

December 10, 2019

On December 9, 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. Wyoming Statute 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-Shawn Reichert; Parks and Recreation – Tyler Schiele and Luke Zapf; Legislative Advocacy – Neil Waring and Shawn Reichert.
2. Public Comment – Chairman Anderson went over board policy BEDH-Participation and Board Meetings and BEDH-E – Public Participation at Board Meetings with those attending the meeting. There was no public comment.
3. Public Recognition – City Council Members Kelly Augustyn and Shane Whitworth were present and were given a signed banner for their help gathering food and money for the school’s Thanksgiving Dinner/Lunch due to school’s supplier Sysco being on strike and no deliveries. There was enough donations to pay for all Thanksgiving meals and Christmas meals.
4. Special Education- Mrs. Victory was present and gave the board a report on her verified students’ testing. These reports showed that all are not proficient; however, there was an increase very year in grades 3-6 in ELA as well as Math. Four years ago, students were tracked down grade levels in reading and math, therefore, many students did not receive 6<sup>th</sup> grade testing. Students are required to take the WYTOPP at grade level so they need to be exposed to that level of work. She also noted that there are 4 sizes of Districts in Wyoming and PCSD#2 is considered small due to enrollment being less than 500 students. There are a total of 15 small schools in Wyoming and PCSD#2 is ranked first in proficiency rates in both Math and ELA. Since 2014-2015 School year, PCSD#2 has gone from 11.11% to 53.85% in ELA. In Math the district has gone from 0.00% to 38.46%.
5. **Mrs. Sisson – K-12 Principal**
  - ❖ Principal Sisson informed the board of trustees that enrollment DK-12 is at 251. New students in 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
  - ❖ Two students, Kiayara Conner and Misty Morales, competed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Taco John’s Contest and placed second. She also noted that Julianna Schiele took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Patriot’s Pen and Mickayla VanNatter took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Voice of Democracy.
  - ❖ The Lego League recently competed in Casper and did very well. They will give a demonstration at a future board meeting.
  - ❖ Stacia Cook was awarded the local Teacher of the Year award and will go onto the next level.
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson informed the trustees about the 4 students who are partaking in an Entrepreneur Class through EWC and Torrington High School. The students will work with the local restaurant Twisters to learn the business. They will obtain 3 credits through EWC.
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson reported on her Safety Conference that she attended. She noted that a lot of the issues discussed and recommendations, PCSD#2 already have in place. Mr. Schiele thanked Mrs. Sisson for going to the Conference and bringing back the information.
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson thanked Mrs. Daly and the city council for donations for the Thanksgiving Meal and the upcoming Christmas Meal. Both meals have and will be free for all that wish to participate.
  - ❖ The Night of the Arts, Jammies and Jingles and the Parade of Trees were all a huge success. Mrs. Sisson thanked all for the effort and participation.

- ❖ She noted that the Nov 23 Bizarre was a huge success. She noted there was a record set for the total number of booths this year.
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson reminded the trustees of the DK-12th Grade Vocal Concert at 6:30 PM on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> in the West Gym.
6. **Mr. Beard – District**
- ❖ Mr. Beard had Mrs. Daly read her report to the trustees.
  - ❖ Superintendent Beard reminded the trustees about the National School Boards Association conference is April 4-6 in Chicago and asked to let him know if any were interested in attending, He also mentioned the Legislative Dinner on January 15th in Douglas @ 5:30. He asked that they let Mrs. Martin know if they plan to attend. Also asked them to let him know if they would like to attend the Legislative Forum and Reception Sunday, February 23rd in Cheyenne. Information for them was put in the Dropbox.
  - ❖ The Christmas Office Party is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning around 10:00 am.
  - ❖ Staff Service Awards presentation will take place Jan. 16th between the girls and boys basketball games.
  - ❖ Board Awards/Growth- Chairman Anderson presented Board Grown Awards to board members Shawna Reichert and Tyler Schiele. The both received Master School Board Member awards.
  - ❖ Superintendent Beard thanked the staff for all of their time and hard work.
7. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of the November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; assigned Kim Schrader to the EILCP Board (Worker’s Comp).
8. Executive Session – Staff Concern, Student Issue  
No Action taken.
9. Board Comment – Board member Reichert asked that Board Policy regarding fundraising be looked at in the near future. Board Chairman Anderson shared information on the breakout sessions held at the WSBA meeting in November. Board member Schiele thanked the Administration for all they do.

**UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, January 13, 2020**

- a. Name Official Depository
- b. Name Official Newspaper
- c. Policy Review
- d. 2020-2021 School Calendar 1<sup>st</sup> Reading