

Statement to Applicants for the Position of

Superintendent



SUBLETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

BIG PINEY, WYOMING

“Developing Capacities for Success”

THE POSITION

The Sublette County School District #9, Big Piney, Wyoming, Board of Trustees, is seeking a highly qualified Superintendent of schools. The Board wishes to have the successful candidate assume the responsibilities of the position July 1, 2021. The district offers a competitive salary with comprehensive benefit package and district housing.

Qualifications

The candidate must have the background, skills and abilities essential for excellence in educational leadership. The board recognizes that selecting a Superintendent is one of the most important decisions it will make.

THE AREA

Sublette County School District No. 9 (SCSD9) is located in western Wyoming in the upper Green River Valley and includes southwestern Sublette County and part of Lincoln County. We are ideally located just east of the Wyoming Mountain Range and 25 miles south of the Wind River Mountain Range. The Grand Teton Mountain Range is 75 miles north of Big Piney and the entrance to Grand Teton National Park is a scenic two hour drive. The South Entrance to Yellowstone National Park is an hour further north. The district is comprised of the three communities: Big Piney, Marbleton and La Barge. District offices, and three of our four schools, are located in Big Piney, Wyoming. Southwestern Sublette County offers endless opportunities for outdoor adventure and a variety of community events.

Big Piney was established in the winter of 1879, when winter caught up to two cattlemen who were herding a thousand cattle through the Green River Valley on their way to Point of Rocks. The current economy is supported by education, transportation/warehousing, agriculture, oil and gas, outdoor recreation, and utilities. Employment opportunities lie in construction, food and serving, education, material moving, management, production and transportation. Big game species include moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn and black bear. Hunters are drawn from near and far for some of the best hunting in the country. Mountain lion, grizzly bear and wolves can also be observed occasionally.

Our community members value the location and atmosphere of Big Piney. Salt Lake City (SLC) International Airport is located 203 miles to the southwest and is the closest major airport. Many travelers choose to initiate their travels at the Jackson Hole, WY (JAC) airport, however. Pinedale, WY is 37 miles to the northeast, while Rock Springs, WY is 107 miles to the south of Big Piney.

The town of Big Piney sits at an elevation of 6,827 feet and you can anticipate the type of climate that is associated with that elevation. The average high temperature in January is 26°F and the average high temperature in July is 81°F. Annual snowfall averages 28 inches and the average number of sunny days is 234. The district's winter climate is conducive to hunting, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snow-shoeing and riding snow machines. The summer months allow for hiking, fishing, camping, four-wheeling, mountain biking, horseback riding/packing, kayaking and boating as well.

Annual events in southwest Sublette County include the Hard Hats and Stetsons Fundraiser in the spring. The summer is most active with Chuck Wagon Days, the Fly-In and Car Show, the Annual Catfish Fry, the Sublette County Fair, the Little Buckaroo Rodeo, the Beach Party and the DoLittle Car Show. The Fall Festival and Christmas Parade wrap up the year.

Amenities to residents include entertainment, enrichment, basic grocery shopping and some basic healthcare. Aside from the beautiful scenery, the attractions in the district include current movies and bowling at the Flicks 'n Pins Entertainment Center, the Big Piney Recreation Center, the Sublette County Agricultural Center and Fairgrounds, the Green River Valley Museum as well as Libraries in Big Piney and La Barge. Burney's Foods and Obo's Market and Deli are the two establishments that sell groceries locally. Health-related services can be found in the Marbleton-Big Piney Clinic, Proactive Rehabilitation and Southwest Sublette County Pioneers Senior Citizen's Center. The Senior Citizen's Center is an excellent facility that is now surrounded by condos for rent to seniors. The local bank branch in Big Piney is Bank of the West.

THE DISTRICT

Sublette County School District No. 9 encompasses approximately 600 miles of daily bus routes, serving 460 students. There are 4 schools within the district between Big Piney and La Barge, Wyoming. Schools in the district include: La Barge Elementary (K-5), Big Piney Elementary (K-5), Big Piney Middle School (6-8) and Big Piney High School (9-12). Both elementaries are less than 15 years old. Our high school is in good condition. We are in the process of remodeling our middle school. We have a brand new bus barn. Our athletic facilities include 3 full size competition gyms and a new (2014) synthetic turf field with track and stadium. Our facilities are excellent.

Sublette County School District No. 9 was recently accredited by the State of Wyoming, to expire on June 30, 2021. Visitors have been especially impressed with how deeply embedded the district's values are in our school culture. It is easy to observe the influence that those values have on many of the district's practices. Our students are extremely respectful and well-mannered. The district prides itself on hard-working students and staff, small class sizes, well-trained staff, excellent technology and strong administrative leadership.

The district employs 9 administrative staff; 1 superintendent, 1 business manager, 3 principals, 1 special education coordinator, 1 maintenance director, 1 transportation director and 1 food service director. The central office is housed in the Fine Arts Center in Big Piney and consists of the superintendent, business manager, administrative assistant, accounts payable/purchasing clerk and payroll clerk. There are 60 certified staff members including administrators and 52 classified staff. Sublette County School District No. 9 shares staff between buildings in order to offer art, music, technology support and a school nurse for the various grade levels. SCSD9 offers staff rental housing (18) in all 3 communities. The 2020-21 assessed valuation of the district is \$368,410,336 with anticipated revenue of \$10,626,790. The general operating budget for the district is \$10,429,025 for the 2020-21 school year.

SCSD9 offers numerous opportunities for enrichment. Western Sublette 9 BOCES and Western Wyoming Community College have a working relationship with the district in order to offer dual enrollment courses to high school students. The district has worked with other colleges and universities on an individual basis as well. Students are also encouraged to participate in volleyball, football, cheerleading, basketball, outdoor track and field, and wrestling. Athletes on the swim, golf and soccer teams join athletes from another district within the county to form their teams. In addition to sports, students have a variety of extracurricular activities to choose from within the arts, academics, student government, and robotics. Fifty-four percent of our middle and high school students participated in our band in the 2017-18 school year. Historically, over 80 percent of our middle school and high school students have participated in at least one extracurricular activity and the majority of those students participate in more than one activity. Our students are very active and engaged beyond the classroom.

For more information, see our District Website <https://www.sublette9.org/> and District Strategic Plan <https://www.sublette9.org/home/strategic-plan>.

