



School Board Memo

Week of January 10, 2022

Board Member Death

Johnson County School District No. 1 (Buffalo) had board member, **John Manzella** pass away over our holiday break. John had served on the board since December 2018. The trustees will be appointing a new member within the next 30 days.

Board Member Resigns

Albany County School District No. 1 (Laramie) Trustee **Jamin Johnson** has resigned, effective January 1, 2022, due to moving out of state. Jamin has served on the board for three years. A search to replace Johnson will begin immediately by the Board of Trustees. **Robin Steiss** has resigned from the **Sweetwater County School District No. 2 (Green River)** Board of Trustees. The board plans to appoint a new member the middle of January.

New Board Member

Uinta County School District No. 1 (Evanston) has appointed **John DuBois** as a new board member. Mr. DuBois will serve through November, 2022.

WSBA Board Training Workshops

WSBA invites all Wyoming school board members and superintendents to our annual [Winter Board Workshops](#) to be held **January 15, 2022 in Riverton** and **January 29, 2022 in Casper**. The workshops will focus on the top needs of Wyoming school boards. To register please email wsba@wsba-wy.org with name, school district and workshop date. Workshop fee is \$140 which includes materials and lunch. Districts will be billed after the workshops. We look forward to hearing from you!

Virtual Board Chair Workshop

WSBA is providing a four-hour virtual training on **Saturday, February 5th** for new and current board chairs, vice chairs, and anyone else who is interested in learning about effective chairmanship. The cost is \$50 per participant and registration is required. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for this event.

WSBA Legislative Forum

The 2022 WSBA Legislative Forum and Reception will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Cheyenne's 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](#) for more information and to register.

Legislative Meetings

Joint Appropriations Committee Agency Budget Hearings Schedule:

January 11-14, 2022 [Updated Agenda and Meeting Materials](#)

January 17-20, 2022 [Updated Agenda](#)

Elevating Education in Wyoming

Governor Mark Gordon's K-12 Education advisory group has released a short [survey](#) seeking input and ideas from Wyoming residents on how to create the ideal education system for the future of the state. "We want to hear from everyone who cares about Wyoming's K-12 education system – parents, students, educators and employers," Governor Gordon said. "We want their opinions about what it is we'd like our schools to be able to deliver for our students.

Community listening sessions are planned for late spring and summer across the state. Additional information on the RIDE Advisory Group, and a link to the survey can be found on [the group's website](#).

Suicide and Self-Injury Prevention – Spring ECHO Sessions

For the spring series for ECHO in Student Health, the focus will be on suicide and self-injury prevention. The first three sessions will be lead by **Dr. Julio Brionez**, Ph.D., Assistant Director & Outreach Coordinator at the University of Wyoming Counseling Center. The next three sessions will be lead by **Dr. Carolyn Pepper**, PhD, Professor and Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychology, University of Wyoming. Please click [here](#) for more information.

2022 Summer High School Institute (HSI)

Scholars from all over the state of Wyoming come together on the University of Wyoming campus for 3 weeks to experience college life. Students will take college classes, stay in the dorms, participate in community service and attend events both on and off campus. Our goal is to provide a self-discovery atmosphere for a variety of scholars who would relish a challenge or may need a little push to be challenged. The array of activities that scholars participate in are designed to push the limits of the student as a whole, and help each individual learn more about themselves as they move into their junior year. Please click [here](#) for more information.

2022 Wyoming Letters About Literature Contest

Wyoming students in grades 4-12 are invited to read, be inspired, and write back to the author (living or dead) of a book that changed their lives. Sponsored by Wyoming Humanities, the 2022 Wyoming Letters About Literature Contest is now open; submissions must be received by February 18th. This contest is presented as part of the Wyoming Center for the Book, now housed with Wyoming Humanities. Guidelines and entry forms can be found [here](#). Questions may be directed to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org or (307) 721-9243.

Wyoming Economic Summary Report

A new edition of the [Wyoming Economic Summary Report](#) is now available. This quarterly publication highlights the State's economic conditions. The economic indicators that are discussed and graphically illustrated include employment by industry, income, housing, taxable sales, tourism, agriculture, and selected revenue. The current report highlights data for the third quarter of 2021 (3Q21).

Public Input on Proposed Performance Standards for Math and Science

The Wyoming Department of Education seeks public comment on the proposed Chapter 10 Rules, which include the proposed 2021 Science Performance Standards and the proposed 2021 Math Performance Standards. Public comment may be submitted [online](#), or via mail, by 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022. The public can attend a virtual Public Comment meeting and provide verbal input. Join the Zoom meeting [here](#), or call 346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 942 4096 9257. Passcode: 460994

- 4:30-6 p.m. MST on Monday, February 7, 2022.
- 6:30-8 p.m. MST on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. MST on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

The standards documents and proposed Chapter 10 Rules can be found on the [WDE Chapter 10 Rules on Standards](#). Send written comments to: WDE, Attn: Barb Marquer, 122 W. 25th St Ste E200 Cheyenne WY 82002. All public comment will be recorded verbatim, including the submitter's name and city of residence, on the Secretary of State [website](#) as part of the rules promulgation process.

2022-2023 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program

As part of the suite of Fulbright Teacher Exchanges, the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program provides an opportunity for K–12 educators from the United States to conduct research and engage in other professional learning experiences abroad for three to six months. Participants work on individual Inquiry Projects on a topic relevant to education in the United States and the host country, take courses at a host university, and collaborate with colleagues on educational practices to improve student learning. Please email FulbrightDA@irex.org with any questions! Please click [here](#) to apply.

News Articles

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

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