

Board Meeting Highlights

February 14, 2020



DISTRICT/COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Student Talent Showcase - High School

Various high school students from the Sources of Strength class introduced themselves and provided an overview of the program. This program is one of the first prevention programs that utilizes peer leaders to enhance protective factors associated with reducing suicide at the school population level.

Sources of Strength is based on a relational connections model that uses teams of peer leaders mentored by adult advisors to change peer social norms about help seeking and encourages students to individually assess and develop strengths in their life. A video about the 8 strengths was shown. The strengths are: mental health, family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, spirituality, and medical access.

This new class looks to grow every year. A Sources of Strength class will be added to the middle school next year and trained high school students will serve as their mentors.



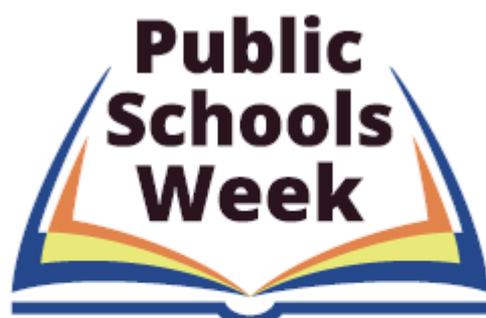
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent Mr. Steve Woolf shared there is still movement on the Standard Property Tax Mill Levy that would require districts to have a 25 mill levy rate. This is definitely splitting districts across the state. We are continuing to keep an eye on the following bills that may impact us: Senate Bills 74, 15, 111, 158; House Bills 1231 and 1135. Next meeting we should know if any of these make it out of committee.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

High School Assistant Principal Karen Hamlow presented the new course offerings for the 2020-21 school year and shared these courses will only be offered if there is enough interest from the students.



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NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RESOLUTION

The Board of Education approved a resolution supporting National Public Schools Week. The resolution reads as follows:

National Public Schools Week

WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of a 21st-century democracy;

WHEREAS, the Nation's public schools are where students come to be educated citizens of the United States;

WHEREAS, each public school prepares the Nation's young people to contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the country;

WHEREAS, 90 percent of American children attend public schools;

WHEREAS, local, State, and Federal lawmakers should prioritize support for strengthening the Nation's public schools and empower local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education stakeholders and learning communities;

WHEREAS local, State, and Federal lawmakers should support such necessities as counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health supports that are critical to help students engage in learning;

WHEREAS, inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are where children learn to think critically, problem solve, and build relationships;

WHEREAS, public schools should provide an environment where all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years, regardless of who they are or where they live;

WHEREAS, efforts should be supported to advance equity and excellence in public education and to implement continuous improvement and evidence-based practices;

WHEREAS, every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full potential and to attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience;

WHEREAS, stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding for great public schools for every student in America is necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared and supported educators;

WHEREAS, educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and create joy in learning;

WHEREAS, the Nation's school buildings should have class sizes small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one attention and to access support services such as health care, nutrition, and after-school programs when needed;

WHEREAS, students, teachers, and professionals make the Nation's public schools vital components of the community;

WHEREAS, parents and communities are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children across the country; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the members of the Board of Education of Woodland Park School District Re-2, proclaim February 24 – 28, 2020 as National Public Schools Week.



WOODLAND PARK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPORT

WPEA representative Anna Thompson shared how we as educators care for students, it is vital that we are all okay and caring for ourselves for learning to occur.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Woolf reviewed upcoming key dates for the Board to mark on their calendars.

Safety Vestibule Bids – Superintendent Woolf shared the bids submitted came in much too high, so we are working with our architect and the low bidder to adjust to get within our framework. We are fortunate we are able to do this and our architect and low bidder are more than happy to work with us and keep us on path for this summer.

Snow Days – Superintendent Woolf shared we are running low on time at the elementary schools for snow days and low, but not quite as low because of e-days at the secondary levels. We are looking at the possibility of adding a little time after the February break, but no more than 10 minutes. We believe that will let us get ahead of the situation and be okay for the rest of the school year.

School Board Report

BOARD REPORT

Board President Beth Huber requested the March 11 meeting be moved to allow for board members to attend the city's candidate forum being held the same evening. The plan is to move the meeting from normal start time to 4:00 p.m. providing enough board members can attend at this time for quorum.

Vice President Gwynne Dawdy-Pekron shared she attended the Grandparent's Day celebration at Columbine Elementary and how she thought it was wonderful her own mother traveled from New Mexico, but to her amazement one grandparent traveled all the way from Germany for this wonderful event. She also shared we have 3 middle school students who have qualified to compete at the Silver State Swim Meet.



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING - MARCH 11

The Board of Education meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. These meetings are held at the District Office located at 155 Panther Way unless otherwise established by the Board.

The five-member Board of Education members are elected to four-year terms and serve without pay. The Board, on behalf of students, staff, parents and the community, holds itself accountable to the citizens of the District through Policy Governance. In fulfillment of this charge, the Board is committed to rigorous, continual improvement of its capacity to govern effectively through policy by defining its concerns in terms of values and its vision in terms of expectations.

Upcoming meetings:

- March 11 - **potential start time of 4:00 p.m.**
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10



UPCOMING EVENTS

No school the week of February 17. Classes will resume on Monday, February 24, 2020.

