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# Child Care

## • Board mulls old CMS site for new training facility

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The Sheridan Economic & Educational Development Authority Joint Powers Board is discussing with Sheridan-area developer Paul DelRossi a possible site for a child-care center/Sheridan College training facility, said Chairman Tom Sachse at the board's Tuesday meeting.

The facility is being funded by a \$3 million grant from the Wyoming Business Council.

DelRossi has an option-to-buy agreement with Whitney Benefits Inc., which owns the former Central Middle School site — a portion of which on the west side facing Loucks Street the board has identified as a possible location for the center, Sachse said.

Opening Loucks east-west through the site would provide convenient access for pickup and drop-off of children at the center, Sachse said.

However, Sachse said one of DelRossi's concerns is that through-traffic could create a safety hazard for small children at the center.

Another concern is the effect increased traffic would have on "the quality of the neighborhood" for current area residents (e.g., noise), Sachse said.

In addition, Sachse said DelRossi said the proposed location and opening of Loucks would divide the remainder of the site into smaller sections, which might complicate his plans to develop it as a combined residential and commercial center.

The board set a special meeting for 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Sheridan County School District 2 administration office, 201 N. Connor St., to further discuss with DelRossi his concerns and possible solutions.

A public meeting will also take place at noon Monday at City Hall specifically on the possibility of opening Loucks Street, said Mayor Dave Kinsky, who is a board member.

The board's next regular meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at City Hall.



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