

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

On December 11, 2023, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 held a Work Session at 6:00 PM and then opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. This report covers the major items of business at this meeting. In addition, you are given a listing of topics, which will come up for discussion or action at future board meetings.

1. Chairman Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Student Spot Light**
 - ❖ Aaron Ward was awarded the elementary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Brody Sterner was not present but was awarded the secondary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
3. **Staff Spotlight**
 - ❖ Daeh Kujak, 5th Grade Teacher, was not present but was awarded the Elementary staff member for the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Kyle Gunderson, High School Social Studies Teacher, was not present but was awarded the Secondary Staff member for the month and was presented with a Viking Pride Award presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Mrs. Sisson introduced Kassidy Morales as the new Title Para pending board approval.
 - ❖ Mrs. Wambach and Mrs. Malcom and the Lego League Team were present and shared their experiences at the State Lego Competition in Casper on Dec. 2nd. Students present at the Board Meeting were Adelynn Perkins, Andrew Miller, John Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Aidon Harris, and Linkon Rotz. Members not present were Crus Dimas-Ramirez, Zaylee Filter and Nate Petersen.
 - ❖ Mrs. Wambach shared information regarding the Teton Science trip that was taken in October. She said there were 15 8th grade students that participated. The students wrote notes of appreciation for the Trustees and Administration. Mrs. Wambach informed the board that they do a lot of Team Building with the students during their time spent there. She thanked the Board and Admin for their support allowing the students to partake in the event.
4. Public Comment – The school's attorney Scott spoke to the public via Zoom to help the audience understand that the Park & Recreation Board is completely separate entity from PCSD#2. He continued to stay on-line to help answer any questions that came up. Lori Morales spoke to the non-invite of PCSD#2's Substitutes to the Staff Christmas Reception. She felt the substitutes were slighted by this action. Heather Walker was present and spoke to the issue of not being able to collect her belongings as she was told she could by her lawyer. She said she is deeply disappointed with how things have been handled. Melissa Howe was present and spoke to a follow-up meeting for Park & Rec Board. She felt the meeting was handled very unprofessionally. Danielle Noggle, Park

& Rec Board Chair informed the public that they are in the process of reviewing their by-laws, their policies and procedures in place and have hired an outside auditor.

5. Wyoming Statue requires School Boards to reorganize at their first meeting in December. The following officers were elected as part of their reorganization: Chairman– Gary Anderson; Vice Chairman – Blaine Ayers; Treasurer – Kevin Gross; Clerk – Sarah Seyfang. At this time the following appointments were elected: BOCES-Shawna Reichert; Parks and Recreation – Sarah Seyfang; Legislative Advocacy – Kevin Gross.

6. Board Awards WSBA – Awards were presented to the board from Wyoming school Board Association.

7. Reports

a. Jeff Keiser-District Maintenance Director

- ❖ Mr. Keiser has met with a construction company from Wheatland to make sure PCSD#2 is in ADA Compliance. They will be in the building soon to evaluate.
- ❖ Dynamic Controls will be coming in to update outdated HVAC systems pending the board's approval.
- ❖ Jeff is looking at other projects that need to be done that can be paid for using grant monies.

b. Mrs. Sisson-Principal

- ❖ Mrs. Sisson thanked the Wellness Committee for their monthly activities including the Ruby Bridges walk at the track that was well attended.
- ❖ She felt that the TACONE training was a success and the district looks forward to a continued partnership with them in the future.
- ❖ Mrs. Frederick hosted the first HUG IN A MUG morning with approximately 80 people in attendance. All enjoyed cocoa or coffee and the students went home with a book. This will continue once a month.
- ❖ Mr. Dietzman and Mrs. Sierra took 18 students to EWC's 75th Anniversary and attended the boys/girls basketball games.
- ❖ Student Council is doing the 12 Days of Christmas. They gave socks and a free coffee to staff and the Board of Trustees. Free Cocoa and candy canes will be provided to all students on Dec 18th and the student council students will be reading Christmas stories to the elementary classes.
- ❖ There is a food drive taking place through Dec 18th. This food will be used in the Lions' Club Christmas baskets.
- ❖ National Honor Society Induction will be held in January and dessert will be served.
- ❖ The Festive Family Fun was a great success. There were 25 students (16 families) that signed up.
- ❖ For the first time ever the 5th grade class Christmas tree won all three categories during the Parade of Trees. They won People's Choice, Best Non-Traditional and Best Use of Theme. Mrs. Kujak's 5th grade class will received \$50.00 for each category for a total of \$150.00.

- ❖ The District's IMSE Trainer, Candee Schneider, was in the building the week of Dec. 4th and was very impressed by the things that are happening in the classrooms that are implementing the Orton Gillingham Morphology (OGM) lessons.
- ❖ The K-12 Choir Concert will take place on Dec 14th at 6:30 pm in the west gym. The 7-12 Band Concert will take place on Dec 15th at 6:30 in the east gym.

c. Mrs. Weigel-Superintendent

- ❖ Superintendent Weigel noted it was hard to believe that the school year is half over and she thanked the Leadership Team, Staff and the Board for all they have done to make it such a success. She hoped that everyone will be able to have a restful break over Christmas.
 - ❖ Dr. Brown would like to meet again with the board in January with the Trustees to continue the Goal Setting. The board were all in favor of doing this on January 29th.
 - ❖ Mrs. Weigel reminded the board of a Legislative Reception on January 10th in Douglas, the Legislative Forum on Feb 18th & 19th at Little America in Cheyenne and the PLC Training in Thermopolis in the spring.
8. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of November 13, 2023; approved the financials and paying of the bills as presented; approved the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans; assigned Nikki Quynn to the EILCP (Workers Comp); appointed Cheryl Deuel to the Parks & Recreation Board; approved the adoption of the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Calendars on 2nd and final reading; approved home school application; approved Dynamic Controls Service Agreement; denied the petitions to remove Sarah Seyfang and Danielle Noggle from the Park & Recreation Board; accepted the resignation of Matt Hebbert, Music, Valerie Mills, Family Consumer Science and Kyla Pierce, Title 1 effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year and from Haiden Martinez JH Girls Basketball Coach effective December 5, 2023 and thanked them all for all they have done for the students of PCSD#2; approved the hiring of Kassidy Morales as a Title 1 Para.
9. Board Comment – Shawna Reichert would like to see what the board goals can do as a board. She felt that contacting the school lawyer should be a board decision and she would like to be more involved in this process. She also noted that she did not understand why the PCSD#2's substitutes were not invited to the Staff Christmas Reception that was held on December 8th. Sarah Seyfang wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She also thanked everyone that was able to make it to the staff Christmas Reception and thanked everyone who had a part in putting it together. Gary Anderson wanted to remind everyone what their board roles were and that there would be some discussion next year as to who is invited to the Staff Christmas Reception. He also encouraged the board to focus on the positives as we move forward. Kevin Gross asked that the board practice ethical behavior and he wished everyone a great holiday.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, January 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 PM in the Board Room. Items to be discussed in addition to regular business shall include:

1. Name Official Depositories for District
2. Name Official Paper for Legal Notices