



# WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## School Board Memo

Week of November 13, 2017



### New Board Member

The Board of Trustees of **Fremont County School District No. 14 (Ethete)** has appointed **Leta Whiteman** to the board. She will serve through November, 2018.

### WSBA Annual Conference

We look forward to seeing everyone from around the state gathered together at the WSBA Annual Conference this week. Please note that the conference bags will have materials for the Wyoming Educational Fair inside so please take a look and bring the information with you to the exhibits on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The agenda on the website has been updated, please click [here](#). Safe travel to Casper!!

### Legislative Meetings

**Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration** will meet November 29-December 1, 2017 at the Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission in Casper. [Meeting Notice](#)

**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](#)

**Joint Revenue Interim Committee** will meet on December 4-5, 2017. A formal meeting notice will be available at a later date.

## **State Board of Education Meeting**

The Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a teleconference meeting on November 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The SBE will begin by holding a hearing to take action on an appeal by Weston County School District #7 regarding Upton High School's performance rating.

After the hearing, the SBE will hear reports from state board coordinator Dr. Thomas Sachse on Chapter 31 and accreditation. Wyoming Department of Education staff will also give an update on accreditation. SBE committee chairs will give an update on their committee work and the SBE will hear a summary from the National Association of School Boards of Education annual conference that members from the board attended in Atlanta. The SBE will also take action on the purchase of new technology devices for board members.

The complete November 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.

## **School Rethinking Approach to Physical Education**

The [AP](#) (11/7) reports that in light of the 17 percent childhood obesity rate in America, "the federal education law passed in December 2015 to replace No Child Left Behind elevates health and fitness to rank among things like art, music, civics and science as elements of a well-rounded education and makes additional funding available." Subsequently, Connecticut, Vermont, Michigan, and other states have included physical education or fitness portions in their proposed Every Student Succeeds Act accountability plans for ED. Victor Central School District in upstate New York offers "kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, dance, self-defense, archery and in-line skating – all under the heading of physical education." The goal, according to Victor teachers, is to ensure that the lessons learned in the physical education classes "last well beyond the class bell." The AP says a number of schools have likewise introduced "more choice about which activity to pursue, and less emphasis on who's the best at it."

## **Rural School and Community Trust to Join AASA**

[Education Week](#) (11/7) reports the Rural School and Community Trust has entered into a partnership with the AASA, the School Superintendents Association. Under the partnership, the "Trust's board of directors will also remain intact, and funding will remain separate," but "the Trust will operate as a kind of subsidiary of the AASA." The arrangement is expected to "allow both organizations to play off each other's strengths and expand their reach." Education Week notes that nearly 70 percent of the superintendents in AASA "hail from rural districts," and more than nine million American students are enrolled in rural schools. Education Week says the new "partnership comes at a time when rural communities and concerns are attracting increased national attention after rural voters played a pivotal role in the 2016 presidential election."

## **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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