

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**  
**June 19, 2007 Conference Call**

State Board members present: Michelle Sullivan, Pam Anderson, bill Anthony, Sandy Barton, Matt Garland, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Jeff Marsh, Jim McBride

State Board members absent: Jim Lowham, Larry McGarvin, Mel Baldwin, Jan Torres

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Jennifer Duncan, WDE; Jennifer Stone, Attorney General (AG); Tania Hytrek, WDE; Brad Hunsicker, WDE; Kay Post, WDE

Members of the Press and Public Present (all by telephone): Sue Belish, Superintendent, Sheridan County School District #2

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Michelle Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. via conference call.

Jennifer Duncan conducted roll call, and it was established that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULE REQUESTS**

Kay Post, WDE, presented the materials for the 12 school districts that are requesting alternative school schedules for 2007-2008. All requests meet the minimum school schedule for hours of teacher/student contact and have viable reasons for their request.

**JEFF MARSH MOVED THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULES FOR 15 DISTRICTS (LISTED BELOW) BE APPROVED AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

**PAM ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Big Horn CSD #2 (Lovell Elementary)  
Campbell CSD #1 (Gillette - Westwood High school)

Carbon CSD #2 (Saratoga Elementary, Saratoga M/H/S/, Hanna Elk Mountain Jr. /Sr. High School)  
Converse CSD #1 (Douglas - White, Moss Agate, Shawnee and Dry Creek Rural Schools)  
Fremont CSD #2 - (Dubois)  
Fremont CSD #6 - (Pavillion)  
Fremont CSD #14 - (Ethete)  
Johnson CSD #1 - (Buffalo)  
Lincoln CSD #2 - (Cokeville)  
Natrona CSD #1 - (Mountain View, Grant, Willard, University Park Elementary Schools)  
Park CSD #16 - (Meeteetse)  
Sheridan CSD #1 - (Ranchester)  
Sheridan CSD #3 - (Clearmont)  
Sweetwater CSD #1 - (Rock Springs)  
Weston CSD #7 - (Upton)

Bill Anthony was questioning the districts who requested a four day schedule. He was questioning why there are varying amounts of days in the classroom between each district. Kay Post explained the requirements for districts. The district must evaluate their calendar; hold 2 public meetings and get approval by their local board of trustees. The weeks may vary by district but the procedure that is in place assures that the schedule fits the unique needs of each district. The districts must meet the hourly contact criteria within these schedules.

Matt Garland asked what the school buildings were used for on the days that the school is out of session. Sue Belish answered that their building is used for Friday school for extended education opportunity, staff education is offered, middle and high school interscholastic activities, mentorship for gifted and talented students.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY PER ROLL CALL VOTE.

#### **APPROVAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULE REQUESTS FOR HOLDAWAY AND METCALF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Kay Post presented the requests from Lincoln County School District #2 for Holdaway and Metcalf Elementary schools due to both schools moving to a new building. Kay is recommending denial of that request. She doesn't feel that this meets the statutory requirements for requesting an alternative schedule. Kay provided information that the days off need to be providing educational services or professional development for staff. Jim McBride shared that he visited with Jon Abrams, the superintendent of that district, and explained the situation and that he is willing to find another solution.

BILL ANTHONY MOVED THAT THE REQUEST FROM LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 BE APPROVED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HOLDAWAY AND METCALF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

DANA MANN-TAVEGIA SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION FAILED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Michelle Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.