

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

On February 8, 2024, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 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**
 - ❖ Colsen World was awarded the elementary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Ryker McConahay was awarded the secondary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Ms. Hillen, PCSD#2's Athletic Director, presented Nathan VanNatter with the Sportsmanship Award for January and Jacelyn Schiele for February.
3. **Staff Spotlight**
 - ❖ Juan Sierra-Sanchez, Custodian, was awarded the Secondary staff member for the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Luana Whitebird, Elementary Paraeducator, was awarded the Classified Staff member for the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Kathy Sierra was recognized for her years of service as the EWC Gear Up Coordinator as well as the many hours of work helping the culinary students finish all the Valentine's Day cookies for this year's sale.
4. **Career Tech Share Out**
 - ❖ Mindy Kelley gave the Board some information regarding the Internship last semester which involved 5 students at that time and now there are 8 students in the program. Berkleigh Pafford, who has been interning in the kindergarten room, was present and spoke to her experiences so far. Francois Jacobs from the University of Wyoming was present and gave a presentation regarding the Students & Staff & University of Wyoming Partnership.
 - ❖ Troy Reichert and Lisa Weigel spoke to the Partnership with the University of Wyoming and introduced Francois Jacobs from the University. Mr. Jacobs has been with the Construction Training Management program since 2019. He informed the trustees that this program has been one of the fastest growing programs at the University from 0 to 225 students.
5. Public Comment – Jon Malcom was present and expressed his concern regarding school security. He feels that more action needs to be taken to train and arm teachers as needed. Tammy Hohnholt was present and addressed regarding her Constitutional Rights which she felt had been infringed upon. She asked the board regarding the district's policy as to how school board offices are elected; district's lawyer and concern with conflict of interest; why were items that were going to be discussed during executive session not listed on the agenda.

6. Reports

a. Mrs. Quynn – Business

- ❖ Mrs. Quynn informed the board that the auditors were in the building for 1.5 days. They will present a report in March or April via Zoom.

b. Jeff Keiser – Maintenance

- ❖ Mr. Keiser informed the trustees that there will be people in the building working on the gym floors this coming weekend.
- ❖ The TDSI has been in the building and will be working to bring the bathrooms up to ADA regulation. Mr. Keiser is looking at replacing the lights in the west gym with LEDs.
- ❖ Mr. Keiser is looking into the cost to put an addition on to the bus barn for storage of lawn equipment among other things. This would allow for him to pull items that he is currently storing in the weight room so it can be more readily used.

c. Mrs. Sisson-Principal

- ❖ Adult house leaders at their meeting wrapped up year 3 of working with the House System and did an evaluation of the overall goals of the program and the progress made towards these goals.
- ❖ Student Advisory Council will be meeting with small groups throughout the week to reflect on changes that have been made and to get input on upcoming projects and ideas.
- ❖ A secondary staff meeting was held regarding expectations that will align with what elementary has accomplished. This will be an ongoing discussion and work to tighten expectations from administration, students and staff all following consistent behavior expectations.
- ❖ Mr. Dietzman, Mrs. Raser, Deputy Mangan and Mrs. Sisson participated in the level 2 threat assessment training (CSTAG) in combination with Platte School District #1 last week.
- ❖ Josh Varner will be coming in to do work with staff surrounding mental health needs and trauma informed care during March's Professional Development Day.
- ❖ The secondary lead teams have been empowered to pursue the RIDE application to be a pilot district. This will allow the district to be even more innovative and expand our reach to other "outside the box" ideas.
- ❖ Fifth grade will be holding a wax museum presentation. The VFW came in to the Fourth grade and did a presentation on flat etiquette. There will be a flag folding lesson in the near future. The fourth grade is also hosting a reception for the bus drivers on Thursday morning. Student teacher Kaitlyn Vigil was in the building for a week and will be back for her next Practicum at the end of February. Third grade had a great visit at the power plant in Wheatland. The students gave it a 10 out of 5 rating! An engineer will be in the building next week for Engineers Week doing a STEM activity with the students. This was set up through University of Wyoming. On February 26 & 27 there will be 2 baking teams and 1 cake decorating team going to Cheyenne for a baking competition.

d. **Mr. Dietchman – Assistant Principal**

- ❖ The District is working toward consistent expectations. Be respectful, Be Responsible, Be safe, Be kind.
- ❖ The Pick-up Drop off locations behind the school has been changed slightly. Information was sent home to parents and it has been posted. This was done to create a safer experience for the children.

e. **Ms. Hillen – Activities**

- ❖ The fans of the game has begun. One fan from the G-S crowd will be picked each game and they will receive a coupon for the concession stand. The recipients so far were Wesley Falen, Anthony Henry and Lashea Dimas.
- ❖ WHSAA has required the district to have an Emergency Action Plan available for activities. There is a plan in place and it has been shared with coaches, sponsors, administrators, Jeff Keiser and Lori Ibarra. There is a chain of command designated for football and track. Kyle Gunderson is going to test out a lightening detector that was purchased for use during track. The district will plan to purchase a few more if it works out. Ms. Hillen plans to share the emergency plan information and lightning protocol with the parents during the fall and winter parent meetings.
- ❖ Nine students in grades 8-11 are interested in playing spring golf which would be in the spring of 2025. The next steps will be to investigate the cost of attending spring meets, equipment, uniforms and send out an interest email to staff to see if anyone would be interesting in coaching golf.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen has reached out to multiple businesses trying to find contacts to help the district get started on the weight room equipment, service and remodel. She came in touch with Brian Tinker with Push Pedal Pull from Colorado Springs. Mr. Tinker came to Guernsey and looked at the district's weight room/building and the equipment. He then met with a group of district staff where he received the district's wish list. He sent Ms. Hillen a 3D design and the district staff looked it over. It is hoped that all will come together in the near future and the district will be able to upgrade the current weight room.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen reported that two interviews were held regarding the Junior High Girls Basketball coach opening. This will be addressed later in the meeting.

f. **Mrs. Weigel – District**

- ❖ Superintendent Weigel thanked Nikki Quynn and Jennifer Waring in preparing for the auditors who were in the building this past week. The report will be presented via zoom in March or April.
- ❖ The district will have a Food Service Audit on Wednesday, February 14th.
- ❖ Random Acts of Kindness is being held this week throughout the building. Mrs. Malcom's 4th grade students will be hosting a Bus Driver Appreciation reception to show appreciation for the district's bus drivers.
- ❖ Josh Varner, a National speaker and author, will present at the Professional Development day in March.

- ❖ The district is hosting three full time therapists that come into the building during the week. Superintendent Weigel will begin holding monthly huddles with the therapists and counselors.
 - ❖ The culinary students have been busy baking Valentine's Day cookies.
 - ❖ Superintendent Weigel visited with the board regarding time to discuss Superintendent goals and contract and asked if the board would be interested in holding a work session before the March board meeting to do this. Board member Ayers and Reichert would not be available to do this until later in March as they will be out of town. This discussion may need to wait until April.
 - ❖ Mrs. Weigel thanked the board members for attending the Legislative Reception in Douglas in January.
 - ❖ Superintendent Weigel mentioned the application for the RISE pilot and how we needed to have the Board Chair sign that paperwork. We don't need a motion for this but she wanted to inform us of it.
7. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of January 8, 2024 and Work Shop on January 17, 2024; approved the financials and paying of the bills as presented; approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the School Resource Officer Program (SRO) for the next three years; approved Home School Packet; accepted the resignation from Sherry Nash, SPED Paraeducator, effective Feb. 2, 2024 and thanked for her time and dedication to PCS#2 and the students; approved the hiring of Dallas Dean as the JH Girls Basketball Coach 2024-2025; accepted the recommended administrator contracts for Liesl Sisson, Principal; Jeremy Dietchman, Assistant Principal; Kyra Hageman, Special Education Coordinator; Nikki Quynn, Business Manager for the 2024-2025 School Year.
8. Board Comment – Board member Reichert had no comment. Board member Gross gave kudos for everyone involved in the CTE program and the presentation at the meeting. He felt Francois Jacobs was a very good speaker and he really enjoyed everything he had to say. He stated that he is an advocate for providing kids of the district with a skill that could give them a meaningful career without having to go the route of college. He also noted that he is excited to have an SRO as a permanent fixture of our school safety plan moving forward it is a great peace of mind. When he breaks down the math it is about two hundred bucks a day, money well spent. He thanked Sheriff Russel and Mangan for all they are doing for the district. Board member Seyfang thanked everyone for their hard work during all the testing which was done this past month. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She wished good luck to the basketball teams as they head off to regionals next week. She thanked everyone for all they do for the district. Superintendent Weigel reminded the trustees about the upcoming longevity awards. Board members Ayers, Anderson, Gross and Seyfang stated they would be there. Board member Reichert said she would not be able to attend. Mrs. Weigel let the board know that Liesl is working on coordinating a pep bus for regionals in Laramie. Board member Anderson stated that on October 18th the board had a Board training with the Wyoming School Board Association. He felt that the training went pretty well and that the board made some agreements to work together and started to work on some goals for what they thought were important. During a second training in January, the board came up with 5

areas, that all 5 members agreed to. Board member Anderson stated that there have been some issues that in which he hopes the board can move forward to become a better District. This, with the idea of getting the Board Norms and Board Governance on board so they as trustees know what to expect from each other and move forward to do what needs to happen for the District. He also congratulated the ball teams for all their hard work they have done this season. He also remarked on how Mr. Keiser amazes him more and more each day. He thanked everyone for everything they have done. He also noted that he read in Superintendent Weigel's update that it is kindness week so hopefully all can spread some kindness to the various people who do all this awesome work for us. Board member Ayers thought that at tonight's meeting it was wonderful to hear about all of the construction and other things going on in the district. He stated that when he was growing up these were things that he did and now the schools are recognizing that we need those things again. He thinks that is a great program and he is super excited about what that's going to bring the district to this. Board member Ayers addressed the social media post that was put out. He stated with him personally it was an attack on his integrity and his character and the fact that it was stated that the violation of the Wyoming open meetings law, Board policy and other statutes that could have been violated is untrue and slanderous it was denied that night by our attorney. It was refollowed up by WSBA Board Chair and he said he would hope that going forward as a Board that we would come together and have those discussion rather than put it out on social media and try to discredit somebodies' character in the public rather than doing that. He encourages the citizens of this town to actually ask questions and come to talk to people if they have questions rather than just go onto social media and say something.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, March 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

1. Rehire Certified Staff