

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING  
January 14, 2013**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Carpenter Elementary School, Carpenter, Wyoming on January 14, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present – Jack Bomhoff (via phone), Esther Davison, Todd Fornstrom, Jeff Kirkbride, Ashley Lerwick, Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall and Steve Trimble

Superintendent - Jack Cozort

Also Present – Brent Bacon, Jerry Burkett, De Burkett, Laurie Bahl, Craig Williams, David Wunsch, Cindy and Cassidy Weibel, Pat Walter, LeAnn Smith, Sue Stevens, Todd Sweeter, Caroline Green, Todd & Diana Wedl, Stephanie Barker, Charlene Smith, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Approval of Agenda

Jeff Kirkbride added executive session minutes, January 9, 2013, to the agenda.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to accept the agenda as amended.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Visitors/Patron Comments:

De Burkett thanked the Board for the Christmas gifts to the staff and said they were much appreciated. Cassidy Weibel, Carpenter Student Council, thanked the Board for the grant for new uniforms for Carpenter Elementary.

Sean Patterson (coach) was awarded the WHSAA Good Sportsmanship Award shown during the Burns/Moorcroft basketball game, held on December 8, 2012. He demonstrated respect, integrity, dedication and encouragement.

Congratulations went to Travis Romsa (student) for receiving the WHSAA Good Sportsmanship Award for his exemplary conduct and good sportsmanship shown during the Shoshoni/Burns basketball game on December 7, 2012.

Congratulations go to Carpenter Elementary School as they were recognized for the “Ellbogen Meritorious School.” They have demonstrated a strong focus on quality teaching and enhanced student learning. A formal celebration will be scheduled in the spring.

A letter from the Wyoming Department of Education informed the school district that each of the IEPs provided were fully compliant. This audit was for students 16 years and older. Mr. Bacon, SPED Director, thanked Nancy Malcolm, Case Manager, for her good work.

Recognition was given to Rhonda Purdy, Nikki Poelma, De Burkett and Elis Anadiotis for receiving their National Board Certification!

Superintendent Cindy Hill is scheduled to present Albin Elementary students and staff the Distinguished Title I School Award on Wednesday, January 16 at 1:15. Congratulations students and staff!

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the executive session minutes.  
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

### **FINANCES**

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

Mr. Bryant reported that we are currently through January 9, 2013 and have received 58.0% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with January 9, 2012 when we had received 56.5% of the budgeted revenues. We are currently through January, 2013 and have expended/encumbered 88.3% of the budgeted amount and have expended 43.8% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period in January 2012 when the district had expended/encumbered 94.1% of the budgeted amount and had expended 45.2% of the budgeted amount. Enrollment as of January 3 was 923, down seven from last month and down 15 students from the beginning of the year. Mr. Bryant gave the board a historical enrollment chart. He also mentioned one of the legislative bills, Finance Senate File #63, which would impact us if it became a law. The District would have until July 1, 2015 to use money or put it back in the general fund. This is a concern for every school district and the board members were encouraged to speak to their legislators. Jeff Kirkbride stated that there were some amendments pending.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the financial report as presented.  
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Calendar – 2013-2014

Discussion ensued regarding the calendar and Jack Bomhoff suggested making January 3 an option for teachers since it might mean they would have to come back early from Christmas vacation. Mr. Cozort said this could be reviewed for another month and brought back to the Board next month.

Todd Fornstrom stated that an appeal could be made to the State for a change of student days. There was discussion about using different dates in place of January 3, such as August 16, November 27 or February 17.

- Motion: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the calendar as stands using August 15, November 27 or February 17 in place of the January 3 date.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
- Amended: Jack Bomhoff moved to approve the calendar as stands using August 15, November 27, or February 17, in place of the January 3 date. If none of these dates work, he moved to appeal to the State Board for an adjusted 173 student day calendar.
- Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Jeff Kirkbride, Tom Morgan, Todd Fornstrom and Ashley Lerwick.

#### Policy JJIC (First Reading)

This policy directs when and how a student can participate in activities developed by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

There were no public comments.

- Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to approve JJIC on first reading.
- Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

#### Policies IJNDA and Policy IJNDA-E (First Reading)

This policy is a computer assisted instruction internet safety policy with a user agreement and a parental permission form.

There were no public comments.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve policies IJNDA and IJNDA-E on first reading.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

#### Revisions for Policies EDC, EDC-E1 and EDC-E3

These policies are network forms and user agreements.

There were no public comments.

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the revisions of policies EDC, EDC-E1 and EDC-E-3 on first reading.
- Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

#### Approve Requirement for 4 years of Math Instruction:

The Math Subject Area Committee and the Curriculum Coordinating Committee is requesting that the Board increase the requirement in math credits from the current 3 years to be increased to 4 years. The additional year will allow the instructors to provide deeper learning math concepts as opposed to trying to rush through a four year learning approach in three years.

Motion: Lee May moved to approve the change from 3 credits of math study to 4 credits of math for graduation from high schools in Laramie County School District #2, starting with the graduating class of 2016.  
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

#### Homeschool Requests

Mr. Cozort presented the Board with a new listing of four additional home schooled students.

#### **HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Accept Resignations: Bill Boyd turned in his resignation and will retire on March 1, 2013. The Board thanked him for his service.

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to honor this resignation and approved advertisement for this position.  
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

#### Recommendation to hire:

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve a one-to-one SPED Para for Pine Bluffs High School as a temporary position through the end of this school year, 2012-13.  
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

#### Substitute Positions:

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve the following subs:  
1. Brittany Chesna as a sub para and custodian.  
2. Paige Epler as a sub teacher.  
3. Kraig Jacobsen as a sub bus driver.  
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.  
Vote: Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

##### Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

February 6, 2013 COW Meeting – Burns  
February 10, 2013 Legislative Forum in Cheyenne  
February 11, 2013 Board Meeting – Pine Bluffs  
(March – May dates were also included.)

Mr. Cozort gave the Board a web site where they can keep up with the bills filed for the legislative session. The biggest discussion at the present time is the position of Department of Education Director which would take away the power of the superintendent effective as soon as the governor signs the bill.

The Board thanked Mr. Bryant and Mr. Bacon for their quick response in review of the school safety program. Mr. Bryant reported that cameras have been ordered along with a buzzing

system. Next month they will discuss the funding for this equipment. Chair Davison thanked them again for their great initiative in getting this in to place as quickly as possible.

Julianne Randall noted that the Missoula Children's Theater was a wonderful production and it is encouraging to see communities come together for such activities.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to go in to Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss personnel and school security.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to reconvene the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the directive action 01-14-13-2.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk