

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING  
April 12, 2010**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Carpenter Elementary School, Carpenter, Wyoming on April 12, 2010.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Davison called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present – Jack Bomhoff, Esther Davison, Patty Epler, Jeff Kirkbride, Lee May, Julianne Randall, and Steve Trimble

Members Absent – Wynema Thompson and Tom Morgan

Superintendent: Jack Cozort

Also Present – Ben Cossel, Brent Bacon, Troy Decker, Josh Imel, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept the agenda as amended with a “j” added under New Business that reads, “Requests for Homeschooling;” and to add Donna Fontes and Bruce Vojtecky as subs under VI.
- Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Patron Comments: Brent Bacon reported on the ARRA Fund Expenditures. Josh Imel, employee of FCI, introduced himself as coming to the meeting as a resident of our school district and not to represent the company. He explained why he felt FCI would be a good choice from the bids the Board would be voting on.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the March 8, regular meeting minutes, March 8, executive session minutes, March 9 special meeting minutes and executive session minutes from March 27 as presented.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

**FINANCES**

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the warrants for April.
- Second: Jack Bomhoff seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Rob Bryant reported that we are currently through April 12, 2010 and have expended/encumbered 92.4% of the budgeted amount and have expended 67.5% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period in April 2009 when the district had expended/encumbered 93.2% of the budgeted amount and had expended 67.2% of the budgeted amount. The District is expecting \$550,000 more in revenues from the county treasurer. Mr. Bryant also reported that enrollment was down one student since April 1, but up 20 students compared to this time last year.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the Financial Report as presented.  
Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

First Reading of Policy: KF, KF-R and KF-E (Facility Usage Requests)

The Superintendent explained that KF is the communication policy, KF-R gives the details and KF-E is the agreement to use the facilities. The patrons were given a chance to comment on the policies. The only questions came from board members. A dollar amount needed to be added to the policy along with some verbage changes.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept KF, KF-R and KF-E as first reading with noted changes.  
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Bid for Classroom Audio Systems

Four bids were received with demo units available for both Lightspeed and Troxell. Troxell did not meet the approval of teachers using the unit on a trial basis. Lightspeed pricing includes troubleshooting parts kit at \$700 savings (per school), free training for all staff, and a trade-in program (for old units). Total approximate cost is \$37,580. Funds will come directly from WDE approved ARRA funds.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept Lightspeed Technologies for the classroom audio system.  
Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to go in to executive session at 7:40 for personnel and student discipline.  
Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.  
Motion: Patty Epler moved to reconvene the meeting at 9:15 p.m.  
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resignations have been received from Kathryn Schwandner, Vicki Hassell, Tenetta Anderson and Catherine Reeves. Chair Davison expressed her thanks to these teachers and stated that we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

- Motion: Lee May moved to accept the four resignations as presented.
- Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

### Teaching Recommendations for 2010-2011

- Motion: Patty Epler moved to accept the continuing contract teachers, initial contract teachers moving to continuing, initial contract teachers and certificated support staff as listed in the board book.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

### Resignation

Katie Bibbey sent in her resignation.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the resignation of Katie Bibbey.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

### Albin Abatement Bids –

Four bids were received for the old Albin High School asbestos abatement. It was concluded by Tobin and their consultant, to recommend Risk Removal of Fort Collins, Colorado in the amount of \$52,572 for the base bid work and the provided unit price costs for the added addendum scope of work.

- Motion: Patty Epler moved that the bid from Risk Removal for \$52,572.00 be accepted on the Albin and Pine Bluffs abatement.
- Second: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Steve Trimble and Lee May.

### LCSD #2 Summer Construction Bids and Projects –

Four contractors put out bids for the 2010 summer projects. Mr. Decker presented the information on contractors and their bids. It was recommended by Mr. Decker and Mr. Bryant that the Board approve Recco, Inc. There was much discussion between board members and questions were asked of Troy Decker. Jack Bomhoff realized the complications it would cause if these projects were split out so that local people could bid on projects, but he dislikes money taken out of our own community.

- Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to have Mr. Decker contact Recco to make sure they have met all federal requirements and have the Board meet Wednesday night, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the central office, for further discussion and decision.
- Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.

Julianne Randall feels that Recco has met all the requirements that we requested of them and feels uncomfortable asking for additional information.

Vote: Motion failed with opposed votes from Lee May, Steve Trimble, Julianne Randall and Esther Davison.

Motion: Esther Davison moved to regrettably approve Recco, Inc. for \$1,127,300.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion failed with opposed votes from Lee May, Jack Bomhoff, Jeff Kirkbride and Patty Epler.

Vote: Jack Bomhoff moved to have Mr. Decker contact all four companies to make sure they have met all federal requirements.

Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Brent Bacon made a suggestion that a phone conference call could be set up for the Board members on Wednesday night. Jack Bomhoff commented that he feels uncomfortable not meeting face to face for this type of decision.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved that the Board meet Wednesday night, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Burns High School to determine which contractor receives the bid after additional information is received from Mr. Decker.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Acceptance of Land Exchange Agreement –

The Town of Burns is willing to reach an agreement with LCSD#2 concerning the North and South Complexes that were West Elementary. Their agreement has been presented to the attorney and with the exception of the land description everything is in place.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept the exchange of real estate property between the Town of Burns and Laramie County School District #2.

Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Summer Worker Salary Schedule Adjustment –

It is requested to replace the hourly salary amount of the summer salary schedule to read “minimum wage.” Each step after minimum wage would be 13 cents for each increment.

Motion: Patty Epler moved to change the summer salary schedule with step 1 to be minimum wage with increments of 13 cents for each step so it doesn't have to be brought to the board yearly.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Request to Retain Employee and Transfer to High Need Area –

The request is to move Jamie Lerwick from Carpenter Elementary to Burns Elementary. The student Mrs. Lerwick was working with in Carpenter left the area and Burns Elementary SPED population is increasing.

Motion: Patty Epler moved that Jamie Lerwick be allowed to transfer from Carpenter Elementary to Burns Elementary.

Second: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Request to Open Positions for 2010-2011 School Year –

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved that we open the positions of Science, English, Business & Technology, Elementary, part-time SPED along with a part-time opening for principal to be determined in-house.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Request to Approve Rental Terms with Town of Burns –

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the rental terms between the Town of Burns and Laramie County School District #2 with the understanding that this can be flexible and that the Chairman, Superintendent or Business Manager can sign off if there are minor changes.

Second: Patty Epler seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Action on Student Expulsion-

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved that the student expulsion, as discussed in executive session, be in effect immediately and that the Board Chair, Esther Davison, has the authority to sign the final order of expulsion document as modified.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Requests for Home Schooling –

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the curriculum submitted by two homeschooling families.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

**HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept Mark Wilson as a sub teacher, Beth Leininger as a sub teacher and sub aide, Bruce Vojtecky as a sub custodian, Casey Ashworth as a sub bus driver and Donna Parsons as a sub aide and secretary.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept William Gray as assistant track coach in Pine Bluffs with the beginning date of March 22.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Short informational periods were given to proposed staffing assignments, estimated student enrollment and formula staffing (funding model). A sample policy of JE on Student Attendance was given to the Board for review. The town of Albin has sent information that shows they may be interested in acquiring land from the school district. A map was given to the Board which indicated the two sections that are being discussed. It was announced that during the week of May 3, students in grades K-10 will participate in the MAPS assessment. The Superintendent will hold one more public meeting regarding the 2010-11 school calendar within the next week or so. Two meetings have already been held with a total of two in attendance.

### Calendar Dates and Information for the Board

May 5, 2010	COW Meeting (PB)
May 10, 2010	Regular May Meeting (Pine Bluffs)
April 15, 2010	Required Notification of Contracts
May 13, 2010	Spring Music Program (Carpenter)
May 15, 2010	Notification to District/Non-returning
June 9, 2010	COW Meeting (PB)
June 14, 2010	Regular June Meeting (Albin)
July 21, 2010	Combined Meeting (Burns)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Clerk