

September 10, 2019

On September 9, 2019, the 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. Curtis Cook, PCSD#2 Technology Director, gave the trustees a report on the Tech Upgrade which will take place in the near future. Once it begins, it should take 2-3 days to complete and will be done as to not interrupt teacher/student class time. Pine Cove was the successful bidder in the amount of \$111,230.96. It was also noted that Pine Cove came in \$6000.00 under what the cost was projected to be.

2. **Mrs. Daly – Food Coordinator**

- ❖ Mrs. Daly was not in attendance but provided a written report to the trustees. She informed the board that the menu change has been well received by the students.
- ❖ King Arthur Flour, who was here this past school year, will not be able to come back until the 2020-2021. Mrs. Daly is still encouraging other Wyoming schools to participate as she felt it was a great learning experience for Guernsey-Sunrise students.
- ❖ She reported that Mrs. Klipstine has been looking for plants so that her class can start growing in the Geodome soon. Mrs. Daly still has money available from the grant that was used to purchase the Geodome.
- ❖ The new Titan Program continues to be a challenge, but with persistence Mrs. Daly feels it will be an amazing addition to the lunch program. As of right now, if a parent comes to eat with their child they will need to bring cash and to call in by 9:00 AM so that she has an accurate meal count.
- ❖ Kitchen staff is getting back into the swing of things and working hard to achieve the best results for the students of PCSD#2. She also noted meal preparation takes more time now with most meals are made from scratch.

3. **Dennis Flaherty – Maintenance**

- ❖ Mr. Flaherty informed the trustees that the spot on the west gym floor will be covered with Viking head decals. One decal will be placed at both ends of the court to make the floor look uniform
- ❖ Concrete lids have been placed on both well houses and thanked the Town of Guernsey for their assistance.
- ❖ The bid for the west gym sound system has been awarded to Westbrook Audio for \$41,704.00. As soon as all the equipment is in the building the work will begin.
- ❖ The Principal and Vice-Principal doors have been installed.
- ❖ The phone company will install a phone in the weight room. The district will go out to bid for a new phone system next year to replace the 20 year old system that is currently being used.
- ❖ Mr. Flaherty is waiting for direction regarding the perimeter fence project.

4. **Mrs. Sisson & Staff– Ron Clark Academy**

- ❖ Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Pare, Mrs. Schuldies, Mrs. VanNatter, Mr. Gunderson, Mrs. Bruns attended the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta Georgia this past summer and each one spoke to the board as to what made the most impression on them. During this past Friday's Focus Friday Session this group shared with the rest of the staff some of their experiences and ideas they brought back from Atlanta. It is hoped, with funding available, that more staff can attend in the future.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson reported that current DK-12 enrollment is at 245.
- ❖ With the increasing size in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Sisson has placed a full time para-educator in the class. The Fall WYTOP interim testing for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will take place Sept 23-24 in the morning in the east gym and September 25-26 for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. September 25<sup>th</sup> Juniors will be taking the practice ACT at First State Bank Conference Center in the morning. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Freshman class will be attending an Impact presentation at the middle school in Wheatland. On October 9<sup>th</sup> the Junior and Seniors will attend a Wyoming Admission College day. The week of October 14 thru 18 is Homecoming week and several activities are planned.
- ❖ Student awards will be presented quarterly instead of monthly.
- ❖ Principal Sisson informed the trustees that in preparation of the District's October Accreditation, a Survey was sent out via email to all stakeholders asking for feedback. Survey will be closed on September 30<sup>th</sup> and results go directly to the Accreditation Team.

5. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Superintendent Beard reminded the Board of Trustees of the upcoming fall Wyoming School Board Association meetings, which have been scheduled: a regional meeting will be held in Douglas on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00; the WSBA Annual Conference will be held November 20-22 in Casper.
- ❖ Mr. Beard complimented staff on their level of excitement for this school year and also thanked Dennis Flaherty and his staff for all their hard work and dedication in getting the building and grounds ready for the start of the school year. He also thanked Nick Schuldies, Transportation Director, and office staff for their dedication.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard shared with the trustees that Dr. Douglas Scambler, PH.D based out of Laramie, Wyoming will set a date in the near future to hold a presentation for parents. Parents will be notified as soon as that date has been set.
- ❖ Mr. Beard informed the trustees that Mr. Reichert and his Trades Students wrote a grant to the Daniel's Fund requesting \$85,000.00 to finish the VFW Project. Mr. Reichert was notified that they would be given \$70,000.00, which will be used to get HVAC and electrical put in by licensed professionals. The students will put in handicap accessible front entrance, new insulated ceiling, insulated walls, new stage and storage rooms and refinish the hardwood floor. They also will be get getting a new 16 foot trailer with \$5,000.00 of new tools so that the team can be more mobile while doing community service projects in the future.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard thanked Nikki Quynn for her time and dedication to PCSD#2.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard introduced ideas regarding the board calendar/schedules for the 2019-2020 school year. Some discussion was held.

6. Board Comments – Tyler Schiele thanked the Superintendent for helping to promote all of the positive energy in the building with staff and students. Luke Zapf thanked Principal Sisson for her efforts.

7. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills. The Board approved to change the April meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to April 20, 2020 to avoid conflict with Spring Break, added June 25, 2020 as the 2<sup>nd</sup> June meeting to pay end of the fiscal year bills, and to schedule July 15, 2020 as the July meeting per policy in order to meet the budget hearing requirements; approved revision on 1st reading to board policy KCDA-R- Crowdfunding Request Approval Form, KCDA-Crowdfunding with noted changes, GDBD – Classified Staff Leaves and Absences as written, GCN-E – Performance Evaluation Handbook with noted changes, and GCCA-R – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences – Short Term Leaves with noted changes; trustees were informed that a home school application from the Morgan family was received and will be homeschooling their children for the 2019-2020 school year; approved the hiring of Kathy Canady, Special Education Teacher; Sherry Nash, Para-Educator; Denise Grant, Para-Educator; Wes Neves and Taylor Dick, Boys Basketball; Kelda Lee; Para-Educator, accepted the resignation of Nikki Quynn, Payroll Administrator.

**UPCOMING TOPICS – October 14 , 2019**

A Policy Review Meeting will take place at 6:00 PM. 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:

1. Policy Revision
2. Staff Awards – Presentation Date