



## School Board Memo

**Week of May 15, 2017**

### **Board Member Resigns**

**Jim Hinkle**, a school board member from **Carbon County School District No. 2 (Saratoga)** has resigned from the board. The Board of Trustees plans to appoint a new member to the board on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Superintendent Named**

**Carbon County School District No. 1 (Rawlins)** has named **Mike Hamel** as the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Hamel currently serves as an Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Albany County School District No. 1 (Laramie). His full time leadership with the district will begin on May 22, 2017.

### **Fremont School District No. 6 News**

Diana Clapp, Superintendent of **Fremont County School District No. 6 (Pavillion)** wanted to make the library at Wind River High School a more welcoming place for students. For ideas, she turned to NSBA's Magna Awards. Superintendent Clapp, **school board member Kristen Benson**, along with a team of administrators and two Wind River High School students, traveled 1,500 miles to central Virginia to see a demonstration of how Albemarle County Public Schools' high school learning commons program worked. The team toured several schools during the visit, meeting with Albemarle Superintendent Pam Moran and her administrators. In addition to the learning commons makerspace program the Wyoming contingent also learned about the Albemarle district's project based learning philosophy. The two staffs also discussed strategies for scaling the programs from Albemarle (13,00 students and 26 schools) to Fremont #6 (400 students and four schools).

The Magna Awards is a recognition program that honors excellence and innovation in school district programs. It also serves as a resource where districts can get ideas on how others are solving the same problems or issues they are facing. Fremont County No. 6 was a 2016 Magna Grand Prize winner for its mobile preschool program and Albemarle County was a 2015 Grand Prize winner for the high school learning commons. Learn more about the Magna Awards program at [www.nsba.org/magna](http://www.nsba.org/magna).

## **State Board of Education**

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a regular meeting on May 18-19, 2017. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 18 at the Fremont County School District #6 Building, located at 223 North Cherry Road, Pavilion. On Friday, May 19 the meeting will be held at the Arapaho High School, located at 189 Left Hand Ditch Road, Arapaho. The complete May meeting agenda is available [here](#). All meetings are open to the public. You can join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/4523548969>, or dial, (646) 558-8656 using access code 452-354-8969.

## **2017 Wyoming School Safety Conference**

The 2017 Wyoming School Safety Conference will be held on June 27-30 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Casper. Featured speakers will be Amy Miles and Jermaine "Tall Cop" Galloway. Registration fee for the conference is \$200. Please contact Deputy Michael Scott for more information at 307.235.9282 or email [msscott@natronacounty-wy.gov](mailto:msscott@natronacounty-wy.gov).

## **Updated Draft of ESSA State Plan Released for Public Review**

An updated draft of Wyoming's State Plan for implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is now available, along with a guide to the changes that were made from the draft posted on April 24, 2017. Updates include:

- Addition of long-term goals for all subgroups
- Adjustment of long-term graduation rate goal to be specific to four-year, on-time graduation
- Adjustment of criteria for identification for Targeted Support to avoid over-identification
- Clarifying language based on initial public feedback

[\*\*View Updated Draft\*\*](#)  
[\*\*View Guide to Changes\*\*](#)

ESSA public meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the following locations:

- **May 18**, Riverton Middle School, Multipurpose Room, 840 Major Avenue, Riverton
  - **June 7**, Laramie Junior High School, Library, 1355 North 22nd Street, Laramie
- Can't make it to a meeting? View the recording of the May 4 meeting [here](#). Comments are being taken through **June 8, 2017** and can be submitted [online](#) or by mail to:

Comments can be mailed to:  
Wyoming Department of Education  
Attn: Kari Eakins  
2300 Capitol Avenue  
Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

## Legislative Meetings

**Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration & The Joint Revenue Committee** will meet on June 12, 2017 at Central Wyoming College, ITECC Room 116 in Riverton. [Meeting Notice](#)

**Select Committee on School Facilities** will meet on June 19, 2017 at University/Union Building Room 322, Casper College in Casper. [Agenda](#)

**Joint Education Committee** will meet on June 20-21, 2017 at University/Union Building Room 322, Casper College in Casper. [Agenda](#)

## Fremont County BOCES Classes

Fremont County BOCES is offering monthly PTSB classes this June through October of 2017. The classes include topics such as Teaching Strategies; Teaching Difficult Students, Differentiation of the Brain, Professionalism in Education and many more. Each 1 day class is .5 PTSB Credit and will be offered in Riverton, WY. Please call Fremont County BOCES at 856-2028 or [www.fcboces.org](http://www.fcboces.org) for application information.

## News Articles

Does your district have news worthy of statewide interest? If so, please email your news articles to [wsba@wsba-wy.org](mailto:wsba@wsba-wy.org). The articles will be included in the next weekly WSBA Memo.

## WSBA Partners

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Company** – [www.ajg.com](http://www.ajg.com), **BoardDocs** – [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com), **George K. Baum & Company** – [www.gkbaum.com](http://www.gkbaum.com), **Groathouse Construction** – [www.groathouse.com](http://www.groathouse.com), **HUB International Mountain States LTD** – [www.hubinternational.com](http://www.hubinternational.com), **Long Building Technologies** – [www.long.com](http://www.long.com), **NE Wyoming BOCES CO-OP** – [www.newboces.com](http://www.newboces.com), **Software Unlimited, Inc.** – [www.su-inc.com](http://www.su-inc.com)

### WSBA Contact Information

Sue Belish, Director of Board Development Training – [suebelish@wbaccess.net](mailto:suebelish@wbaccess.net)  
Sheila Ducello, Financial Programs Specialist – [sheila@wsba-wy.org](mailto:sheila@wsba-wy.org)  
Brian Farmer, Executive Director – [bfarmer.wy@gmail.com](mailto:bfarmer.wy@gmail.com)  
Jona Fletcher, Accounting Associate – [jona@wsba-wy.org](mailto:jona@wsba-wy.org)  
Charis Kipper, Office/Business Manager – [charis@wsba-wy.org](mailto:charis@wsba-wy.org)  
Terry Sterling, Director of Insurance Services – [terry@wsba-wy.org](mailto:terry@wsba-wy.org)  
Richard Strahorn, Director of Member Services – [richard@wsba-wy.org](mailto:richard@wsba-wy.org)

[www.wsba-wy.org](http://www.wsba-wy.org)

You are receiving the School Board Memo as an informational service of the Wyoming School Boards Association. If you would like to have your email address taken off the automatic mailer, please send an email to [wsba@wsba-wy.org](mailto:wsba@wsba-wy.org) indicating that you no longer want to receive the Memo. Thank you!