

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 - LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
March 9, 2015**

The Laramie County School District No. 2 board meeting was held at Carpenter Elementary School, Carpenter, Wyoming on March 9, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Love called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Esther Davison, Russell Fornstrom, Todd Fornstrom, Jeff Kirkbride, Taft Love, Lee May, Tom Morgan and Julianne Randall

Members Absent – Jack Bomhoff

Superintendent - Jack Cozort

Also Present – Brittany Mitchell, Todd Sweeter, Kathy Thrush, Marjorie Gorman, Dustin Seger, Sue Stevens, Carla Carlson, Todd Sweeter, LeAnn Smith, Brittany Mitchell, Fred Macy, Polly Taylor, Claire Smith, Kierstin Butler, Rob Bryant and Jeaneane Parsons

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff Kirkbride stated that the executive session needed to be moved right before VI (1). Policy GDE and Business/Construction Owners Representative will be brought back to the board at the April meeting.

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Visitors/Patron Comments:

Chris Hinds, Food Service Director for Chartwells stated that he would be concerned with the 4-day week because there would be some students going hungry with the long weekend. David Sikorski, District Manager for Chartwells stated that Colorado lost money going to a four-day week and academics dropped. Kierstin Butler gave a summary of the community survey including the pros and cons. It appears by the survey that the community supports the idea of a 4-day week for students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept the agenda as presented.

Second: Todd Fornstrom seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

FINANCES

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

Mr. Bryant reported that student enrollment was 996 as of March 1, 2015 which is up 34 students from last year. The current attendance is 995.

We are currently through March 6, 2015 and have received 72.0% of the budgeted revenues. This compares with March 6, 2014 when we had received 73.9% of the budgeted revenues. We are currently through the March 2015 meeting and have expended/encumbered 91.3% of the budgeted amount and have expended 60.9% of the budgeted amount. This compares with the same time period March, 2014 meeting when the district had expended/encumbered 91.8% of the budgeted amount and had expended 59.4% 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

Approve Recommendation for 4-day Student Calendar 2015-16:

Board members Tom Morgan, Julianne Randall, Esther Davison and Taft Love all gave their opinions on the subject.

Motion: Tom Morgan moved to accept the 4-day calendar as proposed on page 24 of the board packet.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried with one opposed vote from Julianne Randall.

Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements):

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to accept policy IKF on second reading.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Policy GCQC (Resignation of Staff):

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to accept policy GCQC on second reading.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Revision of Policy DAB:

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride approved the revision of Policy DAB as laid out in the board packet.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Policy GCQC:

Motion: Esther Davison moved to approve a revision in contract wording that is directly aligned with Policy GCQC. (This relates to liquidated damages and is protection for the District.)
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Request to approve Physical Education:

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to approve that the District allow a 0.5 credit in Physical Education to meet the graduation requirements for all students.
Second: Esther Davison seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

HIRE, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS

Executive Session:

Motion: Esther Davison moved to go in to executive session at 7:40 p.m. for personnel.
Second: Lee May seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.
Motion: Tom Morgan moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
Second: Russell Fornstrom seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Renew Principal contracts:

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved that the following principals be renewed and serve in the same buildings for the 2015-2016 school year:
Dustin Seger
LeAnn Smith
Jerry Becking
Jerry Burkett
Sue Stevens
Todd Sweeter
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Resignations:

Motion: Esther Davison moved to accept Mr. Bryant's resignation and release him from his contract as well as retroactively making Mr. Brent Bacon's resignation as a release from his contract.
Second: Julianne Randall seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Many board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Bryant for the tremendous work he has done in this District and wished him the best.

Mrs. Davison also thanked Lori Redding, Nikki Poelma, Deb Carpenter and Tracy Smith who turned in their resignations. Retirees are Sue Vierk and Marj Gorman. The board thanked them for all their dedicated years to the district.

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to hire Amber Lee and Stacy Jenkins as classified staff for the central office.
Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried.

Request to Transfer Duties:

Motion: Jeff Kirkbride moved to make a correction in duty responsibilities by taking Michelle Anderson from the track assignment and replacing her with Dan Clayson.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Todd Fornstrom moved to immediately advertise for secondary English and a para educator for Carpenter.

Second: Lee May seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion: Julianne Randall moved to approve Jaeklyn Fornstrom as a sub para and Janna Kestner as a sub teacher.

Second: Tom Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried with Russell Fornstrom abstaining from the vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Calendar Dates and Information for the Board:

April 3 – 6, 2015 Spring Break (No School)

April 8, 2015 COW Meeting in Burns

April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting in Pine Bluffs

(Dates were shared through June)

An update was given on interviews for open positions of Superintendent, Director of Special Services and Director of Business. Jeff Kirkbride encouraged people to take part in the superintendent forums.

Mr. Cozort gave out a handout with results of legislative sessions.

It was presented that there might be a possibility of the head coach job description being evaluated and brought to the board in April. Mr. Cozort reported that there are no curriculum meetings until April.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Love adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk