

Good for you, LCSD2. Good for you.

Is it possible that the doofuses at the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle don't know that a school district can meet in executive session (away from prying eyes) to consider an applicant for employment?

Come on, Mike. If you can't teach Reed anything, hire someone who can learn.

W.S. § 16-4-405 Executive sessions.

(a) A governing body of an agency may hold executive sessions not open to the public;

(ii) To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public officer, professional person or employee,

What in that wording of Wyoming Statute is so hard for the WT-E to grasp?

Can a school board opt to hold those interviews in public? Yes. But they have the legal right to do it in closed session.

A few years back, the WT-E (under the control of Reed Eckhardt) stridently editorialized for the merging of Laramie County School District 2 into LCSD1. In spite of the rural schools of eastern Laramie County outperforming city schools in almost every measurable area, Eckhardt wanted to bring them under the control of the superintendent of LCSD1.

Why in the world would LCSD2 concern themselves with the rantings of a guy who wanted their education decimated?

Eckhardt also favored closing the best schools in all of Laramie County - the Albin junior and senior high schools.

The Cheyenne Herald, on the other hand, has always favored schools in small, rural towns and would not favor bringing the best schools under the control of the worst schools (performance-wise).

It was a non-candidate (yet a board member) in LCSD2 who caused the closing of the Albin schools. So, it's not like they can't do wrong. They can and they have.

But, because they are legally within their rights to hold closed session meetings to interview and choose a new superintendent out there - and because a number of the board members are new - the way they went about it was just fine.

Did they make a good choice? Did they make the best choice? Who knows. Some people interview terribly and perform admirably - some are just the opposite. Any time a very small school district can hire someone with experience, that is a plus. The one they hired has a great deal of experience. What often happens is that the person hired quickly adopts a "us versus them" attitude and relations quickly deteriorate. The head of LCCC is a classic example. If the new superintendent of LCSD2 has self-confidence and believes he can be honest without risking his job, students and parents out there will be well-served.

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The 2009 schedule of home games (all home games are played on Saturdays at 1:00 pm - at Johnson Junior High Field):

May 30, 2009 vs Colorado Springs Flames

June 13, 2009 vs. Denver (Thornton) Pirates

June 27, 2009 vs. Broomfield Dawgs

July 18, 2009 vs. Mile High (Englewood) Grizzlies

Dumping dealers

It's not a good idea to have a president run private enterprise in the USA. Especially not a Democrat president.

To force the large domestic automakers into bankruptcy to legitimize their dumping hundreds of dealerships, stinks.

In a city like Cheyenne, new car buyers have no reason to get very concerned. If all the new car dealers in town were closed, there are others within 45 minutes. But, to some in rural towns, that is not the case and selling new and used cars is not all car dealerships do.

A new car dealership in a rural town may sell different brands (but losing the GM or Chrysler brands might not leave them enough makes to survive) and other products, like farm implements, riding mowers or tractors. Even appliances.

More importantly, those dealerships also serve all makes and models of cars and trucks - not just those they sell.

And they provide long-term employment with decent pay and benefits to people who will not likely be able to replace that quality of employment. To many in small towns and rural areas, jobs at a new car dealership are the only jobs they'll ever have - or need. To politicians in Washington, D.C., whose closest involvement with working people was to organize picnics for them in Chicago, the loss is too remote for them to be concerned about.

New car dealerships are often the major contributors to civic activities such as sports teams sponsorships and the local school's program and scholarships.

You have to question the morality of forcing this demise upon dealerships and the wisdom of forcing new car buyers to have to buy the very cars they have hated for so many years - the one's with foreign nameplates on the trunk. These same dealers now deemed expendable spent years trying to market what had become second rate vehicles. Some gratitude.

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Always on the lookout for the next Goliath