

# BOARD BRIEF

Platte County School District #1 Board of Trustees held their regular meeting May 15, 2017  
in the District Board Room in Wheatland, Wyoming

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Greg Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Trustees in attendance were Tricia Sagner, Dustin Kafka, Beth Hendon, Travis Lockman, Doug Wiggins and Bob Catchpole. Administrators in attendance were Superintendent Dennis Fischer, Business Manager Joel McDaniel, and SPED Director Shannon Brow. Principals in attendance were Vicki Begin, Cory Dziowgo, Frank Jesse, Tom Waring, Stanetta Twiford, Sharon Swanson and WHS Associate Principal Josh Sandlian. Others in attendance were Stewart Bjelkevig, Jana Bjelkevig, MK Burnett, Peggy Suko, Linda Boughton, Alexis Riehl, Miken Harnish, Debra Freitas, Ashley Wilhelm, Linda Carter, Danielle Parker, Letty Lucero, Bobby Grimaldo, Robbie Sanborn, Anthony Lucero Avila, Mauricco Lucero Avila, Eric Jones, Melissa Anderson, Cindy Amundson, Elizabeth Scicluna, Paul Bauder, Chase Christensen, Bryce Cushman, and Tanda Hicks.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Wiggins moved for approval of the agenda as amended, Lockman seconded, motion passed.
- A. MINUTES** – Minutes of April 10, 2017 regular meeting are enclosed for board approval.
- B. CLAIMS** – Claims to date for the month are in Google Drive.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Sagner moved for approval of the consent agenda, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- IV. POSITIVE HAPPENINGS:** Josh Sandlian, WHS Associate Principal, presented Anthony Lucero Avila, our fourth Peak High School graduate, with his diploma. Family and friends of Anthony were present to share in this accomplishment. The PCSD#1 Assessment Team consisting of 13 members updated the trustees on our district assessment and growth. Members presented the multiple opportunities for students to be assessed in a variety of settings to make sure all student's needs are met. Board Trustees and Superintendent Fischer recognized Mrs. Jana Bjelkevig, West 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, as the 2016 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Bjelkevig is deeply committed to her students and possesses all the qualities of an exemplary educator. Mrs. Bjelkevig now qualifies for the Wyoming State Teacher of the Year. Board Trustees and Business Manager Joel McDaniel recognized Mrs. Peggy Suko, Wheatland High School Secretary, as the Support Staff Member of the Year. Mrs. Suko takes multi-tasking seriously while maintaining a smile on even her busiest days.
- V. VISITOR'S COMMENTS:** Eric Jones directed questions to the Board Trustees concerning social promotion, broadcasting PCSD#1 board meetings, and the screening process for newly-elected board members.
- VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ARE REQUESTED:**
- A. Old Business:**
- 1. None.**
- B. New Business:**
- i. District Business**
- 1. Approval of School Supply Bids for FY2018**  
The administration recommended the approval of the supply vendors listed on page 6 of the agenda packet. These vendors were selected as low bidders on a variety of supply items used by the district. Lockman moved for approval, Wiggins seconded, motion passed.
- 2. Approval of Special Education contracts 2017-18**  
The administration recommended approval of the special education contract with Brant Audiology, to provide evaluation and audiology services, North Platte Physical Therapy to provide physical therapy services, Peak Wellness for counseling services and Wyoming Child, Family Development for Child Find services for Platte #1, and St. Joseph's for evaluation and other student services. These contracts will run from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018. Hendon moved for approval, Sagner seconded, motion passed.
- 3. Approval of Josh Sandlian as the School Liaison on the Platte County Parks and Recreation Board**  
At their May regular meeting, Platte County Parks and Rec approved the recommendation of WHS Asst Principal Josh Sandlian to fill the PCSD#1 Liaison position on their board. The PCSD#1 administration recommended the approval of Mr. Sandlian to serve this role. Wiggins moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- ii. Personnel**
- 1. Approval of certified contract for Jason Ziruk as Chugwater SPED Resource teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a teaching contract for Jason Ziruk. Mr. Ziruk will serve as the Special Education teacher at Chugwater. Lockman moved for approval, Hendon seconded, motion passed.
- 2. Approval of certified contract for Courtney Yelton as Glendo Voc Ag teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a teaching contract for Courtney Yelton. Ms. Yelton will serve as the Vocational Ag teacher at Glendo schools. Lockman moved for approval, Kafka seconded, motion passed.
- 3. Approval of certified contract for Sydney Montoya as Libbey Title I teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a teaching contract for Sydney Montoya-Allen. Ms. Montoya-Allen will serve as the Title I teacher at Libbey Elementary. Wiggins moved for approval, Sagner seconded, motion passed.
- 4. Approval of certified contract for Lindsay Schaffner as West 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a teaching contract for Lindsay Schaffner. Ms. Schaffner will serve as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher at West Elementary. Wiggins moved for approval, Kafka seconded, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of certified contract for Katy Marquez as .5 Libbey Early Childhood Liaison**  
The administration recommended the approval of a .5 contract for Katy Marquez. Ms. Marquez will serve as the Early Childhood Liaison for Wheatland and will be supervised by the Libbey principal. Lockman moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- 6. Approval of certified contract for Julie Adams as Libbey SPED teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a certified teaching contract for Julie Adams. Ms. Adams will serve as the Special Education teacher for Libbey Elementary. Lockman moved for approval, Hendon seconded, motion passed.
- 7. Approval of certified contract for James Kapptie as WMS Intervention Specialist**  
The administration recommended the approval of a certified teaching contract for James Kapptie. Mr. Kapptie will serve as the Intervention Specialist teacher for Wheatland Middle School. Hendon moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- 8. Approval of certified contract for Jacqueline Finch as West 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a certified teaching contract for Jacqueline Finch. Ms. Finch will serve as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher for West Elementary. Wiggins moved for approval, Lockman seconded, motion passed.
- 9. Approval of certified contract for Rhonda Jackson as Glendo SPED teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a certified teaching contract for Rhonda Jackson. Ms. Jackson will serve as the Special Education teacher for Glendo Schools. Sagner moved for approval, Kafka seconded, motion passed.
- 10. Approval of certified contract for Nicholas Yelton as Glendo Social Studies teacher**  
The administration recommended the approval of a certified teaching contract for Nicholas Yelton. Mr. Yelton will serve as the Social Studies teacher for Glendo Jr/Sr High School. Hendon moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- 11. Approval of salary schedules for 2017-18 school year**  
The administration recommended the approval of the salary changes outlined in the board packet for all certified, classified, and administrative staff. Wiggins moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed.
- iii. District Policy Review**
- 1. GCJ for review only**  
Board Policy GCJ (Professional Staff Time Schedules) has been reviewed by the policy Committee and recommended no language changes at this time. The policy will be marked as having been reviewed May 15, 2017.
- iv. Board Membership Action – Resignation**  
The board received a letter of resignation from board member Doug Wiggins. Acceptance of this resignation will create an opening on the board and board trustees will have 30 days from which to fill the opening, per Wyoming School Boards Association. Hendon moved for approval, Catchpole seconded, motion passed to accept Mr. Wiggins resignation.
- VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY:**
- a. Reports:**
- i.** Presentation of Preliminary Budget- Business Manager Joel McDaniel presented the preliminary budget and answered questions.
- ii.** Parks & Rec Agenda and Minutes for May - Agenda and minutes are included in google drive.
- iii.** Leadership & Governance Policy 2.10(Student Services) for May – Responses are available for April L&G 2.8 and 2.9 in your google drive.

- iv. Graduation dates for Glendo will be Sat, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in Glendo; Wheatland will be Sun, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Wheatland; Chugwater will be Sun, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm in Chugwater. Vicki secured numbers for board attendees to each graduation.
- v. Enrollment – The numbers reveal that we are down by six for the month of May.

### **VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- a. Next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Glendo.
- b. Next Board of Trustees Work Session will be Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm in Wheatland.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Hendon motioned to adjourn, Lockman seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

### **X. GOOD THINGS HAPPENING/PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Vicki Begin**, West Principal, reported that during the past month there were three students; Skyla Farris, Lorenzo Rojo, and Lee Raser that were nominated for the Taco John's student of the week. Week of April 24: Skyla Farris is an awesome student in Mrs. Parker's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class! Skyla was nominated because she sets a great example for all students at West Elementary. Skyla is kind and thoughtful, always thinking about others feelings. She is a hard working student; she tries her best and is always up for a challenge. Skyla is also positive. She starts each day with a smile on her face and approaches everything with a great attitude. Week of May 1: Lorenzo Rojo or "Tito" as we like to call him is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Mrs. Bjelkevig's class. He is a considerate, loyal friend to his classmates. You can often see him searching out those who need help and then offering the help with a smile. Tito's sense of humor keeps us smiling and we are so lucky to have him in our class! Week of May 8: Lee Raser is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Mrs. Skoog's class. He showed his great leadership qualities on our most recent field trip. He was very aware that anytime he is in public he is representing West Elementary. Not only was he a focused and active listener to the variety of speakers we had, but he also helped others stay focused and attentive. On April 1, students met in the gym at the end of the day for their semester celebration. Teams worked on team cheers and had a snack with their team. On April 27, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents attended a 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation meeting at WMS. On April 28, the mayor and several city employees visited the school to talk about Arbor Day and provide students with a current bush to plant in their yards at home. On May 2, West Band and West Singers presented their annual spring concert. The students performed very well. We would like to thank Mrs. Collins for her work with these students. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a field trip to the Denver Nature and Science Museum. Thank you to Tara and Derrick Lockman for securing donations from local businesses to support this trip. The grade level received donations from Platte County Memorial Hospital, CH Brown Co., Banner Health, First State Bank, and Platte Valley Bank. We would like to thank these businesses for their support of this special event. On May 11, we celebrated Mother's day with our annual Muffins for Mams. Thanks to our dads for serving and thanks to PTO for sponsoring this wonderful event. On May 11, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes presented their annual music program. It was fun to hear all the hoedown songs and see all of the dances. The kids did a great job! Thanks again to Mrs. Collin's for all of her work with these students. On May 12, West held its annual science day. Students had the opportunity to listen to various presenters from our community. We would like to thank everyone who gave their time to present at this event. We would also like to thank Cindy Amundson for organizing the event and PTO for providing lunch for our presenters. This was our last month for the idiom of the month contest. Thanks to Julie Hanks for all of her work on this project. Also thank you to the Richmond's and the Shell station for their donation of ice cream tokens for each of the winning classes. We want the board to be aware of upcoming events as we finish this school year. On May 16, we will hold our annual science fair. On May 16, from 4:00-6:00 pm Title I will sponsor an open house. During the event, parents and students can look at science fair projects and visit each of our grade levels to collect a special take home science activity. Thanks to the generosity of PTO. Those that attend will be eligible to enter a drawing for a full scholarship to Camp Invention. On May 25, at 9:00 am, West will hold its annual awards assembly. During the lunch hour (11:15-12:00) on May 25, students will celebrate the end of the year with a picnic sponsored by PTO.

**Frank Jesse**, WHS Principal, reported April 20<sup>th</sup> was the annual kick off to the Wyoming Start Art Symposium held at the Event Center in Casper. This particular symposium showcases the artwork of all high school students from all over the state of Wyoming. This year, Wheatland High School submitted nearly 100 pieces of work in which the students accumulated over the course of the school year. With an increase of student participation in the art program, this year Wheatland High School presented a remarkable display of work among over 5,000 pieces for across the state. This year the students have been successful as their work resulted in a total of 16 blue ribbon winning pieces. As this is the largest showcase within the last 5 years for WHS, Jenni Stoll has been rewarded 5 blue ribbons, Avery Hanks and Ally Quinn both came home with 3 blue ribbons each, and Josh Madsen with 2. Joey Madsen, Zac Gunter, and Salvador Jimenez also represented WHS with blue ribbon work. This work will be displayed at the Wheatland High School CTE showcase that will be taking place on April 27<sup>th</sup> in the High School Gymnasium. On April 20<sup>th</sup> Student Council hosted a blood drive. Once again WHS beat Torrington in the blood drive challenge between the two schools. Two years running WHS has committed to saving more lives than THS. The traveling trophy remains at WHS. On May 3 NHS inducted 15 new members. Those students are: Alexis Martinez, Savannah Ervin, Breanna Miller, Jagger Evans, Holly Johnson, Kye Hicks, Roman Smith, Savannah May, Danielle Britz, Cali Moody, Zachary Condie, Elyse Rutherford, Wyatt Crane, Brynlee Weber, and Katie Currier. Academic Decathlon team returned from Nationals at Madison, Wisconsin and were very successful! Congratulations to Cali Moody who earned the top score on the team and a \$250 prize. Christine Arbogast was named the team's most valuable member, earning a \$250 prize. Christine also earned the bronze medal at Nationals in art. Other accomplishments include Noah Crowley who was 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Speech event; Cali Moody, who was 9<sup>th</sup> in math; Carlos Garcia and Elizabeth Crowley who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in math in their bracket; Calysta Bascus who placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Language and Literature; Christine Arbogast and Matt Wilhelm who placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Economics in their brackets, and Matthew Wilhelm who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics in his bracket.

**Tom Waring**, Chugwater Principal, reported Members of Chugwater FBLA hosted a brunch for Mother's Day in the commons area of the high school. About 50 people from the community attended. There were lots of delicious pastries, breakfast casseroles, and desserts available. Members also sold Mother's Day baskets as well. It was a successful fund-raising event. For track updates: HS; Nicole Sagner, Cyndee Fortik; Jr. High; Allie Van Why, Jaydon Hyatt. Jr. High Track Cheyenne; Allie Van Why; 100 meter--17.29; 200 meter--36.19. Jaydon Hyatt; Discus--50 ft; Shot Put--18-10 Regional Track; Cyndee Fortik; 3rd place Long Jump; 3rd place Triple Jump; 4th place in 100; 7th place in 200 The Penny War results are in and they are: 3rd Place; K/1 with an outstanding \$65.80; 2nd Place: 4/5 with \$66.64; and squeaking into 1st: 2/3 with \$67.77. Altogether the 35 students at Chugwater Elementary were able to raise \$200.21 for the Cheyenne Animal Shelter. Chugwater will be presenting them with a gift on May 23 when they visit the shelter for a tour! Good job little Buffalos!! On Tues, May 16<sup>th</sup>, about half of the 6-12 students will be participating in the annual Women in STEM Conference. Although the title suggests it is only for girls, it actually focuses on many underserved populations to generate interest in careers related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The students will participate in a variety of workshops, which are led by people working in their respective fields. There will also be opportunities for the students to work with some 500 students attending from other Wyoming schools. Chugwater elementary enjoyed a few stops to the local farm and ranches near Chugwater. They were fortunate to see baby lambs, cows, goats, chicken, and quail. Chugwater K-1 grades enjoyed a beautiful walk to the senior center. They spent time reading books to the many community member and enjoyed visiting with them.

**Cory Dziowgo**, WMS Principal, reported History Day students competed on March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Regional competition. Twelve of the 14 students qualified for the state competition on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Students researched and prepared a project tied to the theme, "Taking a Stand in History." **Regional Results:** Placing 1st in the Jr. Group Documentary were Rodee Brow and Jake Hicks, 1st in Jr. Group Performance were Haiden Wiggins and Khayla Otero, 1st in Jr. Group Exhibit were Baily Fitzwater and Ian Engling, 2nd Keegan Meyer and Garrison Utter, 1st in Individual Exhibit- Adam Suko, 1st in Individual Website- McKenzie Ferguson, and 2nd place Jr. Group Website- Kaycee Hockley and Braidon Nooney. On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the WMS students hosted an Ag Day Breakfast. The event was orchestrated by 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Ned Hageman. Ned shared his desire to remember those who help us and receive very little thanks. Ag day is a way of remembering these special people. Every day before we go to school or work, most everyone enjoys a well-balanced breakfast. Some of us don't know where our breakfast food comes from. Ned planned an Ag day staff breakfast to say thank you to our teachers and help us think about where we get our food. There were many things to plan like the amount of food you need, number of help, and time and schedule. Ag classmates cooked pancakes, bacon, sausage, and coffee for teachers to enjoy; not only a wonderful breakfast but also a time to pause and think about where our food items originate. The event turned out to be a huge success because the teachers enjoyed their food and students showed up to help cook. Thanks to our staff for helping make this breakfast a memorable event! Mrs. Brittany West, Wheatland Middle School Family and Life Skills Teacher, held a "Chopped" competition for her seventh and eighth grade Life Skills students. Students tested their culinary skills in this competition. During the "Chopped" competition, students were provided with a "base" muffin recipe and had to design and make a specialty muffin. Students were provided 50 minutes to complete the project and then teachers judged their muffins based on presentation and taste.

**Stanetta Twiford**, Glendo Principal, reported that Clay Ayres has been selected to attend the National FBLA conference in Anaheim, CA. The Glendo PTO has made a generous donation of \$300 to help with the trip.

**Sharon Swanson**, Libbey Principal, reported that preschool students recently visited Libbey Elementary. All went well and the Libbey teachers enjoyed taking a peek into next year's classes! On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the first grade will attend their annual Wyo Reads at the public library where they will participate in some fun activities centered around literacy and go home with a new book. The Pre-K program will be held at 6:00 pm in the Libbey gym. On Wednesday, all students at Libbey will attend a character education assembly at West Elementary by TED. This is a free assembly to support positive behavior for all students. On May 24<sup>th</sup> Libbey will host their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter assembly and summer reading kick-off. May 25<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school and Libbey will have their annual picnic and inside field day. It has been a great year at Libbey Elementary! Have an awesome summer!