

November 12, 2019

On November 11 2019, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held 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 – Mrs. Sisson recognized several Junior High Students. Of those being recognized and receiving the “Viking Pride In The Classroom” award were: Brooke Sterner, Brody Sterner and Juliana Schiele.
2. Public Comment – Troy Reichert took this opportunity to thank the veterans for all they have done for us and our country. He also thanked the board and administration for their words of encouragement and appreciation.
3. Parks and Rec Report – Tyler Schiele reported that Tri-City Parks and Recreation District collaborates with a variety of groups and organizations annually, including Guernsey-Sunrise Schools, which is where their office is housed and G-S Community Education. Again this year, Tri-City Parks and Rec are supporting the Jr. Class Parent Group and the Guernsey-Sunrise Booster Club. Other partners Park & Rec have collaborated with this past year include the Town of Guernsey, the Guernsey State Park, the Guernsey Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, the community 4H group, the local Army National Guard Camp, the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, the Guernsey Senior Center, the Guernsey Branch Public Library, Platte County Parks and Recreation, the G-S High School Band and Choir, North Platte Physical Therapy, our local Salvation Army, the Guernsey Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, Laramie Peak Athletics and many others. Mr. Schiele also reported that there were three major activities in conjunction with the G-S Community Education Department this past year, as well as jointly providing information on our upcoming events and activities at parent/teacher conferences and helping with a back to school dance with the G-S Booster Club. Together Park & Rec will sponsor the 3rd Annual Parade of Trees as part of the towns Winter’s Eve Festival on December 4th. This year Mr. Schiele stated that P & R will have opportunities for the Student Council to sell hot drinks from their coffee cart, the children attending will be able to enjoy Stories with Sally throughout the night in the Elementary Library, make cookies with the FCCLA kids (ingredients donated by Guernsey Marketplace), watch a Christmas movie sponsored by the First State Bank and get a free picture with Santa sponsored by the Banner Capital Bank. There will be a performance by the Preschool Academy children, the G-S band and choir ensembles, and community caroling to end the night. Together with Community Ed, P&R also invite all of the town’s elementary aged children to a free Ornament Class each year. This year it will be held on December 13. They also sponsored the Town’s Trunk or Treat event for the second time this Halloween and awarded prizes for 6 costume categories and to the 3 favorite decorated vehicles. There was a better than expected turn out for how cold it was! In addition P & R have had over 300 participants in the youth programs: flag football, cheer, basketball, volleyball, whiffle ball, baseball, tumbling, floor hockey, wiggles and giggles and over 180 participants in our adult programs: women’s volleyball, coed volleyball, coed basketball, Healthy You, Circuit Training, Open Gym, Early Bird Exercise and Yoga with Geraldine. We offered Adult CoEd Softball this summer, and it was really fun! This is an activity that was asked for by the community. Some community events that P&R co-sponsor with the Guernsey State Park included Trail Days, Movie at the Beach, Paddle in the Park and Summer Fun Day at the Park. P&R is also proud to sponsor the annual Paula Martinez Scholarship in which up to two scholarships for the amount of \$500 each are awarded every May. Receiving the

scholarship for this school year are Dacotah Morgan and Destiny Covington. This past summer 20 people were employed as lifeguards, assistant managers and concession cashiers at the Guernsey Municipal Swimming Pool. In addition to this Movies in the Park and the Concerts in the Park for the Town were hosted by P&R. As always, Tri-City Parks and Recreation District is open to ideas and suggestions. They look forward to continuing to provide quality programs benefitting community members of all ages. Mr. Schiele thanked Platte County School District #2 for all the district does to help P&R achieve their goals and make the programs a success!

4. **Mr. Flaherty – Facilities**

- ❖ Mr. Flaherty informed the trustees that he has had a very positive experience working with Park & Rec and Community Ed this year and will continue to make the building available to them.
- ❖ The spot on the west gym floor will be covered with a Viking Head decal the first week of December.
- ❖ The west gym sound system has been installed and is working very well. This will be a good upgrade for future plays and musicals.
- ❖ The phone into the weight room has been installed. Our district phone system has been having issues and will need to be replaced in the near future.
- ❖ Mr. Flaherty informed the board that Phase One of the switch upgrade and wiring is currently underway. He also mentioned that the camera and door access server will need to be replaced soon.

5. **Mrs. Sisson – K-12 Principal**

- ❖ Principal Sisson gave the board of trustees, upon their request, her and Mrs. Pare's duties and how they are broken down.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson shared with the board that this is the 2nd year of the Charlie Cart, which Mrs. Frederick is in charge of. So far this year they have been into three classrooms and attended one after school event. Mrs. Frederick plans to get into more classrooms as the school year continues.
- ❖ Two students, Kiayara Conner and Misty Morales, competed in the Taco John's Contest and have made it to the 2nd round of the competition.
- ❖ Principal Sisson congratulated staff member Troy Reichert on his award and monetary award of \$5000 from National Medal of Honor Society. The award reflects his work instilling the qualities of military recipients of these awards in his students. This program teaches characteristics of courage, commitments, sacrifice, integrity, citizenship and patriotism.
- ❖ On Tuesday, Nov 12th Mrs. VanNatter, Mr. Corkery, Mrs. Bruns and Mrs. Sisson will travel to Douglas Middle School to learn about Standards Reference Grading.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Pare, and Mrs. Schuldies just returned from a ASCD Conference in Maryland. They felt it was a very useful conference and money well spent.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson will be out next week at a School Safety Conference.
- ❖ Upcoming events: Nov 14th Night of the Arts; Nov 15th Title IX Training; Nov 16 Big Bucks Bingo; Nov 19th Orton Gillingham Training; Nov 21st EWC Technology Day 11th/12th Grade; Nov 23 Holiday Bazaar; Nov 25-26 District Honor Band/Choir in Casper; Dec 3&4 Accreditation Visit; Dec 4 Parade of Trees; Dec 6 PCSD#2 Staff Christmas Reception; Dec 10th Band Concert 4th-12th Grade; Dec 16th DK-12th Grade Vocal Music Concert.

6. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Mr. Beard reminded the trustees about the Staff Breakfast the morning of November 19 and serving would begin at 7:00 AM.

- ❖ WSBA Conference was discussed. They will leave at 7:15 for Casper on Wednesday Nov 20th. Resolutions were discussed that would be voted on at the WSBA Conference.
 - ❖ Christmas Staff Reception will be held at the VFW for December 6. RSVPs are due to Mrs. Martin by November 15 with choice of prime rib or shrimp scampi for dinner.
 - ❖ Mr. Beard informed the trustees that Mr. Schuldies held a Bus Safety Week a few weeks ago and the students learned quite a lot about buses and bus safety.
7. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; approved raising the certified substitute pay from \$100.00 a day to \$125.00 a day.
 8. Policy Review – There was no policy review.
 9. Board Comments – Board member Schiele noted that he was pleased with the increase in communication between staff and administration. He also noted that the choir went to Casper to sing at the volleyball championships and did an awesome job and that the band sounded fantastic and he was pleased with the Girls Who Code and what they are doing. Board member Reichert noted that she saw there was over \$31,000 spent on conferences since July 2019. She asked if staff are coming back into the district and sharing this information with other staff members. Mrs. Sisson explained that they do come back into the district and teach the other teachers and incorporate what they have learned into the classroom. It was also noted that a Field Grant was applied for and granted, which is being used to send staff to these trainings. These trainings are not paid out of the district's budget.

UPCOMING TOPICS – December 9 , 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
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