

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

On May 8, 2023, Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held a Policy Review Meeting at 6:00 PM and then 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. Chairman Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He updated the public of Mrs. Weigel, PCSD#2's 2023-2024 Superintendent, of being in the building on May 4 & May 5th meeting with staff doing short one on ones.
2. Public Comment - Troy Reichert asked the Board to consider allowing staff to conceal and carry to protect the students and staff if needed. He commented on the number of shootings that has happened over the past few months. He asked them to consider this and to make a decision before this next fall. Tesha Frederick expressed her concerns over the coaching vacancies of who and who were not asked to return as coaches for the 2023-2024 school year. Jon Malcom was present and asked the board and administration why they do not trust and respect their staff. He felt staff should have been informed sooner and in more detail regarding the potential threat on May 5th. He noted that he understood the local Police Department was in the building, but when the children went out to recess the law enforcement stayed inside the building instead of being out with the children. He felt safety for staff and students should be of top concern.
3. Ms. Hillen, PCSD#2's Athletic Director, spoke to a request to rejoin the SEWAC Conference.
4. Reports
 - a. **Mrs. Quynn – Business**
 - ❖ Mrs. Quynn gave the trustees a copy of the 2021-2022 Audit. After the board has a chance to look over the audit, if they feel they would like the auditors to review it with them, Mrs. Quynn will reach out and see if she can make that happen. A review over ZOOM might be an option.
 - ❖ Mrs. Quynn informed the board that Skogen, Cometto & Associates will no longer be providing services to PCSD#2. She will reach out to other business managers in other Wyoming Districts looking for another firm that she could reach out to.
 - ❖ The WebLink that the business office is now using for requisitions is going very well. So far not too many issues.
 - b. **Dennis Flaherty-Maintenance/Buildings**
 - ❖ The Elementary roof top units are rescheduled to be installed once the students have been released for the summer. It will take about 3 days.
 - ❖ The east gym will be refinished on June 13th. The west gym was done in December and will not need to be done.
 - ❖ The re-coat of the elementary roof will be done this summer pending board's approval.
 - ❖ A new heading control compressor will be installed in the boiler room. The old compressor will be installed upstairs above the east gym as a booster/backup.

- ❖ The grounds have been mowed, aerated and fertilized. The outside water will be turned on soon.
- ❖ The art room and room 202 are scheduled to have floors replaced on June 26th.
- ❖ Hoffman concrete will do the new slab for the freezer. They will also pour sidewalks to the green house and do the slab for the new Viking Statue.
- ❖ Mr. Flaherty noted that there are five vehicles that he would like to put out for sealed bids. He also recommends to replace the 2004 Excursion. The district can apply to the State for reimbursement. This vehicle would be only used for student travel.
- ❖ He asked the board for their support in hiring one outside person this summer to cut the grass. He felt he had enough staff to cover the indoor cleaning over the summer.

c. **Liesel Sisson-Principal**

- ❖ Mrs. Sisson had Troy Reichert, Skills USA Sponsor, report on the Skills USA Competition which was held in Casper. Students who competed were: Addisyn Saukkola, Leni Dimas, Alexis Atwood, Jordan Atwood, Rylie Thompson. Liberty Whitebird and Nathan VanNatter are state officers. Mr. Reichert thanked the board for their support over the past few years and asked that they continue to support the students. In the past the board has approved scholarships of \$500.00 each to help pay the students expenses for the trip to Nationals. He also asked the board for their approval to allow the students to do more than one fundraising event.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson informed the board that at the Art Symposium Juliana Schiele won the Governor's award and her artwork will be displayed for one year at the Governor's office.
- ❖ The District enrollment is at 204 students.
- ❖ There were no Admissions in the suggestion box.
- ❖ During the Coffee with the Principal there were 2 staff that stopped in, but no parents.
- ❖ There will be a Staff Roundtable on Friday May 12 at 1:45 PM in Mrs. Schuldies' Office.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson asked the trustees to consider the last day of the school year for students to be a Friday schedule with an early release at 1:30 PM.
- ❖ There is a continuation of the math adoption process from last year.
- ❖ Kayleen McCabe with HGTV was in the building and met with some pretty excited elementary children from Guernsey and Wheatland. They did some wood working projects.
- ❖ The District will be offering a "Kids Read Now" for Pre-K through 5th Grade. This will give the students an opportunity to get 8 free books mailed directly to them over the summer. Information will be going on in this week's VIPs.
- ❖ TeamMates took a trip to Laramie with 4 students and 5 mentors to watch a Spring Football game.
- ❖ The Community Literacy night held April 18th was a huge success. Mrs. Sisson thanked the entire GS Community, Sally Mack, Chris Delay, Camp Guernsey, the Fire Department, the Early Childhood Center, and the Public Library for their help and support.
- ❖ Students in the Resource Room have been working closely with Mrs. Sisson, Charles Howshar and Dawndrea Daly to order items for the greenhouse. Mr. Howshar brought 1 pick up load and they helped him unload it. They have a bulletin board with our photos

of the day. The items have been bought with the \$6000.00 grant that Dawndrea helped the district apply for.

- ❖ Prom was a huge success and Mrs. Sisson thanked the staff, parents and students who helped decorate.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson thanked Mrs. Klipstine for all the work and support with Bio-Dome.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson and Mr. Beard presented Mrs. Klipstine with the Teacher of the Year Award.
- ❖ Upcoming events include: May 10th Baccalaureate at 6:30 PM; May 11th Art Auction/Talent Show at 6:30 PM; Honors Night May 15th at 6:00 PM; May 16th 7-12 Grade Band Concert at 6:30 PM; May 18th Elementary Choir/Band Concert 6:30 PM; May 21st Graduation at 2:00 PM; May 22nd Sports Banquet at 5:30 PM; May 25th Retirement Reception; May 30th Field Day K-12; May 30th HS Band Coffee House 6:30 PM; May 31st GSEA End of Year Party 4:00 PM.

d. **Mr. Beard-District**

- ❖ Superintendent Beard informed the board that he has been approached by several students who would like to start a Guernsey-Sunrise Golf Team. The board will investigate as to what this would involve including funding etc.
- ❖ Informed the trustees of the second June Meeting to pay bills. The board set this date as June 27th at 5:00 PM. The July board meeting will be held July 19th and will include the Budget Hearing.
- ❖ Mr. Beard presented Dennis Flaherty with the Classified Staff of the Year Award and thanked him for all he has done for the district.
- ❖ The new phone system has been installed and trainings held. The new system is a great addition to the district. Mr. Beard thanked Mr. Cook for his help with the install with Capital Business Systems.

5. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of Regular Meeting April 10, 2023; authorized Superintendent and Business Manager to endorse checks for deposit and transfer funds among different accounts at Banner Capital Bank and First State Bank as needed; approved the financials and payment of bills as presented; approved for PCSD#2 to rejoin SEWAC Conference; approved an early release day for the last day of school for the students on May 31st at 1:30 pm running a Friday schedule; approved to investigate the possibility of PCSD#2 starting a HS Golf Team; approved the selling of 5 district vehicles in a sealed bid process; reviewed the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget; accepted the bid from Wattle and Daub Contractors for the elementary roof recoat in the amount of \$199,440.00; approved the “Student Support Services” Job Description; approved revisions to board policies JT - Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities, JT-R - Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities, JT-E – Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities, IGD-R Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities. Eliminated Board Policies IGD-E Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities, JU-Church/Community Night, IGDA-Church/Community Night; hired classified staff as listed; approved extra-curricular duties; approved the hiring of Daeh Kujak, Elementary.

6. Board Comments-Kevin Gross commented that when we know better, we must do better.

Shawna Reichert challenged the board to investigate District policy BDD as she feels that it is in violation of Wyoming Chapter 21 Wyoming Statute 21-3-101 after Mr. Malcolm brought it to

the board's attention a couple of months ago. Our policy BDD delegates the board's executive powers to the superintendent which she feels violates Wyoming Statute 21-3-101 that empowers school boards to transact all business of the district and exercise general supervision over all schools, including making decisions on policy, finance, personnel, and other areas of district operations that the board relinquishes with policy BDD. Mrs. Reichert feels that it is the board's duty to uphold Chapter 21 and provide oversight and governance to our district. Delegating all executive powers to the superintendent may result in a breach of our responsibilities and violate the law. She urged the board to examine Chapter 21 and assist in safeguarding our district's interests should this matter ever arise in a lawsuit. She also spoke as an advocate for the implementation of Wyoming Statute 21-3-132 which permits teachers to carry firearms on school premises, particularly in light of the recent threat our district just faced. She explains why she felt this was necessary and what the state of Wyoming requires for this to happen. She encouraged the board to work together to ensure district policies align with the law and that the district is protecting the welfare of the district and students.

Blaine Ayers had no comment.

Sarah Seyfang – Thanked the Staff for all they do and she also spoke about Teacher Appreciation and how the board was placing goodies in the lounges.

Gary Anderson – Reminded everyone that we are here for the kids. He thanked the staff for all they do and thanked Teammates and spoke about what a positive thing it is for our kids. He also thanked the district for supplying the bus.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, June 12, 2023

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. Audit Report
- b. Approve the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget