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Nirider chosen to fill trustee vacancy

(Lander) – Public Health Nurse Teresa M. Nirider was chosen today (Friday, Jan. 15, 2010) to fill a vacancy on the Fremont County School District 1 Board of Trustees created with the resignation of board vice-chairman Y.T. Sempert last month.

Following a 20 minute-long executive session that convened at 7 o'clock this morning, FCSD 1 trustee Bob Budd made a motion to appoint Nirider to the seat. Trustee John Schumacher seconded and the vote was unanimous.

"This was not an easy choice and I hope that those we did not choose will continue to keep in touch and run for the office this fall," trustee Dave Clark said. "It is heartening the quality of people who came forward," he said. A total of six candidates had applied for the seat.

Nirider is a licensed registered nurse who is a member of the district's Wellness Committee. Among her many community involvements, Nirider also has served on a number of health-related community groups, including the Department of Family Services' Child Protection Team, Fremont Counseling Service's Responsible Alcohol and Tobacco Cessation task forces, the Fremont County Coroner's Child Fatality Review Team and she served as the co-chair of the Tough Enough Cancer Fund. Additionally, Nirider is a Fremont County 4-H leader, she serves on the Community Emergency Response Team and was a member of the School District 25 Health Committee when she lived in Riverton.

During her interview before the board on Monday evening, Nirider said she saw correlations between school and community goals, and that she would work to provide the best quality instruction possible for all students. She also said it was important that the board stay focused on its current direction, and that she would support the current strategic plan.

Nirider is the parent of a Starrett Junior High eighth grade student and, in her letter of application for the position, she noted that she has a "strong and vested interest in the educational needs of all students in our community." Nirider noted her broad array of experience and knowledge would be an asset to the board should she would be chosen.

Nirider will fill out the remaining 10 months of Sempert's term, During her interview Monday night, she indicated that she would seek election this fall to a full term on the board. She now becomes the second female member of the board of trustees, joining Susan Crane, who was elected to the board just over one year ago.

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