

July 16, 2020

On July 15, 2020, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 opened their Budget Hearing at 6:05 PM and opened their Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM, both via Zoom. 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. Chairman Anderson noted that he hoped everyone was staying safe during this Epidemic and that an update regarding the opening school in the fall will be discussed later in the meeting.
2. Public Comment – Board Chairman Anderson, due to the meeting being conducted through Zoom because of the COVID-19 Virus, once again directed anyone who had a public comment to do this through the ZOOM chat or email the district and to be sure to leave their contact information when doing so. He reassured them that the board would respond. There have been no emails or Zoom Chat sent to date to report to the board.
3. **Mrs. Sisson - DK-12 Principal**
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson informed the trustees that summer school is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 20 from 8:30 until 11:30 am. It will run for 2 weeks. There are approximately 25 students scheduled. She shared information that went out to parents regarding the protocol.
  - ❖ Surveys went out to staff and parents requesting input on the adaptive learning from this spring and requested any suggestions for the fall as PCSD#2 begins to make more concrete plans for opening. Mr. Zapf asked that the results of the survey be shared with the board if possible. Mrs. Sisson reported that they had about 60 responses. There was a good representation of all grade levels from the parents and that most are ready for their children to be back in the building. Few of the staff are hesitant to begin due to health issues but most were anxious to be back in the building with students.
  - ❖ There will be two Smart Start brainstorming sessions this next week. One on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and one on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM. The links for all zoom sessions can be found on the internal or district calendar. Board Chairman asked that when the zoom meetings take place that updates be given to staff as far as guidelines etc that has come down from the state.
  - ❖ Mrs. Sisson stated that the district is planning the best they can with a moving target.
4. **Mr. Beard – District**
  - ❖ Mr. Beard reported that approximately 50 students are still picking up breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. The count is down and not sure why. He felt this offering has been very beneficial to families.
  - ❖ The custodial and grounds crews have been busy getting the building and grounds ready for opening up on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cook, PCSD#’2 Technology Director, has been getting all technology up to date and ready for the start of school.
5. Reopening of schools was discussed. Smart Start plans are being established. When staff and students enter the building it will be through a single entrance, a designated entrance for elementary and secondary. At their entrance point their temperatures will be taken. It will be requested that if staff, students or parents are ill that they stay home. Elementary Specials will be done in the classroom. It was noted that the Governor stated that everyone needs to do their part to help not spread the epidemic. Mandatory masks have not been issued yet, but it could happen. According to the Wyoming Department of Education there are a lot of unknowns at this time. There may be flexibility for virtual education for those families who feel that it is not safe for their children to return to school in the fall. There has been

quite a bit of conversation with other School Superintendents in Wyoming. As of this week, it is about a 50/50 draw on who will require staff and students to wear masks and who will not. The Wyoming High School Activities Association is scheduled to hold a meeting this Friday, which may have guidelines in place to share with the districts. At this time PCSD#2's athletic department is waiting for guide lines from the Wyoming High School Activities Association. As soon as those are released the district will move forward. The district has been in communication with the Health Department and the students are allowed to come in and use the weight room as long as they comply with the rules posted. Board member Reichert asked if a staff member became sick with the Coronavirus if it would go against their sick leave or how the district would handle it. Mr. Beard explained that there are Federal Laws under the Care Act that would pay the employee 80% of their wage. He also noted that the district would do everything they could to take care of their employees. It was also asked if the district as a whole was insured of any lawsuits tied into the Coronavirus. Mr. Beard noted that the WHSAA is offering pixel cameras to be used for events giving spectators that option to watch an activity from home instead of coming into the building. PCSD#2 has put their request in for some. Viewing could also be offered via Facebook Live. Stacia Cook asked if face masks and shields would be provided for staff. Superintendent Beard reassured her that, yes, the district would provide. It was requested by the board that when more information comes in from the state department that they be contacted. The board reassured the community that any questions they may have would be welcomed by the board.

6. Board Comment – Board member Reichert asked when the teacher's contracts would be out. Kim explained that she just received the final numbers for the budget, and now that the 2020-2021 has been approved, contracts would go out this week. Board member Zapf thanked everyone for their time. Board member Waring said it would be nice to see everyone at August meeting, masked up of course. Board member Schiele thanked Kim for her time spend on the budget and going over it with him. Chairman Anderson thanked all staff for time spent during these unprecedented times.
7. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved the June 14, 2020 and June 24, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes; approved the Superintendent to sign Related Services Contract (Special Education); approved to not raise the meal prices for the 2020-2021 School Year; adopted the 2020-2021 Budget as presented; approved the financial statements and the payment of the bills; made the decision to hold the August Board Meeting in person with the board and temperatures will be possible zoom meeting for those who would like to attend but not come in the building. A workshop and an executive session will also take place during August 2020 board meeting to go over the Superintendent's Evaluation.

### **UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, August 10, 2020**

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:

- a. 2020-2021 Handbooks
- b. COVID-19 Update
- c. Milk Bid Award
- d. Gas/Diesel Bid Award
- e. Staff Awards – Presentation Date