

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 21, 2015

District Office, Panguitch, Utah

Board members present: President Ken Platt, Vice President, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage.

Superintendent Ben Dalton was present and Business Administrator Patty Murphy.

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Ken Platt called the meeting to order.

Welcome

President Ken Platt extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Melaney Draper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve April 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve April 2015 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Home School Affidavit (None at this time)**
- F. Letter of Recognition (None at this time)**

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and thank those employees that are resigning for their service. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

- A. Board Reports**

Ken Platt attended the Adult Inmate graduation and EHS graduation. He also attended the PES kindergarten graduation and really enjoyed all of them.

Cheryl Cox attended EHS graduation. The Boulder Preschool is averaging 8-10 students in attendance and is going very well.

Melaney Draper attended the PHS awards assembly and Senior Tea. She enjoyed having the awards assembly being on a different night than graduation.

Myron Cottam attended EHS graduation and the Adult Inmate graduation.

Mike Savage attended the EHS graduation and the Adult Inmate graduation. He referred to a letter that he received regarding the awards ceremony at PHS. Some of the presenters felt that the award ceremony should be more professional, organized and that the facilities should be clean.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Stakeholder Survey

The Garfield School District has been working with the U of U policy center to provide a stakeholder survey. The surveys will be available to the public April 1st - April 17th.

2. USOE Secondary Math Standards Review

The Utah State Board of Education released draft changes to secondary mathematics standards for a 90-day public comment period. The Board also revised its standards adoption process. They also asked for a rule to be drafted about components of Utah's Public Educator Evaluation Requirements (PEER) program for annual educator evaluation ratings. They also agreed to form a digital teaching and learning task force to look at that issue in elementary and secondary schools. The full summary may be viewed at:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/board/Meetings/Summary.aspx>

3. Extra-Curricular Student Numbers

Superintendent Dalton reported the number of student participants and coaches at each high school. There was a request for the information so that they Board could make a decision about paying a cross country boys and girls coach and assistant coach. Currently only one coach and one assistant are paid for the entire team. A copy of the document was included on Board Docs.

4. Garfield County Commissioner Meeting Update

Superintendent Dalton and Business Administrator Patty Murphy attended the Garfield County Commission meeting. They discussed the declining student numbers and the economic development in the County. The Commissioners were very supportive. They announced they would be holding a meeting on May 26, 2015 so that they can declare a State of Emergency for our County and the economic situation. It will become an action item on their June 8, 2015 meeting. They hope to have several Representatives and Congressman in attendance. The Board has been invited.

C. Business Administrator Report

Patty reported that the FY14 Audit did not contain some of the information that she felt should be there. She invited Ray Bartholomew of Squire Auditing to help get the numbers and information she needed to help build the FY16 Budget. He provided a list of items that he felt would benefit the District and help get the financials in compliance and order. The Board and Patty would like to send out an RFP for new auditors.

D. Request for Funds

Superintendent and the Board received a letter from a student requesting funds to help pay for the Governor's Honor Academy at SUU. The Board would like her to report back after the Academy.

5. Board Action Items

A. Summer Camps and Clinics Fee

Bryce Valley and Panguitch High Schools presented summer camps to be approved by the Board. A copy of each camp and the required paperwork was included on Board Docs. Escalante High School did not have any camps to be approved.

Mike Savage made a motion to approve the fees for summer camps and clinics and approve them as school sponsored activities. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

1. Utah State Board of Education Resolution

The Utah State Board of Education approved a resolution that supports legislation to amend the Utah Enabling Act to modernize the distribution formula for the permanent State School Fund. Legislation for other states has already been amended to give more control to those states. A copy of the resolution was attached to Board Docs.

2. SEDC Legislative Steak Fry

The Annual SEDC Legislative Steak Fry will be held on June 10, 2015. All Board members plan to attend.

7. Board Business

A. Set June 2015 School Board Meeting

The date of the June Board meeting will be June 11, 2015 and will begin at 12:00PM. The meeting will be held at Boulder Elementary School.

B. 3rd Grade PES Student to Recite Gettysburg Address

Superintendent was able to hear Gideon Willard recite the Gettysburg Address and wanted him to share his talent with the Board. He was the only one in his class to memorize the entire Address. He recited the Address word-for-word for the Board. The Board and all those in attendance were very impressed with his presentation. The Board presented him with a \$10 gift certificate to show their appreciation.

C. Panguitch Middle School STEM Video

Teacher Shawn Caine gave the following report:

The 7th grade students learned how to use Adobe Premiere to produce this video. The students collaborated and came up with idea for the video. They got all but one student in the 7th grade to participate. Students did the video editing and wrote the parts for the students to read. The Students also taught the other students how to use the voice recorder. Once they had the images, videos, voice recordings, all on one computer, it all came together. Again teamwork, follow through, and 21st skills is the key. Every student who participated in this program felt like they learned a lot. It wasn't easy, but time and using problem solving skills they accomplished the task. The students loved to work together. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Caine for her enthusiasm with this program and the students.

D. Future Board Items

Cheryl Cox asked Superintendent Dalton to add the FY17 Calendar adoption to be approved in January of next year instead of May.

She would also like to discuss the future of the Boulder Elementary Preschool.

Superintendent Dalton also reported that he and Patty had a negotiation meeting with the GSEA. They agreed to a 2% COLA and also steps and lanes will be funded. The 4.2% increase in insurance will be covered by the District. The secretaries will receive a paid holiday on Labor Day. The paras starting salary will be the same for steps 1-3 which will be \$10.34 for FY16. The paras will remain on the step for years 1-3 and advance in the fourth year. GSEA also asked to review conflicting policies that state classified can/or cannot become career employees.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

9. Executive Session

A. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

B. Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Myron Cottam made a motion to go into an Executive Session for Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. , Cheryl Cox, Myron, Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Adjournment

Melaney Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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