

January 10, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held a work session at 6:00 Pm to work on policy review and opened up their Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM on January 9, 2017. 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. Auditor, Cynthia Olson from Skogen, Cometto & Associates, gave the Trustees the 2015-2016 Audit Report. The board thanked Cynthia for attending and for giving her report. The board also thanked Kim Schrader, Business Manager, for all she does for PCSD#2.
2. Staff and Student Recognition – Board member Schiele mentioned that the 5th grade class competed in a state wide “Think Math” competition and took 1st. They were awarded with pizza. Mr. Beard thanked Dennis Flaherty and his staff for all their dedication and hard work over Christmas Break with the extra cleaning and the first grade classroom expansion.
3. **Dennis Flaherty – Maintenance Report**
 - ❖ Mr. Flaherty thanked his staff for working hard over Christmas Break. He also noted that Keri Fairbanks and Everett Main were hired to work over break to help get the projects done.
 - ❖ Dennis brought the trustees up to date on issues with a couple of the district’s vehicles. One of the excursions was involved in an accident in early December and the insurance totaled it. Another vehicle has had mechanical issues for awhile and needs to be replaced soon.
 - ❖ Mr. Flaherty shared the Football Field Lights invoice he received from the Town of Guernsey. There were some deep concerns expressed. Mr. Flaherty, Superintendent Beard and some of the Board members plan to attend the next town council meeting to voice their concern.
4. **Mr. Suppes – K-12 Principal**
 - ❖ Mr. Suppes reported that enrollment is up to 241 students. The district lost one elementary student to Kemmerer over Christmas break.
 - ❖ Basketball is in full swing. The District’s teams are at Sioux County on Jan 9th and the first home game will be on Thursday night, January 19th against Lingle.
 - ❖ The Trustees were given a letter from the Senior class sponsors regarding the up and coming Presentation of Learning. They would like to host the board for an informational meeting with the seniors sometime soon.

- ❖ The Trustees were given information on the “Safe 2 Tell” program. This program was started in Natrona County, but originally started in Colorado after the school shooting at Columbine High School. This program allows for students to share information about what is going on at home and school with local law enforcement, which then will allow law enforcement to contact the school. The training for staff and students will begin this week with full implementation by January 24th.
- ❖ The new semester has begun. Honor Roll for 2nd quarter: 3rd thru 6th grade - 69 out of 77 met either honor roll or honorable mention. Grades 7th thru 8th grade - 4 students on Superintendent’s Honor Roll (95% or better) and 10 on the Principal Honor Roll (88-94.9999%). Grades 9 thru 12- 17 students on Superintendent’s Honor Roll, 25 on the Principal’s Honor Roll.
- ❖ Average Daily Enrollment for 1st semester High School up 2% from 1st Semester last year; Middle School up 5% from 1st Semester last year; Elementary School down 1% from 1st Semester last year.
- ❖ Testing begins this month. ASVAB – January 26th (Juniors/Seniors); NAEP – January 30th – March 10th (4th Grade and 8th Grade Reading and Math); PAWS – March 6th-24th; ASPIRE April 10th – May 3rd (9th and 10th Grade); ACT Testing- April 19th.

5. **Mr. Beard - District**

- ❖ Mr. Beard reminded the board that the WSBA Legislative Forum is scheduled for February 12-13 in Cheyenne. The Trustees were asked to let Mr. Beard know if they planned to attend.
- ❖ Intent To Return Forms are out to staff and will be due back to Mrs. Martin on January 20, 2017.
- ❖ Staff Recognition will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 between the varsity girls and boys basketball games.
- ❖ National School Board Conference is scheduled for March 24-27 in Denver. Mr. Beard asked the board who planned to attend and to let him know so that registration can be done. Board members Sellars, Jones, Schiele, and Anderson all plan to attend.
- ❖ Board Work Session will be held 1/20 & 1/21 with Sue Belish from WSBA. Friday 5:00-8:00, Saturday 8:00-12:00.

The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved the Minutes of December 12, 2016; approved the financial statements and payment of the bills; named the Oregon Trail Tank and First State Bank as official depositories; named the Guernsey Gazette as the official newspaper with the Casper Star-Tribune in case of emergency; approved the 2017-2018 school calendar on 2nd and final reading. At the end of the meeting the board held a session of Board Comments. During this time the senior exit interviews were discussed and whether to continue this process. Further discussion will be held to determine what the board’s wishes will be.

UPCOMING TOPICS – February 13, 2017

The regular meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.