

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
November 12, 2012**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Pine Bluffs High School, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming on November 12, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present –Esther Davison, Wynema Engstrom, Jeff Kirkbride, Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall and Steve Trimble

Members Absent – Jack Bomhoff, Kristen Smith

Superintendent - Jack Cozort

Also Present – Laurie Bahl, LeAnn Smith, Sheri Olson, Jerry Burkett, Charlene Smith, Diane Wallace, Ashley Thurin, Natalie Freeburg, LeAnn Smith, Patricia Chavez, Miguel Chavez, Andrea Cassel, Taffi Brown, Duane Brown, Alex Davison, Todd Sweeter, Brent Bacon, Brad Brooks, Anne Brooks, Lane Brooks, Christina Nusbaum, Adam Gandara, Aaron Kreuzer, Tracy Petsch, Kaycee Tidyman, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

School Board Member Resignation was added under 3a. Nov. 7th minutes were taken off the list and September 10th and October 9th minutes were added.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to accept the agenda as amended.
Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Visitors/Patron Comments:

1. Principal Laurie Bahl introduced Andria Cassel who explained the program “Stranger Danger” that she shared with the elementary students. Board member, Julianne Randall, shared that her own daughter was abducted in Pine Bluffs many years ago. We feel we live in a small, safe community but we need to work at keeping our kids safe. LaRea Woolington expressed her concern that her 5 year old son was missing from the Alex program for 25minutes before anyone missed him. Chair Davison stated that a safe process and procedure is in place to keep this from happening again.
2. Dr. Smith, principal in Albin, shared that their school has been recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School. This award was earned because Albin Elementary exceeded adequate yearly progress for over two years. Because only two schools per state can be selected as a National Title I Distinguished School each year, this award is an especially prestigious honor for

Albin Elementary. Dr. Smith thanked her staff in making this possible. Jeff Kirkbride reiterated the significance of this award and congratulated the staff and school.

3. Two Good Sportsmanship Awards were given to Burns High School for the games at Wheatland and Wright. Congratulations to the football boys and their coaches!
4. Lane Brooks introduced himself as being involved in Cross Country. He stated that when he was at State in Douglas he did some things that he is not proud of and apologized to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Steve Trimble seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

FINANCES

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

Mr. Bryant reported that we are currently through November 7, 2012 and have received 30.9% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with November 7, 2011 when we had received 32.7% of the budgeted revenues. We are currently through November, 2012 and have expended/encumbered 85.7% of the budgeted amount and have expended 28.1% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period in November 2011 when the district had expended/encumbered 90.0% of the budgeted amount and had expended 29.4% of the budgeted amount. Enrollment as of November 1 was 931, up 10 from one year ago but down 7 from October 1. Mr. Bryant reported on the Joint Appropriation Committee Meeting stating that it looks like there will be no extended cost adjustments this year. There was a push toward a bill not to have a large reserve fund.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Homeschool Requests

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept the homeschool list as presented since the requirements have been met for the 2012/13 school year.
Second: Wynema Engstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

First Reading of Policy DIA (Fixed Assets and Inventory System)

Mr. Bryant reported that this policy brings things up-to-date.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve on 1st reading, Policy DIA.
Second: Wynema Engstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Delegate Assembly Resolutions

Jeff Kirkbride is the liaison for the school district at the WSBA Conference. He feels comfortable with voting after the discussion at the COW meeting.

Holiday Gifts for Employees

Julianne Randall suggested increasing the dollar amount by \$10.00 to offset taxes that need to be taken out of the gift. Mr. Bryant stated that was feasible.

- Motion: Julianne Randall moved that the Business Office purchase Christmas gifts for all permanent full and part-time staff in Laramie County School District #2.
- Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

Accept Resignations:

With regret the Board accepted the resignations of Heather Gregory (para at Burns Elementary) and Kayla Newman (Assistant High School Volleyball Coach at Burns). The Board also accepted the resignation of board member Kristen Smith due to time constraints. The Board has 30 days to appoint a new board member. The board asked to have this need placed in the papers and on our web site.

Recommendation to hire:

- Motion: Julianne Randall moved to hire Nate Hellbaum as Jr. Class Sponsor at Pine Bluffs High School. Leland Ostrander for Assistant Track Coach at Pine Bluffs High School. Alicia Noble for Burns HS Girls "C" Basketball and Charles Jackson for Burns Jr. High Boys assistant Basketball Coach.
- Amended: Julianne Randall moved to hire Nate Hellbaum as Jr. Class Sponsor at Pine Bluffs High School. Leland Ostrander for Assistant Track Coach at Pine Bluffs High School. Alicia Noble for Burns HS Girls "C" Basketball and Charles Jackson for Burns Jr. High Boys assistant Basketball Coach for the 2012/13 school year.
- Second: Wynema Engstrom seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried.

Site Trained Quantum Learning Instructor

Mr. Cozort explained that there is a need for Quantum Learning at the secondary level. The teachers are finding it very helpful and useful. If one of our own teachers were trained to be a Quantum Leader the cost would be significantly reduced. This individual would only be gone 6 or 7 days out of a school year for training.

- Motion: Wynema Engstrom moved to advertise for the position of a Quantum Learning Instructor.
- Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Julianne Randall stated that there would be no cost to the District except for the cost of subs on the six or seven days the instructor was gone. Mr. Cozort explained that the interested individual would need to send a letter of interest and that Quantum staff would help in making the decision for this position.

- Vote: Motion carried.

Substitute Positions:

- Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve Joseph Campbell and David Shaul as substitute teachers for the District.
- Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried with Steve Trimble abstaining from the vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

- December 5, 2012 COW Meeting – Burns
December 10, 2012 Board Meeting - Albin
January 9, 2013 COW Meeting – Pine Bluffs
January 14, 2013 Board Meeting – Carpenter
January 15, 2013 Legislative Session Begins
(February dates were also included.)

Steve Trimble asked about the board retreat dates. It was decided to wait until after the reorganization of the Board to set those dates.

Chair Davison briefly mentioned the COW meeting minutes of November 2012, the meeting locations and dates for 2013, and the audio program at Burns High School. Mr. Bacon gave a short report on the ALEX programs stating that there are approximately 60 students attending per school.

Chair Davison stated that the travel arrangement for the board members to Casper would be discussed after the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk