

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
November 8, 2010**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Burns High School, Burns, Wyoming on November 8, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Jack Bomhoff, Esther Davison, Jeff Kirkbride, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall and Steve Trimble

Members Absent – Patty Epler, Lee May, Wynema Thompson

Superintendent: Jack Cozort

Also Present – LeAnn Smith, Jerry Burkett, Elaina Ilminen, Laurie Bahl, Sue Stevens, John Binning, Amber Imel, Mike Brownawell, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Superintendent stated that Policy BEE-R listed on the agenda is first reading.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the agenda as amended.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Patron Comments: None

Laurie Bahl, Principal at Carpenter Elementary, reported that their school was awarded the National Distinguished Title I school. This was given because their adequate yearly progress has improved the last three years. Only two schools in the state of Wyoming received this honor. Mrs. Bahl also introduced the third grade teacher, Amber Imel.

Sue Stevens, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, gave a short report on the PAWS data for all the schools. (Please see attached.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the executive session minutes of the October 6th meeting and the regular meeting minutes from October 11, 2010.

Second: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

FINANCES

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the warrants as presented.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

We are currently through November 2, 2010 and have received 54.6% of the budgeted revenues and have expended/encumbered 87.2% of the budgeted amount and have expended 28.4% of the budgeted amount. As of November 1, enrollment was 931 (up six students from October 1 and up 17 students from the beginning of the school year) which is very encouraging.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the Financial Report as presented.

Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Plat in Albin – Mr. Bryant explained that the plat needs to be approved by the Board so the District can continue with procedures to formally transfer land at Albin Elementary to the Town of Albin. Mr. Krakow, mayor of Albin, said the town would be willing to work with the District to sell back a portion of the land if they ever needed it. There are 5 1/3 usable acres of land that could accommodate 200 students. When the Board approves the plat it will go to the Town of Albin for approval and then to the county commissioner. After their approval, work on the deed can be completed.

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to approve the plat as presented.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation for Policy BEE-R: Rules Governing Hearing before the Board:

Our legal advisors suggested the District include a policy that provides rules and guidance on any hearings. These have been developed and reviewed by our attorney and are in compliance with the WAPA.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve Policy BEE-R as first reading.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Graduation Date:

A lot of discussion ensued regarding the date and especially the times of graduation for Burns High School and Pine Bluffs High School. Some of the board members felt it would be a good idea to survey the community and see what the majority want. Tom Morgan felt the times of 1:30 and 4:00 would be appropriate. Jeff Kirkbride would like to pursue the idea of 1:30 instead of 1:00 because of church activities. Jack Bomhoff felt 1:00 and 4:00 would be a good option.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to set the graduation date for Laramie County School District #2 as May 22 with Pine Bluffs graduation at 1:00 and Burns at 4:00 contingent upon the Burns announcements not being printed.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried with two opposed votes from Tom Morgan and Jeff Kirkbride.

Accept Perkins Annual Grant Report:

The Board packet included the annual Perkins report for 2010.

- Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved that the Board accept the annual report of the Perkins Grant funding as presented.
- Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Approve a bid for HVAC service at Burns High School:

The District received three bids for the Burns High School Server Room HVAC and Ventilation Upgrade. Mr. Bryant recommended the low bid from Climate Control.

- Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve and accept Climate Control as the low bid contractor to perform the Burns High School HVAC and Ventilation Upgrade project for the district at a bid amount of \$33,328.
- Second: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Leave of Absence for professional growth service:

A request from Mr. Craig Williams for a leave of absence for professional development and service to Wyoming Education Association has been received.

- Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the temporary leave request for Craig Williams and that this leave be allowed under the guidelines established in the letter of understanding between Mr. Williams and Laramie County School District #2.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Request to use ARRA funds for student intervention service:

Mr. Bacon, Special Services Director, made the request that part of the ARRA Title I funds be used for tutors to work with high school students in the area of math and possibly reading.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to seek staffing and procedures to use ARRA funds to comply with the intent of the program but at the same time establish support or intervention services for students in the district.
- Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the hiring of Antonio Serrano to fill the Pine Bluffs High School Activities Custodial and Subbing position.
- Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.
- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to hire Michael Reifschneider as the transportation mechanic.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to accept John Telsrow as a substitute teacher for Laramie County School District #2.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved that the board accept the resignation of Mr. Dan Marquart as counselor in Laramie County School District #2 and that they approve the recommendations that pertain to the employee decision, with the understanding that the District start advertizing immediately and interviewing for an elementary counselor.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

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 May at the Board meeting.) Mr. Cozort stressed the Rec Board meeting at 5:45 on January 10 and that the Legislative Session begins January 11th.

Julianne Randall asked when another Board Retreat could be scheduled. Possibly in January?

COW Meeting:

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

ARRA Fund Expenditures: Mr. Bacon gave a written report to the Board.

WSBA Conference: Mr. Cozort asked the Board members to stay after the meeting to discuss transportation, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Esther Davison adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk