

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
February 10, 2014**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Albin Elementary School, Albin, Wyoming on February 10, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Esther Davison, Todd Fornstrom, Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall, Steve Trimble

Members via Phone – Jack Bomhoff

Members Absent – Jeff Kirkbride and Ashley Lerwick

Superintendent - Jack Cozort

Also Present – Brent Bacon, Todd Sweeter, LeAnn Smith, Jerry Burkett, Laurie Bahl, Jerry Becking, Sue Stevens, Zachary Laux, Matthew Romsa, Lisa Romsa, Misty Gallegos, Nikki Poelma, Heather Becerra, Trevor Petsch, Kate Russell, Taft Love, Brian Blossmo, Ken Tobin, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Tobin was added under General Business, number 4, to discuss the Burns track project.

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

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Visitors/Patron Comments: Matthew Romsa voiced his concern about the proposed reduced schedule to 4.5 or 4.75 days per week for students to attend school. Heather Becerra voiced the same concerns. They encouraged the board to vote “no” on the proposed calendar or postpone the decision until next month.

Nikki Poelma was selected to be a part of the inaugural cohort Director’s Teacher Cabinet for WDE. She will be able to provide input on the classroom realities of education policy. Congratulations, Nikki!

Craig Williams was selected by the National Education Association to participate in the Teacher Ambassadors project. He was not present at the Board meeting because he was in Nashville for training and then will come back to train other teachers (assessments). Congratulations, Craig!

Ken Tobin gave a report on the all-weather track and answered questions that the Board had. It is out to bid now. These bids will be received by March 4th and completion of the track should be in September.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FINANCES

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

The enrollment is at 951 which shows a decline of 5 students from last month.

Mr. Bryant reported that we are currently through February 6, 2014 and have received 66.3% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with February 6, 2013 when we had received 66.6% of the budgeted revenues. We are currently through the February 2014 meeting and have expended/encumbered 88.1% of the budgeted amount and have expended 51.7% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period February, 2013 meeting when the district had expended/encumbered 90.9% of the budgeted amount and had expended 51.0% of the budgeted amount.

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

Grant:

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept 1003A grant of \$183,500 for school improvement at Burns Elementary.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Accept 2014-15 District School Calendar:

Each board member made comments (pro and con) on the proposed district calendar after Mr. Cozort gave the advantages for a shorter week for students. Suggestions were:

- Try it for a year to see how it works,
- Would a four day calendar work?
- Is there another option that could be looked at?

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to postpone the decision on the school calendar until the March meeting.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Esther Davison and Todd Fornstrom.

Policy JO (Employment of Students)

Motion: Tom Morgan moved that the board accept policy JO on second and final reading.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Summer School Days for 2014

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve the dates of June 2 – July 2 for summer school, 2014, at the following locations:
Elementary (PreK-5) held at Burns Elementary School
Elementary (6th) at Burns High School
Jr. High (7th & 8th) at Burns High School
High School (9-12) at Burns High School (Credit Recovery)
Elementary (PreK-5) at Albin Elementary School
Elementary (6th) at Burns High School
and to start hiring staff for summer school positions.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Financial Disclosure Forms:

The financial disclosure forms were provided for the board members who were asked to sign and return them.

Approve Revision for policy JICG/JICH: (Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug/Substance Abuse by Students)

The revision is in the first sentence where the statement “defined to include electronic cigarettes” has been inserted.

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to approve as final reading Policy JICG/JICH.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Cheer Proposal for Burns High School: No action was taken and will be brought up next month due to the fact that more work needs to be done on the salary schedule.

Related Service Agreements:

Mr. Bacon explained that the service agreements need to be separated with payment going to two different groups.

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to accept the related service agreements to be separated with payment directed to Associates in Therapy for Infants and Children and with Children’s Therapy Group.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Another homeschool request was noted by the Board.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to go in to executive session to discuss personnel at 8:24 p.m.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.
Motion: Tom Morgan moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:41 p.m.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the contract and rehire Jack Cozort, Superintendent, for the 2014-15 school year.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Lee May and Todd Fornstrom.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve April Talkington as a flex driver and Rob Robinson as a route driver for the 2014/15 school year.
Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Lee May moved to hire David Morse as a para for Pine Bluffs High School and Kathleen Canady as a para for Pine Bluffs High School and Pine Bluffs Elementary.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to hire Kayla Kay, Sheri Sorenson and Jennifer Houghton as sub paras and Shyla Stracke-Martinez as a sub custodian.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

February 23, 2014 WSBA Legislative Forum
March 5, 2014 COW Meeting in Pine Bluffs
March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting in Burns
April 9, 2014 COW Meeting in Burns
April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting in Carpenter
(Meetings through June were shared.)

The COW meeting minutes were mentioned along with the reminder that the legislative session started on the 10th. Certain bills will need to be watched. Board members were encouraged to attend the Legislative Forum on February 23.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

