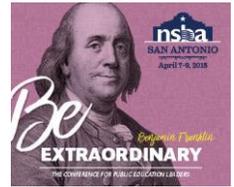




# WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## School Board Memo

Week of December 4, 2017



### Board Member Change

**Hans Hawley** has resigned from the **Big Horn County School District No. 2 (Lovell)** Board of Trustees. **Keith McIntosh** has been appointed by the board to fill this vacancy. Mr. McIntosh will serve on the board through November, 2018.

### WASA Superintendent of the Year 2019 Nominations

Nominations for the 2019 WASA Superintendent of the Year are due by January 31, 2018. Boards of Trustees may nominate their Superintendent by sending a short message of nomination to Kevin Mitchell, WASA Executive Director at [wasawyklm@gmail.com](mailto:wasawyklm@gmail.com) or mailing to PO Box 866, Powell WY 82435.

### New York City Playwright

[Story Pirates](#) is an arts education and media organization that collects kids' stories and adapts them for the stage. **Case MacKay**, a second grader at **Cheyenne's Pioneer Park Elementary School (Laramie County School District No. 1)**, submitted a story called "George Washington and the Golden Bone" to Story Pirates. The story was chosen to be adapted to a play and will be performed at Times Square in New York City. Case's play is one of four from around the country that will be performed. Case and his family will attend the performance.

## **WSBA Board Training Workshops**

The Wyoming School Boards Association will hold two winter board development workshops in January 2018. Topic for the workshops is “Building Better School Boards.” Workshops will be held January 13, 2018 at the Riverton Holiday Inn and January 20, 2018 at the Casper Hilton Garden Inn. A flyer is posted on the WSBA website ([www.wsba-wy.org](http://www.wsba-wy.org)).

## **WSBA Legislative Forum**

The 2018 WSBA Legislative Forum and Reception will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Cheyenne Little America. Board members, superintendents, WSBA Advocacy Liaisons and other administrators can make a difference in the political process. Here is your opportunity to hear and give input on the latest legislative issues likely to have an impact on your school district! Please click [here](#) to see flyer.

## **Legislative Meetings**

**Joint Appropriations Committee** will meet during the first two weeks of December, 2017 and the second and third weeks of January, 2018 in Cheyenne. [Meeting Notice](#)  
[Listen Live](#)

**Joint Revenue Interim Committee** will meet on December 4-5, 2017. [Meeting Notice](#)

## **The New Schoolhouse: Building Facilities That Work**

View online by clicking [here](#).

School facilities are the literal foundation for the learning that takes place every day in some 13,000 school districts large and small. Building and maintaining them is a gargantuan financial lift—an estimated \$49 billion per year for new schools and major capital projects nationwide, and \$46 billion a year for maintenance and operations, according to a 2016 joint report by the 21st Century School Fund, the National Council on Facilities, and the Center for Green Schools.

This *Education Week* special report is all about the concrete—and equally crucial—topic of school facilities and what it takes to assure that the nation's 56 million schoolchildren have a modern, fully-equipped, well-maintained school to attend, and a place where all that theory and educator experience can be put into practice.

## **Bullied Teens and Guns**

[Reuters](#) (11/27, Rapaport) reports, “One in five teens are victims of bullying, and these adolescents are about twice as likely to bring guns and knives to school than peers who aren’t bullied,” researchers concluded after analyzing “survey responses from a nationally representative sample of more than 15,000 students in grades 9 to 12.” The

[findings](#) were published online Nov. 27 in Pediatrics. [HealthDay](#) (11/27, Reinberg) reports that the co-author of an [accompanying editorial](#) “said it’s essential to identify teens most likely to arm themselves,” and “screening in places like pediatricians’ offices, mental health clinics and schools can help.” [ABC News](#) (11/27), [MedPage Today](#) (11/27, Walker), and [AAP News](#) (11/27) also cover the study.

## **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.

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