

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
March 14, 2011**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Carpenter Elementary, Carpenter, Wyoming on March 14, 2011.

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, Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall, Kristen Smith, Wynema Thompson and Steve Trimble

Members Absent – None

Superintendent: Jack Cozort

Also Present –LeAnn Smith, Elaina Iminen, Brent Bacon, Brittany Mitchell, Debra Hirsig, Justene Hirsig, Tom Hirsig, Lisa Ward, Tim Ward, Brian Cox, Kathy Thrush, Rhonda Purdy, Rachel Purdy, Jerry Burkett, Laurie Bahl, Cindy Weibel, Sue Stevens, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Added to the agenda were: four sets of executive session minutes (Febr.12, Febr. 22, March 9 & January 10. March 9 COW minutes were added under B; Information and Discussion.

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept the agenda as amended.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Mr. Cox brought FFA student, Rachel Purdy, to give a speech to the Board of Trustees. Rachel left with Mr. Cox from Pine Bluffs where she started to develop her speech. Rachel drew “Korean Free Trade Agreement” from 12 selected topics. Thanks to Rachel for a great job!

Lori Trevillyan, grade school teacher in Albin, received the Newcomb Grant. More information will be given at the next board meeting. Chair Davison expressed how proud and pleased the Board is to have teachers receiving first year grants.

The Honorable John Eklund thanked the Board for their support. He discussed legislature issues and also brought up the possibility of payment for school board members. If there are any questions on bills, please contact Mr. Eklund.

Patron Comments: Tom Hirsig, parent of a student at Burns High School, told about his struggle with transferring his daughter from Carpenter to Burns because of all the turmoil going on at the time. He stated that Principal Mike Brownawell came to Burns in a tough time and has shown good leadership skills. He feels that the kids are safe under his leadership which means so much as a parent. Mr. Brownawell helps kids off and on the bus, he attends every game and he puts kids first.

Cindy Weibel, President of the Parent Group at Carpenter, thanked the Board for their hard work. She also distributed a flyer to the board which invited them to bingo night to get to know parents and students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Lee May moved to approve the consent agenda.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

FINANCES

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride made a motion to accept the warrants as presented.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant reported that we are currently through March 14, 2011 and have expended/encumbered 92.1% of the budgeted amount and have expended 59.7% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same period in March 2010 when the district had expended/encumbered 93.2% of the budgeted amount and had expended 59.7% of the budgeted amount. We are currently through March 14, 2011 and have received 90% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with March 14, 2010 when we had received 96.3% of the budgeted revenues. A handout was given to the Board with enrollment statistics. Student population is presently at 928.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Second: Wynema Thompson seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Changes to the Catastrophic Leave Bank Policy for 1st reading:

Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to approve Policy GCCA/GDCA (Catastrophic Leave Bank) as first reading.
Second: Kristen Smith seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to go in to executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.
Motion: Tom Morgan moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Approval of Recommendations to Hire for the 2011-2012 Contract Year:

Motion: Lee May moved to approve the following for hire for the 2011-2012 school year . This recommendation is based upon the evaluation procedures approved by the district and completed by their supervisor.
Mr. Rob Bryant, Director of Business Finance
Mr. Brent Bacon, Director of Special Services
Dr. LeAnn Smith, Albin
Mr. Jerry Burkett, Burns Elementary
Mrs. Laurie Bahl, Carpenter Elementary
Mrs. Sue Stevens, Pine Bluffs Elementary
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Approve MOU's and Payment:

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve JEMS (Juvenile Extensive Management Services) for the amount of \$27,872 plus mileage and Associates in Therapy (OT and PT Services) for a total amount of \$116,000.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Request for a New Position In Special Education:

With the growing numbers of special education needs at Burns Elementary it is necessary to add a new position for school year 2011-2012. Mr. Bacon reported that on Wednesday they had 36 students and on Monday that had already increased to 38 students. Funding for this position would be reimbursable through Special Education funds.

Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to hire a Special Education Teacher at Burns Elementary.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Policy JICG/JICH (Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Substance Abuse by Students):

Different wording was discussed in paragraph 3, the last sentence. It was decided to add the word "use" between the words "or" and "in." Chair Davison asked the public if they had any comments to make on the policy. There were none.

Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the first reading of policy JICG/JICH (Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug/substance Abuse by Students) with the change that was discussed.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Approve Bid for PBHS Running Track:

The District received two bids for the resurfacing of the Pine Bluffs High School running track. This bid includes stripping off the existing surfacing, remove and replace damaged areas of asphalt and sub base, install a concrete track edge, apply a new synthetic surface and paint the new surface with all the lane markings. Mr. Bryant recommended the bid from Renner Sports Surfaces out of Denver, Colorado.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve Renner Sports Surfaces as the design-build firm for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the Pine Bluffs High School running track in the base bid amount of \$214,000, and to pick up Bid alternate #1 through Renner, which is inserting a concrete curb on the inside perimeter of the track at a cost of \$16,900.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

- Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to accept the resignations and retirements from:
Sarah Honstien, Language Arts @ Burns
Barbara Herrod, Language Arts @ Burns
John Binning, Principal at Pine Bluffs High School
Mike Brownawell, Principal at Burns High School
Kathleen Fornstrom, Teacher at Pine Bluffs Elementary
Joyce Smock, Business/Tech at Pine Bluffs High School
Carolyn Jacobsen, Para
Hope Poelma, Para
Barbara Franzen, Assistant JH BB @ Burns
Mike Romsa, Assistant Wrestling @ Burns

A correction was made that Sarah Honstien's last name is now Horen.

- Ammend: Jack Bomhoff amended the motion from Honstien to Horen.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Chair Davison stated that she knew most of these individuals personally and appreciates the time and energy they put in to the District.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to hire Brian DePaulitte as the Job Coach for Pine Bluffs High School.
- Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.
- Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to hire Pat Birt as a sub para and custodian, Terri Ornelas as a sub custodian, James Acton as a sub custodian and AnneMarie Morrissette as sub bus driver.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.
- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to start advertizing for staff in the areas of Special Education, Language Arts, Elementary Teacher, Secondary Principals and Business Technology.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.
Motion: Wynema Thompson moved to hire a para at Burns Elementary (this position was held by Brian DePaulitte).
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

March 7 - April 1, 2011	PAWS Student Assessment
April 6, 2011	COW Meeting @ Burns, 6:30 p.m.
April 11, 2011	Regular Meeting @ Pine Bluffs
April 15, 2011	Required Notification of Certified Staff Re-hire

(Additional dates were given through July at the Board meeting, with a reminder that the July meeting is combined with the budget meeting on July 20th.)

The ARRA Fund Expenditures were reported by Mr. Bacon in the board packet.

The Vision/Mission/Goals statement is being worked on and Chair Davison will send the suggested changes to the board members by e-mail.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk