

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

On March 11, 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**
 - ❖ Seventh Grader Devlin Larson won the local and state Patriot's Pen Contest. Mr. Mack will present his award once he receives them.
 - ❖ Elivia Ralls was awarded the elementary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Karley Lehman was not present, but was acknowledged as the secondary student of the month and will receive a Viking Pride Award plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ The Culinary Students were recognized for their competition last week in Casper.
 - ❖ State FCCLA is set for March 20 thru 22 in Cheyenne.
 - ❖ Tristan Hohnholt spoke to his experience of obtaining his CDL through PCSD#2 and EWC.
 - ❖ Selected for All Conference Basketball were: Riley Thomas, Tristan Hohnholt, Aidan Noggle and Mason Collar.
 - ❖ Dawson Bingham received the WHSAA Sportsmanship award for the Farson-Eden game at state basketball.
 - ❖ High School boys' basketball coach Steve Zimmerman was present and thanked the school and the community for all the support given to the teams this year. He thanked Mr. Reichert for his help and appreciated the boys and their efforts at State Basketball this year.
3. **Staff Spotlight**
 - ❖ Laura Burfriend, 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, Library Aide, was awarded the Secondary Staff member of the month and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Laura Green, PCSD#2's Art Instructor, was awarded the 2023-2024 WYAEA Art Teacher of the year for Wyoming.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Reports
 - a. **Mrs. Quynn – Business** – Mrs. Quynn had nothing to report.
 - b. **Jeff Keiser – Maintenance**
 - ❖ Mr. Keiser informed the trustees that the remodel project went out for bid.
 - ❖ Summer schedules are being set with one being the refinishing of the gym floors.

- ❖ Anderson Carpet will be in the building in June to lay new carpet in a few areas.
- ❖ Cement work is being planned for the ADA requirements and sidewalks.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson shared that the Elementary students are not afraid to go down the High School hallways or go to Junior High since they have been working with the staff and students through the houses. House leaders have helped those students who seem to be a little bit introverted to come out of their shells.
- ❖ Graduation rate last year was at 64% which is 7 out of 11 students. Two students transitioned to a residential placement and one of them was able to earn a GED. Two students joined PCS#2 from other states and did not earn their diploma while they were enrolled. There is a plan with attendance, behavior and achievement to help students find connections and get to the finish line.
- ❖ Upcoming events: House Basketball Tournament March 12th; Family Math Night March 14th; Parent Teacher Conferences March 18th & 19th. Representatives from the VFW will be demonstrating how to fold the flag with 4th grade on March 12th and 4-H will be doing snap circuits with 4th grade on March 13th. March Madness is up and running with a Book Bracket with guest readers and Hug in a Mug and PI Day will be celebrated on March 14th.
- ❖ The Viking 10 minute plays have begun. More info will be shared in the future.

c. **Mrs. Sisson-Principal**

- ❖ School-wide behavior expectations shared: Being safe, Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Kind.
- ❖ During the Student Advisory Council meeting topics included school safety, house system discussion, use of bells during the school day and behavior expectations.
- ❖ A Stakeholder survey will be sent out next week to parents, staff and students.
- ❖ A lockdown drill was held in February. It went really well. The students knew what they needed to do and were comfortable with doing it.
- ❖ A Bell Survey went out to staff and students.

d. **Mr. Dietzman – Assistant Principal**

- ❖ Mr. Dietzman introduced Jennifer Albert who, with board approval, will be hired as a new SPED Paraeducator.
- ❖ Mr. Dietzman shared that the 5th grade is currently selling chocolate bars to earn money to go on a field trip in May to Fort Collins.

e. **Ms. Hillen – Activities**

- ❖ Ms. Hillen gave the new weight room design presentation. Total cost is estimated to be around \$160,000.
- ❖ The Spring athletic/activities meeting went well.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen reported that there was 96% of the district's 7th-12th student body that participate in an activity or sport and that 55% of the district's 7-12 student body participated in at least one sport this school year. These percentages do not reflect the track season.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen let the board know that later in the agenda there is an action item to approve spring golf program starting in the spring of 2025 along with an opening of a coaching position. As of now, according to the survey results, there are 9 students in

grades 8th - 11th that would like to participate in the golf program. If the board approves the program, Ms. Hillen will send a letter to the WHSAA for approval and then advertise for a golf coach. She will also move forward and advertise for a head girls' basketball coach due to the district's current coach resigning his position.

f. **Mrs. Weigel – District**

- ❖ Superintendent Weigel gave the board an overview on the Education bills. The legislature has not approve funding yet for schools.
- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled and she thanked Mrs. Martin for getting the K-6 grade scheduled and letters out to parents.
- ❖ Interest Based Bargaining “IBB” held their second meeting on Friday March 8th and will meet again in April.
- ❖ Mrs. Weigel mentioned that the April board meeting will need to be moved to a different date due to the training that the board will be attending in Thermopolis April 8th. Possibly a week later. She also thought that a work shop before the meeting would be beneficial.
- ❖ There is a Professional Development Day on March 15th. There will be no school for students.

6. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of February 12, 2024 and Work Session on March 6, 2024; approved the financials and paying of the bills as presented; approved to rescind conditions with the Memorandum of Understanding with Tri-City Park & Rec by the PCSD#2 Board during the November 13, 2023 Board Meeting. With the intent that both boards act in good faith collaboratively toward one another and with stakeholders going forward; approved for PCSD#2 to have a WHSAA Coed Golf Program in the Spring 2025 and to hire Coaching Staff; to accept resignations from Curtis Cook as the Girls' High School Basketball Coach, Trentn Weiss K-12 Physical Education and Weights Teacher and Susan Putnam as 2nd Grade Teacher all effective at the end of the 2024 school year and thanked them for their time and dedication to the students of PCSD#2; approved the hiring of Jennifer Waring for Family Consumer Science Position 2024-2025 School Year and Jennifer Albert for SPED Paraprofessional. Approved the rehire of certified staff as presented.
7. Board Comments – Board member Gross comment that there are a lot of positive things happening now and coming in the future. He is really excited about the way things are going and excited about wrapping up the school year. Board member Seyfang thanked everyone for their hard work as always. She thanked teachers and students for their hard work on testing this month and congratulated the HS Boys' Basketball team for making it to state and all their hard work to get there. She stated that she is very proud of them for fighting so hard to compete and also thanked everyone for all their hard work and everything they do for the kids and the District. Board member Anderson agreed with both Kevin and Sarah's sentiments of thanks and positivity. He stated that he is impressed with the 100% that the district staff puts in for the district and kids. He said they don't question; they just do what needs to be done to jump in and help. He said that Mrs. Green is a perfect example of that with how she is aware of what's going on with the kids and community and always willing to help. He thinks it is pretty neat how she

was recognized for those efforts. Gary also recognized that the majority of our staff from the janitors to the administration are willing to do the same to help. He is happy to clean up the motion made back in November with the Tri-City Parks and Recreation district. Both Boards have learned a lot and hopefully there will not be the same issues moving forward and have learned how to navigate them better.

UPCOMING TOPICS – April 2024

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

1. Rehire Classified Staff
2. Board Policy Revisions