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State Board of Education elects new officers

Cheyenne – The Wyoming State Board of Education elected new officers at its most recent meeting in Cheyenne. Sandra Barton of Riverton was elected as Chairman of the Board, Dana Mann-Tavegia of Osage was elected as Vice-Chairman, and Jan Torres of Rock Springs as Treasurer.

Barton's current term is through March 2011. She taught at Riverton High School for 18 years in the area of Business/Technology. During her tenure at Fremont County School District 25, she taught courses in all areas of Business/Technology plus served as department chairperson and grant writer. Currently Barton is the Executive Director for the Fremont County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES), a position she has held since 1999. Her latest accomplishment was the successful \$40 million application for a Wyoming Job Corps.

Mann-Tavegia current term is through March 2013. She is a fourth generation Wyomingite. After graduating from Tongue River High School in Dayton, Wyoming, she attended Bryn Mawr College, obtaining a degree in Sociology in 1980.. Mann-Tavegia worked for over 17 years for the Wyoming Department of Transportation as a construction engineering technical specialist, working on design, construction inspection, surveying, computers and quality assurance. Since 1998, Dana has worked on her family's third generation beef cattle operation and recently completed service on the Weston County Library Board of Trustees, the Weston Country Library Foundation, Weston County Gymkanas (summer horse rider games for youth and adults), and the Democratic National Committee.

Torres' current term on the board is through March 2011. She is a licensed professional counselor. She is a professor of Psychology at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. She is a current member of the Wyoming Council on Women's Issues and is a previous Director of the Student Development Center at the college.

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