

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

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Burns High School, Burns, Wyoming on March 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, Jeff Kirkbride, Ashley Lerwick, Lee May, Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall, Steve Trimble

Members via Phone – Jack Bomhoff

Members Absent – None

Superintendent - Jack Cozort

Also Present – Brent Bacon, Todd Sweeter, LeAnn Smith, Jerry Burkett, Laurie Bahl, Jerry Becking, Sue Stevens, Zachary Laux, Misty Gallegos, Taft Love, Will Gray, Gross Family, Nancy Wilkinson, Rob Robinson, Walter Andersson, Dan Ebben, Wyatt Ebben, Rhonda Purdy, Kelly McCall, Tanner Petsch, Sherrie and Lydia Kinkade, Tim Love, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff Kirkbride requested an Executive Session before A under New Business.

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

Visitors/Patron Comments:

Kelly McCall, parent of a second and fourth grader, expressed his concern about a 4 day week. He stated that his children ride the bus for 1 ½ hours each way as it is. Taft Love prefers a four or five day week instead of the 4 ½. Nancy Wilkinson is concerned with an extended day because of the long ride for students and the possibility of parents pulling them out to take them to Laramie 1. Another factor was that bus drivers would lose their benefits going to a four-day week. Robert Robinson expressed the same concerns and said it would be hard for the district to get bus drivers with no benefits. Sherrie Kinkade stated that long days would be a concern for special needs children. They would be too tired to complete the day if it was extended.

Dan Ebben received on behalf of the Burns Basketball coaches and teams a good sportsmanship recognition from WHSAA.

Scott Gross was also recognized for his good sportsmanship. Congratulations! It was noted that at State Basketball three students were recognized for good sportsmanship.

Wyatt Ebben and Tim Love each gave a short report on their science fair projects. Tim placed first and Wyatt received an honorable mention. This was not local but state wide. Congratulations to these boys!

Mr. Cozort awarded each school their accreditation plaque from AdvancED.

Jeff Kirkbride thanked the Burns Band for the excellent job they did at the regional tournament and to the Pine Bluffs and Burns basketball players. Julianne expressed the same thought and said it made her proud to represent our district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the consent agenda.
Second: Tom Morgan 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.

The enrollment is at 962 which is up 42 from a year ago.

Mr. Bryant reported that we are currently through March 7, 2014 and have received 73.9% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with March 7, 2013 when we had received 74.8% of the budgeted revenues. We are currently through the March 2014 meeting and have expended/encumbered 89.3% of the budgeted amount and have expended 59.4% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period March, 2013 meeting when the district had expended/encumbered 91.7% of the budgeted amount and had expended 59.0% of the budgeted amount.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Accept 2014-15 District School Calendar:

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve the 4 plus calendar for the 2014-15 school year.
Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.

Chair Davison gave the reasons she preferred this calendar which included less absences on Friday afternoons, students don't learn as well under subs, there would be good collaboration among the teachers, etc. She reported that the 4 day week showed better moral, the students were happier but student achievement stayed the same. Lee May stated he felt that there was not enough information on the 4-day week to make a good decision.

Vote: Motion failed with opposed votes from Steve Trimble, Lee May, Jeff Kirkbride, Tom Morgan and Ashley Lerwick.

Motion: Steve Trimble moved to keep the 5-day week for the 2014-15 school year.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Lee May stated that he would like to use this next year to do additional research on calendar options.

Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Ashley Lerwick, Todd Fornstrom Jeff Kirkbride and Tom Morgan.

Tom Morgan gave a special thanks to Mr. Cozort and the administrators for the hard work they have spent putting these calendars together for discussion and possible use.

Cheerleading Proposal at Burns High School:

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to offer the program as an activity and then open the coaching position for a certified individual, including all mandated training from the WHSAA. Salary will be determined based on the procedures established by the district, which may include an established yearly length of the program and events where the activity will be conducted.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to go in to executive session at 7:56 to discuss personnel.

Vote: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:29

Vote: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.

Hire Recommendations:

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to rehire Rob Bryant as the Business Services Director for the 2014-15 school year.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Lee May moved to rehire Brent Bacon as the Special Services Director for the 2014-15 school year.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to rehire the elementary and high school principals for the 2014-15 school year. (Dr. LeAnn Smith, Mrs. Laurie Bahl, Mrs. Sue Stevens, Mr. Jerry Burkett, Mr. Todd Sweeter and Mr. Jerry Becking).

Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried with opposed votes from Steve Trimble, Lee May and Jack Bomhoff.

District Bid Approvals:

(Transportation Restroom Remodel)

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the low bid contractor, American Contracting of Wyoming, as the contractor to perform the Transportation Restroom Remodel Project for the title bid amount of \$32,483.

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

(BHS Track and Field Bid Renovation Project)

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the low bid contractor, Knife River, as the contractor to perform the Burns High School Track and Field Renovation Project, along with Alternates #1, #2, and #3. (See board packet.)
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

(Gym Floor Refinishing Bid)

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to re-bid the refinishing of gym floors from a 3 year term to one year term.
Second: Jeff Kirkbride seconded the motion.

Mrs. Randall explained that one bidder uses an oil base and another a UV finish. The UV finish is quick drying and should last 1 1/2 to 2 years and could possibly be cheaper in the long run. The committee feels it would be good to test one floor (possibly the BHS floor) with the UV to see how they like it.

Vote: Motion carried.

(Floor Replacement)

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to accept J&J Floors for the Pine Bluffs High School gym floor replacement.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

(District Flooring Replacement)

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve Commercial One Flooring as the contractor to perform the carpet upgrades for Pine Bluffs High School, Burns High School and Albin Elementary, and a VCT tile grade for the Pine Bluffs High School Gymnasium Lobby for the total bid amount of \$88,199.34.
Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried with Jack Bomhoff abstaining from the vote.

(Transportation Bids)

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve the order of three referenced school buses (two 66 passenger Blue Bird Visions and One 66 passenger IC CE) and two multi-purpose vehicles, (two Ford Expedition XL's), and authorize the Business Manager to seek financing bids at the appropriate time to be brought back to the Board for approval.
Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Revision of Policy GCCA/GDCA: Catastrophic Leave Bank

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the policy changes on GCCA/GDCA on

1st reading. (See Board Packet).
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Carried

Facilities update on PBEL:

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved that the Board approve the resolution, as presented, to maintain the site for the future replacement on the existing site and campus.

(Laramie County School District #2 Board of Trustees is in support of seeking an exception to the SFD Design Guidelines for Educational Buildings site selection, under section 1a (i). It is the desire of the District to keep the new elementary school on the existing campus site, even though the acreage available is lower than suggested by the SFD. The Board has been presented multiple options for the new elementary building and its components on the existing site, and is satisfied that ample space exists in which to include all necessary components.)

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

Recommendation to add Public Comments at end of Meeting:

Chair Davison stated that the Board felt this should be done at the COW meetings and not the Board meetings.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

Resignations were accepted from Amy Swing, Kristina Millard, Brittany Wolf, and Drew Davis. A retirement letter was accepted from Alyce Krakow. Chair Davison thanked Alyce for the many, many years she has been with the District.

Motion: Lee May moved to approve Dan Clayson and Michelle Steinhoff for Assistant Track coaches for Burns High School; and Shyla Martinez for the Activity/Building Custodian for Pine Bluffs High School.

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

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to approve a one-year position for an Elementary Reading teacher at Burns Elementary for the year 2014-15. (1003a Grant Funded)

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

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve Melissa Harada and Carrie Hoffert as sub paras, Bertha Morse as a sub custodian and Walter Schaefer as a sub bus driver.

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

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

April 9, 2014 COW Meeting in Burns
April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting in Carpenter
May 7, 2014 COW Meeting in Pine Bluffs
May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting in Pine Bluffs
(Meetings through August were shared.)

COW meeting minutes were noted along with April 14th being the date that there will be rehiring of certified staff. Mr. Cozort gave the Board an updated packet of information on education bills from the 2014 Wyoming State Legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk