

May 15, 2018

On May 14, 2018 the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held a meeting at 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room to review the 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget. At 6:45 PM the meeting moved to the East Gym where Mr. Suppes recognized the seniors and DK-6th grade for the Viking Pride Awards. At 6:58 PM Board Chair Sellars opened their regular meeting. 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. Staff and Student Recognition - Mr. Suppes recognized all 14 seniors and presented them with a Viking Lanyard. He also recognized Senior Lakin Reichert for her artwork that was chosen as the state winner for the Western Governors' Competition. The artwork will be sent off where it will represent Wyoming at the Western Governors' Association Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota June 25th-27th. The Governors, U.S. cabinet officials, first spouses, staff, corporate sponsors, and media representatives will be there and will be judging. First place can win \$1,000, 2nd place receives \$500, and 3rd gets \$200. She currently has won \$200 for winning first throughout the state. Mr. Suppes recognized students from each class Kindergarten through 6th grade for "Viking Pride In The Classroom" award for the month of April. Those students were: Kindergarten - Kinsley Offe, and NaVaeh Ibarra; 1st Grade - Garret Cowan and Drake Farmer; 2nd Grade- Brianna Hull and Karlie Marshall; 3rd Grade - Jeremiah McConnaughey and Shae Stark; 4th Grade - Kaiser Edwards and Ryan Kelly; 5th Grade - Lashea Jaramillo and Leni Dimas; 6th Grade - Shelby Bown and Tristan Hohnholt. Mr. Suppes then recognized students from each class Kindergarten through 6th grade for "Viking Pride In The Classroom" award for the month of May. Those students were: Kindergarten - Aiden Eustace and Carter Seabolt; 1st Grade - Macarther Roby and Damien Herrman-Bonness; 2nd Grade - Isaac Miller and Justice Edmonds-Chadwick; 3rd Grade - Charlie Hollin; 4th Grade - Dawson Halfast and Harmony Tanouye; 5th Grade - James Jenkins and Nathan VanNatter; 6th Grade - Dawson Bingham, Bryce Stenson, Brook Offe, and Addison Winn. GS Junior High student Freedom Whitebird was nominated by her Core Teachers and received the Viking Pride Award. JH and HS band and choir students competed in the Elitch Gardens Festival in Denver this past weekend. Both groups earned Gold Medals. Dominic Ibarra and Mickayla VanNatter were awarded outstanding musician awards. Both Mr. Hebbert and Mr. Beutler were awarded outstanding director awards. Mr. Troy Reichert, Industrial Arts Instructor, was the recipient of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. It is given out annually to 10 teachers in Wyoming and 10 teachers in West Virginia who were nominated by someone in the school or community. Mr. Reichert filled out a lengthy application detailing what he does in his classroom and how it benefits the students and community. Last year, Wyoming had over 300 applicants. He received a trophy and \$3,500. Each year PCSD#2 staff can nominate a staff member for an Outstanding Certified Staff and Classified Staff member. This year's Outstanding Certified Staff Member was Mrs. Sonja Brown and the Outstanding Classified Staff Member was Mr. Everett Main.
2. Public Comment - Shawna Reichert was present and shared information with the board over concerns she had with PCSD#2. Stacia Cook, PCSD#2 Kindergarten Teacher, expressed a concern regarding Focus Fridays, planning times and schedule concerns for next year. Leslie Marshall was present and expressed a concern regarding bullying, which she and her husband feel is a problem at PCSD#2. They felt expressing their concerns to administration did not help the situation. They also have a concern, due to the lack of substitutes, that students are asked to sit in the commons area during a particular class in which there is no substitute available.
3. Junior Class - Destiny Covington and a Junior Class Sponsor, Nikki Quynn were present to thank the Board for their donation and support for the 2017-2018 Prom. Destiny also expressed she felt it was a complete success.
4. **Mrs. Sisson - Curriculum/Data** - There was no report this month.
5. **Mr. Flaherty - Maintenance** - Dennis Flaherty was present and provided a written report to the board. He noted that summer season is upon us and still not a lot of contractors interested in the reentrance project. He noted that instead of going with a design/build type contractor that the district might be better to go with a CMAR contract. He has requested to hire 3 extra people for summer help. One would be inside, one for outside and one that would do both. He also

requested that the summer crew be allowed to work 10 hour days this summer and would be sure there was Friday coverage. The Expedition EX has been rebuilt and is ready for pick up at Cool Customs. A few of the projects listed to be done over the summer were: lockers, paint crows nest, new roof on the concession stand at the football field, weight room, new main entrance add on, sprinkler upgrade at football field, zeroscape, light fixtures, water heater replacement, gym floors. He also thanked his staff for their help and hard work this past month.

6. **Mr. Suppes – K-12 Principal**

- ❖ Mr. Suppes thanked the board for allowing him to take the time to recognize students and staff during the meeting.
- ❖ He informed the board that there were two new students enrolled in the district this week. One in the elementary and one in the junior high. Total enrollment 243.
- ❖ Mr. Suppes thanked Mrs. Schuldies for doing a fantastic job in completing the State Testing.
- ❖ He informed the trustees of the upcoming activities: May 10th @ 6:30 – Band Concert, May 15th @ 6:00 – K-12 Vocal Music Concert, May 15th -1st Grade Field Trip to Wheatland Public Library, May 16th Dibbles Testing, Graduation practice and pizza feed and Baccalaureate @ 6:00, May 17th- 1st – 3rd Grade AR Mystery Trip, May 20th @ 2:00 – Commencement, May 21st – 4th thru 6th Grade AR Mystery Trip, May 22 – Staff Retirement Reception 4-6 PM, May 23 – 12:15 PM EOY Viking Pride Pep Assembly, May 24th @ 8:30 am - Elementary Track & Field Day, May 25th – All school lunch BBQ, Last Day Students.
- ❖ In July Mr. Suppes will be attending several trainings and will be out of town.

7. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Mr. Beard reminded the trustees of the times for Graduation on Sunday May 20th at 2 PM.
- ❖ Summer school schedule was shared with the trustees: Elem/JH: June 4th – 15th; ESY: June 4th – June 15th; HS credit recovery: June 5th – June 30th.
- ❖ The trustees were reminded of the July board meeting, which is scheduled for the July 18th and will start with a budget hearing.
- ❖ Mr. Beard provided the trustees of copies of the following handbooks for future discussions: Elementary Student and Parent Handbook, Junior High Student Parent Handbook, High School Student and Parent Handbook, Classified Employee Handbook, Certified Employee Handbook, Substitute Teacher/Para-Educator Handbook.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard discussed the Yonder System and how it works. This is a system to create a phone-free space for artists, educators, organizations and individuals. The district would like to adopt a new policy in regarding cell phone usage by the students.

8. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Board Meeting; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; approved the 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget; approved the 2nd meeting on June 25th at 7:00 PM to pay the end of year bills; authorized Superintendent and Business Manager to endorse checks for deposit and transfer funds among different accounts at Oregon Trail Bank and First State Bank as needed; accepted the resignation from Mrs. Peggy Anderson and thanked her for her 38 years of service to PCSD#2 and its students and approved the early retirement notification bonus. The trustees hired the following certified staff members for the 2018-2019 school year: Abbey Frey for Science; Wes Neves for Spanish; Bryan Martin for Social Studies; Laura Green for Art; Kaitlyn Koepf, Kelsy Wooldridge, and Julaine Wedemeyer for Elementary. Approved the following assignment changes for the 2018-2019 school year: Nancy Garner, Title 1; Karen Wambach 6th Grade; Dora Reins K-12 PE. The trustees approved the rehiring of classified staff as presented. Chairperson Sellars took a minute to discuss Board Concerns/Comments. Board member Gary Anderson wanted to thank Mr. Schuldies, Transportation Director, for his diligence in training his staff in policy and procedures in keeping all of our students safe. Mr. Anderson also thanked Mr. Reichert in his representation of PCSD#2. PCSD#2 Board of Trustees approved Superintendent Beard's Contract and Extension of contract through the 2021 school year.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, June 11, 2018

a. Policy Review at 6:00 PM