

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

On January 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**
 - ❖ Kord Prewitt was not present, but was awarded the elementary student of the month Viking Pride Award and was presented with a plaque made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
 - ❖ Berkleigh Pafford 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**
 - ❖ Tesha Frederick, Title Teacher, 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.
 - ❖ Lindi Otero, High School Secretary, 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.
4. Public Comment – Danielle Noggle, Park & Rec Board Chair, informed the public that the Park & Recreation has been investigated by the law enforcement due to the accusations of misuse of Park & Rec funds. There was no evidence found of embezzlement and the case has been closed.
5. Reports
 - a. **Mrs. Quynn – Business**
 - ❖ Mrs. Quynn informed the board that all of the grants that needed to be closed out by the end of 2023 have been.
 - ❖ The W4's will be going out in the near future and they are also available on the Web Link that was provided to staff.
 - ❖ The auditors have been requesting information and will be in the building to conduct the audit in late January or February.
 - b. **Mrs. Sisson-Principal**
 - ❖ FASTBridge testing is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday Jan 9 & 10.
 - ❖ There are three High School seniors who will be taking classes through EWC to obtain their CDL. This class will begin January 16th.
 - ❖ Mrs. Frederick will host the 2nd "Hug-in-a-Mug" on Friday, Jan 12th. In December there were approximately 80 people in attendance for the 1st one.
 - ❖ The "Tale of Tam Lin" will be held on February 28th.
 - c. **Ms. Hillen-Athletic Director** – was not present, but provided a report.
 - ❖ The district continues to recognize one varsity player from home teams and the opposing team at the home games for the sportsmanship award of the game. Two sportsmanship awards for basketball this year have been awarded to Rylie Thompson and Jordan Atwood.

- ❖ The fall coaches' evaluations for the fall have been completed. Self-evaluation forms for the coaches were used. Mr. Dietzman set in on the head coach evaluations and junior high coach evaluations with Ms. Hillen. The process has gone well and the conversations that were held were productive. Fall sports coaching recommendations for next year will be presented to the board for a vote later in this meeting. She wanted them to know that there is one opening and an email was sent on Wednesday Jan 3rd to all staff to see if there was any interest. January 18th is the deadline for letter to be sent to Ms. Hillen.
- ❖ There have been 2 all sports/activities meetings held. One was in August for fall sports and another was held in November for the winter sports. Another meeting will be held before track season starts. Ms. Hillen felt both meetings were well attended and thought these meetings made the paperwork process go much smoother.
- ❖ She informed the trustees that she continues to work on the extra support that the district gives our students for academic eligibility. She is being proactive on Mondays by sending out a "heads up" email to athletes and coaches to allow adequate time for improvement. She thanked the staff for working with these students to allow them the chance to improve and stay connected to their athletic teams.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen has been in touch with Lori Ibarra. The traveling basketball teams will be playing at half times of the following games: Jan 11th, Feb 5th and Feb 16th. She thanked Lori for all she has done. Stated that she always goes above and beyond by doing all of the programs for the games and is also willing to assist with game help when needed.
- ❖ A mini unveiling of the Viking Statue will take place at the LFL game on Friday, Jan 19th between the girls and boys varsity games. There will be a slide show on the video boards and Mr. Gross will give a short talk on the Viking statue as we recognize the boys who created it.
- ❖ A spring golf interest survey went out to all 8th – 11th grade students on Thursday, Jan 4. The deadline for this survey is Jan 12th. This would be for the spring season of 2025.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen has been working closely with Mr. Keiser, Coaches, PE teacher and the Administration on improvements to the district's weight room. Erik Collar is offering to have the weight room open after school for students to have an opportunity to lift and work out during their off season. He will have the weight room open four nights a week from 4:00-5:30.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen has most of the scheduling done for next year and the referees found. Scheduling for the SEWAC Junior High will be done in March and also the other JH games outside of SEWAC.
- ❖ Ms. Hillen thanked Mr. Dietzman and Mrs. Sisson for their continued support for the districts' athletics and students. She also thanked the board for their continued support with all of the activities and thanked them for allowing her to serve as the AD for the district.

d. **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 was able to have a restful break over Christmas.
- ❖ She stated how proud she is of the staff and of the students and their accomplishments so far this year. She has found the staff are always willing to help whenever and where ever needed. She is looking forward to the 2nd half of this school year.

- ❖ January is National School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent Weigel presented the board with plaques to thank them for their service, dedication and passion they each bring to the Board Team. These plaques were made by Troy Reichert's shop class.
- ❖ The work shop scheduled for Jan 29th was discussed. Some of the board members were not going to be available so the workshop has been changed to Jan 17th.
- ❖ Tac-One will tentatively be in the building on April 4th. This will be a training with the district's bus drivers and a follow up with staff.

6. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes of December 11, 2023; approved the financials and paying of the bills as presented; approved naming Banner Capital, First State Bank and Wyoming Government Investment Fund as Official Depositories; named the Guernsey Gazette an official newspaper for the publication for Legal notices and the Casper Star-Tribune in case of emergency; approved the placement of Linda Michaels to the Park & Rec Board. Approved the following fall coaching positions High school Volleyball - Talon Collar and Scottina Haase; Jr. High Volleyball - Reilley London and Haiden Martinez; HS Football - Neal Hughes and Erik Collar; Jr. High Football - Troy Reichert and Kyle Gunderson; Jr. High Girls Basketball - Reva Falen with one other position needing to be filled.

7. Board Comment – Kevin Gross hoped everyone had a good holiday and hopes they stay warm with the predicted cold weather coming our way. Shawna Reichert wished everyone a Happy New Year and sure everyone is anxious to be back into the swing of things. The rest of the year will go fast. Blaine Ayers wished everyone a Happy New Year and to stay safe and warm. Gary Anderson wished everyone a Happy New Year and to stay safe and warm. He also thanked Mr. Keiser and the custodians for coming in early and clearing the snow several times on Monday morning. He also thanked them for getting the door issue fixed. Sarah Seyfang wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped everyone has found and will find peace in this coming year. She wished everyone good luck with the upcoming testing this next week.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, February 12, 2024

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