❖ Footers are poured for the new sidewalk lights at the High School and Central Office entrances.
 - ❖ The east gym floor work is finished and the padding will be shipped on Friday. The EOP lights and shot clock is scheduled to be installed soon.
 - ❖ The 40 gig fiber optics has been installed to the grounds/weight room and to the bus barn.
 - ❖ Classrooms have been cleaned and now concentration is on the gyms and restrooms. Staff have been working hard to get the district's grounds in order.
 - ❖ Mr. Flaherty received the audit back for the \$25,000 WYLite K-12 Grant. He will send a copy to the trustees.
 - ❖ The town power outage caused the district some issues, but Mr. Flaherty has been working through those issues and has not found any major control problems. He did have an electrician inspect some of the areas that ran hot and no immediate damage was detected.
 - ❖ The hot water heater in the Consumer Science room had a leak and a new one is ordered. It will be in the building on Thursday.
4. **Mrs. Sisson – Principal**
 - ❖ Mrs. Sisson gave the board an update on the Literacy Grant, which has been rewritten under WDE's updated guidelines. She will keep the trustees up to date as the district receives more information from the Wyoming Department of Ed.
 - ❖ The trustees were given a schedule for staff beginning with new staff orientation on Aug 17 & 18th.
 - ❖ A date for a Back To School Night will be determined after the students are back in the building.
 - ❖ Jump Start began today, Aug 9th. A summer tutoring program was held this summer ago and went well. There is a trip planned for those students to the Arcade in Scottsbluff on August 11th.

5. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Superintendent Beard reminded the trustees of the Fall Wyoming School Board Association Regional meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August, 25th and asked the trustees to let Mrs. Martin or himself know who plans to attend so that a count can be called in.
- ❖ Mr. Beard reminded the board that the WSBA Annual Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held November 17-19 in Casper.
- ❖ Mr. Beard and a couple of trustees attended a Law Conference put on by the WSBA in Laramie. He visited some about Ethics Guidelines for Staff and how PCSD#2 may implement some of the information they received. More discussion will be held at a later date.
- ❖ Fall sports is ready to roll out with practices for High School Football and Volleyball beginning on August 16th.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard thanked Mr. Flaherty and his staff for all they are doing to get the building and grounds ready for the beginning of the school year.

6. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes - July 19, 2021; the district received no bids for gas or diesel so the district will use whichever gas station has the lowest price after discounts and fits the district's needs; approved the Milk Bid from Gene Davis Distributors from Wheatland; approved Home School Packet from the Watson family; designated Shawna Reichert as PCSD#2's WSBA Delegate; approved the bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year; approved the financial statements and payment of the bills as presented; approved Board Policy JEA Compulsory Attendance Age and Procedure for Withdrawal of a Minor Student on second and final reading; tabled Board Policy JHB Truancy until September 13th board meeting; held a discussion regarding Recognition for Academic/Non-Athletic State Champions and chose to recognize those groups who fall under the WHSAA guidelines with a banner to hang in the gym; approved to table board agenda item Board/Superintendent Evaluations until the September 2021 Meeting. Discussion was held regarding having a mask mandate for the first 30 days of the 2021-2022 school year and then be reevaluated. A vote was taken with 2 in favor of and 2 in not in favor of. Motion failed. However, under federal guidelines, any student on a bus would be required to wear masks. Discussion was held regarding the Special Board Meeting scheduled for Aug 10, 2021 where District Board Candidates will be interviewed and then one will be selected to fill Jason Cowan's vacancy.

7. Board Comment – The trustees thanked the custodial and grounds staff for working so hard and diligently in preparation of the new school year. They also thanked the teachers who have reached out to their students over the summer.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, September 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Items to be discussed in addition to regular business shall include:

- a. Staff Awards – Presentation Date
- b. Policy Revisions
- c. Board/Superintendent Evaluation