

LEGAL NOTICE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Chairman Curtis Rankin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Trustee Diana White, Trustee Justin Mills, Trustee Ty Miller, and Trustee Mark Mitchell. Superintendent Dr. Clark Coberly, Principals Joe Samuelson, Jeremy Dietchman, and Business Manager Gina Barritt were also present.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Dr. Coberly requested the agenda be adjusted to add information considered confidential by law to Item 6, Executive Session; change Item 7 to Action Items, add 7a; approve new accounts payable clearing account at First Tier Bank; and renumber the balance of the agenda accordingly. Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Approve minutes from the February 11, 2026, Board Meeting and approve February claims for payment:

General 60-67, 24178-24256, 125-131	\$808,657.97
Special Revenue 37-40, 2785-2794, 31-33	\$ 26,026.87
Lunch Fund 11, 2559-2566	\$ 10,226.52
Activity Fund 35-38, 3840-3848	\$ 2,887.92
Major Maintenance 1614-1615	\$ 58,840.89

The consent agenda was adopted as presented.

Reports:

- Principal Dietchman recognized the Students of the Month under the theme of "Trustworthiness", provided updated enrollment numbers, attendance data, and information on student activities and athletics. He also updated the board on the upcoming Bobcat Adventures Family Engagement Night.
- Principal Samuelson introduced the high school art class, which presented their projects in art, yearbook, and photography. Mr. Samuelson also recognized the students of the month under the theme of "Trustworthiness" and recognized Nathan Sanderson for his accomplishments at state powerlifting. He then provided updated enrollment numbers and updates on student activities & athletics, including how the students performed at state events.
- Superintendent Coberly provided the board with an update on maintenance projects throughout the district and the component-level funding status for the high school boiler that passed through the legislature. Dr. Coberly also updated the board on the annual accreditation report, noting that WUSD7 received its highest score to date at 97.8%. He also informed the board of the results of surveys collected and discussions held during the calendar committee meeting, recommending that the school not be in session on the Monday and Friday following Easter Break. Dr. Coberly then addressed the recent legislative session and provided an update on the outcome of bills the school district had been following. Trustee Miller commented that he appreciated the legislators who supported school districts and maintaining local control for school districts and local school boards.

Public Comment:

- Mayor Nick Trandahl complimented the school district and the school board on the work they do for our school district and community. Mayor Trandahl also reported that the City Council passed a resolution to take a 6th penny proposal to the Weston County Commission to place on the ballot this fall for voters to consider. Mayor Trandahl informed the board that the town would like to use funds for a new ambulance, joint communication system for the Town of Upton, paving avenues, and the new community pool.
- The floor was then opened for discussion of public comment on the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Alternate Calendars.
- There were no public comments regarding the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Alternate Calendars.

Discussion and Information:

- GEAR UP Wyoming Presentation – Sherrie Peif, Eastern Wyoming College, shared what GEAR UP does for the students of Upton High School and Upton Middle School. GEAR UP is a federally funded program that provides opportunities for students for college preparatory readiness.
- Board Comment – Trustee Mills congratulated Trey Schneider on his success at State Wrestling. Trustee Rankin personally thanked House District 2 Representative JD Williams for his work on legislation.
- There was no update from WSBA.
- Dr. Coberly gave the legislative update during his report.
- Trustee White reported she was unable to attend the NEW-BOCES meeting.

Executive Session:

Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Mills, to convene to executive session at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried. Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to reconvene to regular session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Action Items:

- Motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Mills, to approve the new accounts payable clearing account at First Tier Bank. Motion carried.
- Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to approve the Alternate Calendars for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Motion carried.

Future Business/Dates:

- Next Regular Board Meeting--April 8, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Budget Work Session--March 31, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Curtis Rankin, Board Chair
Mark Mitchell, Board Clerk

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