

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
September 13, 2010**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Pine Bluffs High School, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming on September 13, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Jack Bomhoff, Esther Davison,
Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall,
Wynema Thompson and Steve Trimble

Members Absent – Patty Epler, Jeff Kirkbride

Superintendent: Jack Cozort

Also Present – John Binning, Laurie Bahl, Brent Bacon, Kathy Thrush,
LeAnn Smith, Leon Pierce, Roberta Trimble, Brittany Mitchell,
Elaina Ilminen, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Superintendent added “d” under General Business (Blue Ribbon Award) and “h” under Information (BOE, Recalibration and Educational Summary).

Motion: Lee May moved to accept the agenda as amended.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Patron Comments: Leon Pierce, from the town of Burns, will discuss the water and sewer situation at Burns at the next COW meeting.

Recognition: Albin Elementary was named to the List of National Blue Ribbon Schools! This award honors students who achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. The Board as well as staff extends their congratulations to the staff and administration of Albin Elementary School!

Kathy Thrush was also recognized as Teacher of the Year! Congratulations, Kathy!

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 9, 2010 and the special meeting minutes of August 12, 2010.
Second: Wynema Thompson seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

FINANCES

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve the warrants as presented.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

We are currently through September 8, 2010 and have received 27.1% of the budgeted revenues and have expended/encumbered 84.1% of the budgeted amount and have expended 14.3% of the budgeted amount. Enrollment, as of September 1, was up 62 students from last year. As of September 13, enrollment was at 920. There were a couple of questions regarding local sources of revenue and the request for details of the activity reports for each individual account.

Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to accept the Financial Report as presented.

Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Use Agreement:

The overall consensus of the Board is to allow the Youth Football Team in our district to use the lights at the respective field and that the District absorb these costs into their general fund budget. An estimated cost range is \$150 to \$450.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to allow the Pine Bluffs youth football program to operate under the facilities request they have submitted and to have the District pay for the fees for the current season.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Tom Morgan asked if a number of days needed to be included in the motion.

Amended Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to allow the Pine Bluffs youth football program to operate under the facilities request they have submitted for six (6) activities and to have the District pay for the fees for the current season.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve MOU for Virtual School: Niobrara #1

If a student wishes to take a single class that is allowable then he/she will work that through with LCSD#2 for a completed agreement with K12, Inc. The students currently on the enrollment books from our District and currently enrolled with K12, Inc. will not be included into the agreements of these single class MOU's.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept the MOU with the understanding that the single class be removed or waived from their requirement. Emergency situations will be reviewed and presented to the Board of Trustees.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Approval of Request: Right of Way

Because of the change to Laramie County Road 149 to a state highway, the new road will be widened for increased traffic. Because the construction of the road requires a telecommunication

cable to be moved, RT Communications has requested that the school district grant an easement to place the cable across the Burns Elementary School property.

Jack Bomhoff asked if there was any other way this could be done since he has a problem with easements due to his personal experiences. Mr. Bryant reported that he talked to RT Communications and it appears this is the only choice they have.

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to approve easement #RT02165 for RT Communications to run in a North-South direction adjacent to the new Wyoming State Highway 213 on Burns Elementary School grounds and LCSD #2 property.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Jack Bomhoff and Lee May.

Acknowledge Receipt of Application/Home-Based Educational Programs:

Motion: Tom Morgan acknowledged the receipt and application of 45 home school students.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

The question was asked if the District should survey the parents of home schooled students and ask them what their reasoning is for home schooling. The Board felt it could help for areas of improvement.

Vote: Motion carried.

Approve ALEX Staff Members:

ALEX is the after school program offered by the District. The District has allocated approximately \$58,900 to fund this program. Mr. Bacon developed a spreadsheet on the program costs for the Board to review.

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept the ALEX staff members as stated on page 27 of the board packet, along with the salaries listed.

Second: Wynema Thompson seconded the motion.

Julianne Randall stated that there are 42 participating in Pine Bluffs and 43 in Burns and those parents are very appreciative of this service. Esther Davison asked Mr. Bacon to express thanks on behalf of the Board to the ALEX team.

Vote: Motion carried.

Accept Consolidated Grant (Summary) of Allocations:

The grant is for approximately \$933,000. The allocation is provided to meet the goals of the federal grants as listed on page 29 of the board packet. The grants with the largest funding are Title I and IDEA-611.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept the consolidated grant funds for use with the goals established for the programs as stated on page 29.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Contractual Agreement for Special Services:

Motion: Wynema Thompson moved that the District authorize the Director of Special Services to complete and enter into the agreements as they are

presented and if limits are established, that the department not exceed such limits without Board approval.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

WDE Partnership Agreement – State System of Support (SSoS):

The Wyoming Department of Education is assisting districts in the improvement process called State System of Support. Last year was the pilot year for SSoS, and the partnerships developed with districts were very successful. This year they are expanding their assistance by providing more coaches. LCSD #2 has been assigned a coach for 2010-11 to support educational improvement. If the Board chooses not to be involved, the District could be taken to the State Board of Education and have our accreditation status reviewed.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved that Laramie County School District #2 enter a partnership with WDE State System for support for the 2010-11 school year and to allow the board chairman and superintendent to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Legislative Liaison Appointment:

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to appoint Jeff Kirkbride as the legislative liaison for the District.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to hire Lori Trevillyan and Alexis Nikirk as certified elementary teachers for LCSD#2.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to hire Brian DePaulitte, Donna Parsons and Carolyn Karlstrum as para educators. Since Carolyn Karlstrum was transferred from a custodial position to para, this motion also includes the request to hire another custodian for Pine Bluffs Elementary.

Second: Wynema Thompson seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to hire Henry Morrisette as a transportation route driver.

Second: Wynema Thompson seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to hire Sandi McColl, Abby Orchard, Maria Sierock, Mallory Lammers and Timothy Bjorseth as certified sub instructors.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Lee May moved to hire Barbara Ocheskey as a sub custodian and Penny Tyler as a sub bus driver.

Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
 Vote: Motion carried.
 Motion: Lee May moved to accept the transfer of Don Ackatz from Burns High School to Burns Elementary and David Rabago from Burns Elementary to Burns High School.

Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
 Vote: Motion carried.
 Motion: Lee May moved to hire Drew Severn as an additional football coach for Burns High School since numbers deem it necessary.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
 Vote: Motion carried.
 Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve additional instructional time for P.E. Instructor Sean Pattersen, which amounts to 1/8th of a day every other day at Burns High School.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
 Vote: Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Chair Davison stated that there have been some issues with the Burns Town Council and felt the school district had been maligned for a number of things they have or have not done. She asked for an explanation. Business Manager, Rob Bryant, stated four different items he felt were a problem.

- ✓ How Jackson Street is handled...
- ✓ Have not seen new signage since cross arm is not down...
- ✓ There are points of cross traffic where we didn't have that problem before...
- ✓ There could be a problem with the water meter pit...

The Burns Town Council will be attending the COW meeting next month to discuss items of concern. Chair Davison stated that the Board has tried hard to be receptive to all communities and they do not want friction. Mr. Bryant stated that he is very happy to work with the Town of Burns.

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

October 6, 2010	COW Meeting (PB)
October 11, 2010	Regular Meeting (Albin)
November 3, 2010	COW Meeting
November 8, 2010	Regular Meeting (Burns)
November 17-19	WSBA Conference, Casper
December 8, 2010	COW Meeting
December 13, 2010	Regular Meeting (Carpenter) (Newly Elected Members Seated)

(Additional dates were given through March at the Board meeting.) Mr. Cozort stressed the WSBA November 17-19 dates; January 11, Legislative Sessions begins and March 14 PAWS student assessment.

COW Meeting:

COW Meeting minutes from August 4, 2010 were included in the packet.

ARRA Fund Expenditures: Brent Bacon, Special Services Director, gave the board a hand out that listed expenditures.

The Transportation Department is revising their job descriptions for the entire department. They will be available for review at a later date.

If any member of the Board wishes to make a suggestion for the Golden Bell Award please contact Mr. Cozort.

Mr. Cozort presented a Procedural Foundation Flow Chart for the PLA Schools. There are four major components:

- 1) Professional Learning Communities-Making the Difference in all schools and classes
- 2) Professional Development 360-Video training program to support all levels in the plan.
- 3) Professional Evaluation System Aligned with WDE Chapter 29 Requirements.
- 4) Quantum Learning for Secondary teachers with Elementary Instruction Strategies/Pilot Program for K-2(RTI)

Mr. Cozort encouraged the Board to read the Recalibration information included in the handouts. The lead issue is not the funding model but will be accountability issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Steve Trimble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk