



**WYOMING SCHOOL  
BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

## **School Board Memo**

**Week of June 12, 2017**

### **State Board of Education Meeting**

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a one-day meeting in Sheridan on June 22, 2017. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sheridan County School District # No. 2 Central Office Building, located at 201 North Connor Street.

The SBE will hear reports from SBE coordinator Dr. Thomas Sachse, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) liaison Lisa Weigel, and WDE staff about accreditation, an update on Every Student Succeeds Act, the Professional Judgement Panel and Advisory Committee, JEIC reports, alternative schedule and school performance ratings, and an update on Chapters 6, 10, and 31.

The board will also hear updates from SBE committees and will take action on recommendations. The complete June 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.

### **Public Comment for Chapter 43 Rules: School Nutrition Pilot Project**

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is seeking public comment on the Chapter 43 Rules, School Nutrition Pilot Project, which can be viewed [online](#) along with the [Statement of Reasons](#). These rules establish the minimum requirements that districts must meet to be eligible for financial assistance in acquiring Wyoming-grown meat for school lunches. Eligible districts can apply to the WDE Child Nutrition Program in order to receive financial assistance to offset processing costs for donated Wyoming poultry, lamb, pork, beef, or bison.

Public comment on the proposed rules is open from June 2 to July 17, 2017. Comments will be posted on the Secretary of State website, and may be [submitted online](#) or by mail to:

Wyoming Department of Education  
Attn: Susan Benning  
2300 Capitol Avenue  
Hathaway Building 2nd Floor  
Cheyenne, WY 82002-2060

## **Community Input Meetings on American Indian Education**

The Wyoming Department of Education will conduct community input meetings on [Wyoming's Social Studies Content and Performance Standards](#) as they pertain to Wyoming's new "American Indian education program" legislation. These meetings will inform the public of the standards review process and gather public input to be shared with the Social Studies Standards Review Committee for their consideration prior to their work.

A presentation will discuss [House Enrolled Act 119](#) and the process to ensure the cultural heritage, history, and contemporary contributions of American Indians are addressed in the review of the Social Studies Standards.

Participants will be asked to respond to two questions:

- Why is it important for everyone to learn about American Indians?
- What do you want the review committee to know about the cultural heritage, history, and contemporary contributions of American Indians as they review the Social Studies Standards?

The meetings will take place from 6-8 p.m.

- June 15, Park #6 Administration Office Board Room 2nd Floor, 919 Cody Avenue, Cody
  - June 22, Sheridan # 2 Administration Office Board Room, 201 North Connor Street, Sheridan
  - June 29, Laramie #1 Administration Office Board Room, 2810 House Avenue, Cheyenne
- Those unable to attend can respond [online](#) through September 8, 2017.

## **National Science Foundation STEM Program Grants**

[THE Journal](#) (6/12) reports through its Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers, or ITEST, program, the National Science Foundation will award up to 18 multi-year grants totaling up to \$20 million to fund program proposals aimed at promoting science, technology, engineering, and math, or STEM, to pre-kindergarten through high school students. For grant consideration, the proposals "can be designed for engaging students within school, outside of school or a combination of the two," and partnerships with colleges, universities, and other organizations are also encouraged. The NSF is accepting proposals through Sept. 5, and individual awards are expected to range from \$400,000 to \$2 million.

## **Roadmap to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Conference**

The fourth annual Roadmap to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Conference will include a focus on the Arts. The conference will feature the theme "STE(a)Ming into the Future" at Gillette College August 2-4, 2017. Three days of active learning and practical classroom resources for almost any P-16 learning environment await participants. The [Ann Simpson Artmobile](#) will be on display and can be viewed during the Share-A-Thon along with other products and services that align with STEM education. The conference will partner with local professionals on half-day STEM experiences to connect educators with real-world applications of STEM. A variety of off-site STEM adventures will be available, including a geological excursion to Devil's Tower and an interactive exploration of solar energy. Information about the conference and registration can be found at: [edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/career-tech-ed/stem/](http://edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/career-tech-ed/stem/).

## **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).

## Legislative Meetings

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

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

**Joint Appropriations Committee** will meet on July 17-18, 2017 at the Jeffrey Memorial Community Center in Rawlins. [Meeting Notice](#)

## WSBA Summer Hours

The WSBA office will begin summer hours this week which means the office will close at noon on Fridays. Summer schedule will remain in effect until Labor Day.

## 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

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