

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
Monday, October 10th
6:00 PM – Lockwood Board Room**

Any person present who wishes to address the board or raise any question about public school district matters or governing policies may do so under public participation. **No discussion of personnel or individual students is permitted at this time.** A limit of three minutes is placed on each speaker. Persons who want more time may make arrangements to be placed on a future agenda. The public is also reminded that they may provide input on all motions being considered by the board at this meeting.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: VISITORS WISHING TO RECORD THIS MEETING ELECTRONICALLY MAY DO SO PROVIDING THE RECORDING DOES NOT DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING.

WORK SESSION

Lockwood Trustees are meeting with School District #2 High School Trustees to discuss issues of concern to both districts, build relationships and discuss future opportunities for collaboration. Meeting will be open to public.

1. Call to Order
Pledge to the Flag
Welcome – Introductions
2. Individuals, Delegations, Correspondence
A. Public Comment
3. Topics for Discussion
A. High School Expansion
4. Adjourn



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #26
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, BILLINGS, MT
WORK SESSION MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

October 10, 2016

Chair Tim Sather opened the work session meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The following trustees and officers were present: Billings Public School District 2 Trustees Susan Layton, Gordon Klasna, Tanya Ludwig, Joseph Orazecz, Ph.D, Greta Besch Moen, Ph.D, Janna Hafer, Superintendent Terry Bouck, Financial Officer Mike Arnold and Business Official Daniela Walsh. Lockwood Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Kat Luhman, Michelle Gomez, Joe Borgstrom, Teresa Stroebe, Superintendent Tobin Novasio and District Clerk Laurie Noonkester. SD2 Trustee Mike Leo, Joseph Raffiani, Rob Rogers and Lockwood Trustee Scott Kiekoover were absent from the proceedings.

Guests included Montana State Senator for District 22 Taylor Brown, Evelyn Pyburn with the Yellowstone County News, Matt Hoffman with the Billings Gazette and additional guests as registered.

The Lockwood Board of Trustees are meeting in a work session with School District #2 High School Trustees to discuss issues of concern to both districts, build relationships and discuss future opportunities for collaboration.

Lockwood Board of Trustees Chairman, Tim Sather began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and started the conversation by explaining the reasoning behind the Lockwood Community's desire to expand the school district to include grades 9-12.

Lockwood Trustee Susanne Vinton clarified, the current legislative moratorium prohibiting the creation of new high school districts must be lifted and local control given back to the voters must be addressed before discussions can even have merit.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the desire of SD2 to put forth a survey to gather data whether Billings and Lockwood voters are in favor of an increase in taxes supporting the expansion issue. Lockwood Trustees opposed spending tax payer monies by asking a question regarding something that is currently illegal.

SD2 Trustee Janna Hafer posed the direct question, “What is the Lockwood Board asking of the SD2 Board?” Lockwood Chairman Tim Sather answered, “To not fight against us and the right to vote on the issue.”

Further discussion on the SD2 proposed survey was held.

State Senator Taylor Brown discussed the details of SB107 and addressed concerns of the SD2 Trustees regarding K-12 expansion issue. He further suggested both Trustees work together using SB107 language as a basis.

Lockwood Chairman Tim Sather concluded the work session by adjourning at 7:31 p.m.

Tim Sather, Chairperson

Laurie Noonkester, District Clerk