



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS



Do you have a resolution that WSBA should consider?

The **2019 WSBA Annual Delegate Assembly** will be held **Wednesday, November 20th** at the **Ramkota Hotel** in Casper. At this meeting member school district voting delegates will set WSBA Legislative and Position platforms for the 2020 and 2021 Legislative Sessions.

If your board wishes to submit one or more resolutions for consideration by the entire WSBA membership, it must be received at the WSBA Office on or before **Monday, October 7, 2019**. Resolutions may be submitted by regular mail or by email to bfarmer.wy@gmail.com.

Resolutions may be on any topic of statewide concern for board members. The resolution should be concise and clear so the intent, as well as the requested action for WSBA to take, is understandable. The following guidelines have been adopted by the WSBA Board of Directors:

- ▮ New resolutions should contain a brief and objective rationale addressing the question, “What are we trying to accomplish?”
- ▮ Resolutions should have state-wide rather than individual district implications.
- ▮ Resolutions must be presented to and approved by your district board.
- ▮ A contact person from the district should be identified.
- ▮ A potential legislative sponsor should be identified, if possible.

Resolutions adopted by the 2019 Delegate Assembly will become the guiding principles for the 2020 Legislative session and will be referred to the Board of Directors of the Wyoming School Boards Association as possible Legislative Goals for the 2021 Legislative Session. The Wyoming School Boards Association Board of Directors will determine the Legislative Goals for the 2021 Legislative session at their July 2020 meeting.

WSBA reserves the right to make modifications as needed to submitted resolutions. Resolutions may be submitted on the floor of the delegate assembly with a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates.

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming School Boards Association

RATIONALE: Identify what will be accomplished by adopting the above resolution.

DISTRICT: _____

Board Chair Signature _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

Contact E-mail _____

POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR: _____

Has sponsor indicated willingness to support legislation? Yes Not Contacted Yet

(Please list each resolution separately)

Sample Resolutions from Prior Year

Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Wyoming School Boards Association** encourages the legislature to develop a solution for the County's collection of ad valorem taxes to minimize the amount of uncollected taxes in the future. The solution must involve the collaborative effort of the legislature, county government, and industry partners.

Rationale:

Wyoming counties have been unable to collect more than \$55 million in unpaid taxes over the past ten years. A significant portion of those resources would be utilized to support K-12 education in Wyoming. Minerals are taxed in Wyoming after production with the Fair Market Value determined in February of the year following production. Tax payments of 50% are due in November of the year following production and a final payment of 50% is due in May of the second year following production. The time lag in tax collection contributes to the issue of unpaid taxes. It is recognized that mineral companies also pay a monthly severance tax that must be considered in potential solutions to adjust the timeline for ad valorem tax collection.

Submitted by Campbell County School District #1

Delegate Assembly Action: **Affirm**

Confidentiality of School Safety Discussions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming School Boards Association supports a change to state statute 16-4-405(a) that identified permissible reasons for an executive session to include discussions of confidential matters of district and school safety and security.

Rationale: School safety and security are of paramount importance to Wyoming school districts. The current reasons identified in W.S. 16-4-405(a) for going into executive session do not clearly identify discussions about school safety and security as permissible reasons for an executive session. There may be ways for a board to have such discussions in executive sessions, but it is desirable to provide a clear authority for the school board to have confidential discussions about matters of school safety and security in an executive session. Any action taken by the board as a result of the confidential discussion would still be conducted in the public session unless otherwise provided by law.

Submitted by Teton County School District #1

Delegate Assembly Action: **Affirm**
