



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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December 11, 2018

On December 10, 2018 the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 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. Staff and Student Recognition; Lego League

Mr. Suppes recognized at least 2 students from each class Kindergarten through 6th grade for “Viking Pride In The Classroom” award. Those students were: Kindergarten – Cash Zapf, Madison DeLaurentis, and Elleyannah Jones -Lacey; 1st Grade – Kord Prewitt and Logan Noganosh; 2nd Grade – Riley Jones and Tanner Delay; 3rd Grade – Ally Ann Jaramillo and Jaylyn Chavez; 4th Grade – Braden Stenson and Joseph Noganosh; 5th Grade – Harmony Tanouye and Conner Bristow; 6th Grade – Derek Franco and Liberty Whitebird. GS Junior High student Evan Davis was nominated by Troy Reichert. GS Junior High Students nominated for the Viking Award by their Core Teachers were Brook Offe and Caleb Christensen. Mrs. Smith nominated two of her English students Victoria Sierra and Keira Conner. Mr. Reichert also nominated High School students Dakota Conner and Jasmine Castelaw. Mr. Reinhart nominated Austin Albrecht for his time and focus in Senior Survival. Mr. Reichert also nominated the following students as members of the weight lifting Club: Sarina Lambert - Charter Club 400lb. Club, Austin Albrecht - Charter Club 800lb. Club, Domonic Ibarra - Charter Club 800lb Club, Dylan Rose - Charter Club 900lb. Club and Jason Wentzel - Charter Club 900lb. Club. Superintendent’s Awards: Laura Fairbanks for her time volunteering as the Lego League Mentor; Austin Albrecht for the Berls Worth Award, which puts him in line for a scholarship; and Jasmine Castelaw and Joseph Martinez for their competing in the Taco John’s Cooking Competition. Following students were recognized for their participation in the fall sports: Sierra Ballou and Krista Malcom All Conference Volleyball; Dylan Rose, Austin Albrecht, Alex Delgado, Jeremy Hart and Justin Malcom were recognized for being selected All Conference Football. Austin Albrecht was selected for the All State Football Team and Dylan Rose was placed 3rd Team for the Super 25 Team. Staff members Mark Brandt and Terry Stenson were recognized for going the extra mile. Barb Frederick was recognized for providing CPR classes to staff members who need the training at no charge. Mrs. Wambach and Mrs. Swingholm and the Lego League Team were present and shared with the Trustees their experience at the Lego League Competition in Casper. The team placed 3rd out of 52 teams.

2. Reorganization of the Board – Election of Officers

Wyoming Statue requires School Boards to reorganize at their first meeting in December. The following officers were elected as part of their reorganization: Chairman– Gary Anderson; Vice Chairman – Neil Waring; Treasurer – Tyler Schiele; Clerk – Lucas Zapf. At this time Board Chairman Anderson made the following appointments: BOCES-Gary Anderson; Parks and Recreation – Tyler Schiele; Legislative Advocacy – Neil Waring.

3. Derek Farmer – Parent

Mr. Farmer was present and gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding some research he had done on reduction of class sizes specifically Kindergarten through 3 grade and some concerns he had with PCSD#2's ratio with teachers vs students.

4. **Mrs. Sisson-Curriculum/Data**

Mrs. Sisson gave a quick report on how the Focus Fridays were being used to look at Curriculum and thanked the board for allowing Focus Fridays as being part of the Professional Development Days for teachers. This past Focus Friday's agenda was K-12 English. She also mentioned that Lisa Schuldies would be administering the ACT Prep Test in the near future.

5. **Mr. Suppes – Principal**

- ❖ Mr. Suppes thanked the board for the opportunity to recognize students and staff during meeting.
- ❖ He reported there were 254 students enrolled DK-12 at this time.
- ❖ Upcoming events; Dec 11th Code.org event; Dec. 13th DK-12 Grade Christmas Program at 6:30 in the east gym; Dec 14 & 15 Highschool Basketball Tournament at Lingle also including a sportsmanship competition with Lingle; Dec 21st Funland Christmas Carnival 8:00 – 11:00 AM and Santa's visit at 11:45 am.
- ❖ Dec 21st is the last day before Christmas Break. Students and Staff will be back January 7, 2019.
- ❖ Mr. Suppes thanked the Trustees for allowing them to hold a staff Christmas Reception. It was a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
- ❖ Principal Suppes reported that Mr. Reichert was awarded a \$1000.00 Gift Certificate from Harbor Freight and he and his students were able to go buy some merchandise that was needed.
- ❖ PCSD#2 received a check from Enbridge Energy Foundation for \$1000.00 for the Teton Science trip that will be taken this spring.

6. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Mr. Beard thanked the Board for supporting the staff Christmas Reception on Dec 7th.
- ❖ Superintendent informed the board of the National School Boards Association conference which is scheduled for March 30-April 1 in Philadelphia, the Legislative Dinner which is January 3rd in Douglas @ 5:30 and the Legislative Forum and Reception Sunday, February 10th in Cheyenne. Information was provided.
- ❖ Staff Service Awards presentation will take place Jan. 17th between the girls and boys basketball games with Lingle.

The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the November 12, 2018 Board Meeting; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; approved the 2019-2020 School Calendar on 1st reading; approved the Staff Longevity Pay if funds are available; approved the 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar with changes as noted; held a quick conversation regarding "How Do I?" Questions 1-4. The trustees were asked to look and reflect on four questions and come back in January to discuss them. Under Board Comment- Tyler Schiele asked the administration if they would consider letting the trustees host and MC next year's Staff Christmas Reception and maybe rotating each year. The Crucial Conversations work shop was cancelled for this month's meeting but will try to get it scheduled again for before February 2019's meeting. It was brought to board's attention that there was no Public Comment on the agenda for this meeting. Being an oversight, Chairman Anderson added the item. Derek Farmer mentioned a few things regarding the funding for an additional staff member and the possibility of adding another class K-3 grade.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Tuesday, January 14, 2019

- a. Name Official Depository
- b. Name Official Newspaper
- c. Policy Review
- d. 2019-2020 School Calendar 2nd Reading