

Campbell County School District Board of Trustees
Special Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 4:15 pm
Educational Service Center, Rocky Point Room

Present: Tim Albin, Mary Brunner, Mark Christensen, Lisa Durgin, Tim Hallinan, Larry Steiger, Rollo Williams, Alex Ayers, Kirby Eisenhauer, Dave Bartlett, Melanie Sylte, Alison Gee, and Tracy Peterson.

Others: Luke Danforth, Susan Monaghan, Darla Cox

Dr. Ayers shared the topic of the dinner meeting: 1) Special Education Update – Out of District Placement; 2) Campbell County School District Transition Academy and Project Search

Special Education Director Luke Danforth provided information on out-of-district special education placements. Schools may place students in out-of-district facilities when a student's needs, particularly those related to a disability, cannot be met within the local school district. This is mandated by federal and state laws, most notably the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which mandates that all children with disabilities receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Chapter 7 of the Wyoming Rules and Regulations Governing the Education of Students with Disabilities.

Reasons for out-of-district placements include meeting the student's unique needs, a continuum of placements, court-ordered or medically necessary placements, family placements, and a lack of local capacity.

The placement decision is made by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, which includes parents, educators, and other specialists. The team must carefully consider whether the placement is necessary to address the students' educational needs. The goal is always to provide an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment possible.

Campbell County School District Transition Academy is an extension of the high school designed to provide programming specifically geared toward a student's post-secondary goals. The program is based on the IEP goals, focusing on repetition and mastery of essential life and vocational skills that are developed in collaboration with both the student and their parent. Students learn practical skills and participate in various community activities and outings, such as community volunteering, community integration, and independent living skills.

The Project Search program is a collaborative, year-long transition program for high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Hosted by Campbell County in collaboration with CCSD, the program focuses on providing students with on-the-job training and skills development to prepare them for long-term, competitive employment. Students are placed in internships to gain practical work experience. In addition to work experience, students will volunteer in community service during the workshop weeks between internships. Upon completion of the program, students will have a completed resume and a portfolio of acquired skills to support them in their job search.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM, with no action taken by the board.

Administrative Assistant Tracy Peterson

Chairman

Clerk