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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. Dr. Jim Lowham of Casper was elected as Chairman of the Board, Bill Anthony of Casper was elected as Vice-Chairman, and Jan Torres of Rock Springs as Treasurer.

"I am confident that Dr. Lowham and the other new officers will provide great leadership to the board over the next year," Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jim McBride said. "I look forward to working with the board in the coming months to improve education in Wyoming."

Lowham's current term on the board is through 2009. He currently serves as the Superintendent for Natrona County School District 1 and is a lifelong professional educator. However, he will be retiring as superintendent in June of 2008. In addition to teaching in the district, he has served Natrona County School District 1 as the associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction, director of curriculum and instruction, and assistant principal at Kelly Walsh High School. A Wyoming resident for 58 years, he has lived in Casper since 1972.

Anthony's current term on the board is through 2011. He has a 36-year history in education in Wyoming as a teacher and administrator. He taught mathematics for 21 years, served two years as a junior high vice-principal, nine years as a district-wide math/science coordinator and two years as a special assistant to the superintendent in the area of curriculum and instruction. Additionally, he has served on the Wyoming School Facilities commission.

Torres' current term on the board is through 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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