

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

June 11, 2015

Boulder Elementary School, Boulder, Utah

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Patty Murphy were present.

Visitors present were Amelia England, Elizabeth Julian, and Mary Behunin.

**BOARD MEETING**

**1. Open Meeting**

**Welcome**

Vice President Cheryl Cox extended a welcome to all who were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Myron Cottam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Budget Hearing**

Board members received a copy of the budget. Business Administrator Patty Murphy discussed the demographics of the county relating to the budget. She reviewed the details of changes being made to the FY16 Budget, which included salary increases and insurance rates. Superintendent Ben Dalton and Patty Murphy presented information on the FY15 revised and the FY16 budgets.

**3. Open Regular Session**

**4. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Approve May 2015 Financial Reports**

**B. FY2016 Salary Schedules**

**C. Approve May 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes**

**D. Approve Hiring Recommendations**

Andrea Brinkerhoff BVES part-time kindergarten teacher

Hilary Bonner BVES part-time preschool teacher

Jason Eyre District Technology Specialist

Annette Orton District Payroll Specialist

**E. Letters of Resignation**

Jennifer Fischer PHS Softball Coach

**F. Auditor RFP**

**G. Home School Affidavit (None at this time).**

**H. Letter of Recognition**

PHS Boys and Girls Track received a letter from UHAA commending them on their outstanding season.

Two letters of support for PHS Girls softball program which was new this season.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Certified Salary Schedule. Superintendent Ben Dalton will meet with the educators for negotiation. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**5. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**6. Reports**

**A. Board Reports**

Myron Cottam attended the legislative meeting yesterday on Cedar Mountain. He thought it was worthwhile and enjoyed conversation with the legislators. He felt they did a good job for education this year.

Mike Savage missed the meeting last night. He had a UHSA meeting today that interfered with the school board meeting.

Melaney Draper expressed that it is a busy month with graduation and budgets. She met with legislators last night and educated them regarding Garfield County's perspectives. She had good discussions.

Cheryl Cox agreed that it was a good meeting last night with the legislators. She added that to know them better makes it easier to contact them. County Commissioners have asked for information. She hopes to engage in good problem solving discussions with the commissioners.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

**1. Declining Student Enrollment**

A slide show from the presentation with the County Commissioners regarding student enrollment is available on the District webpage.

Superintendent Ben Dalton made a formal request asking commissioners to bring State Legislators and US Congress Representatives to the discussions. He is answering the media's questions regarding numbers. He is working with the State Office to obtain this information.

**2. UETN Board Meeting**

Superintendent Dalton attended UETN board meeting for a five-year plan regarding technology. There was a discussion about trying to create additional revenue. Telehealth usually bills for their services; however, the education profession provides their services for free. Superintendent Dalton likes the connectivity piece for networking. There is also the core curriculum piece with downloads for teachers. There was a discussion about what do they actually provide and what do we actually need them to provide. This task force was created to handle the one-to-one device initiative (SB 222). Superintendent would like to see the bill allow school districts to be able to receive money for technology but to use it at their discretion of the School Board as every district is different.

**C. GCSD Cybercorps Grant**

GCSD has teamed with SEDC region to apply for Cybercorps Grant. Students will be working with technology in the schools to troubleshoot and learn the technical skills. It is anticipated that it will be funded. Superintendent will have more information at the next board meeting,

**D. USOE ASPIRE Changes**

A private vendor sued the State Office of Education. The complaint was that state funds should not compete against the private sector. The State had a monopoly in this field. It went to an equalization board. They ruled in favor of the private vendor. School Districts now worry that the State Office will remove themselves from SIS and ASPIRE. School superintendents met with State Superintendent, Brad Smith, asking him to consider assessing districts a fee per student instead of buying a new software package.

**E. SB222 Task Force**

This item was addressed under the Superintendent's Report.

**F. Business Administrator Report**

No report at this time.

**7. Board Action Items**

**A. Consideration of Adoption of 2014-2015 Final Legal Budget**

Myron Cottam made a motion to open the budget of FY15. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the changes to the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

Melaney Draper made a motion to close the 2014-2015 Final Budget. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**B. Consideration of 2015-2016 Tentative Budget and Tax Rates**

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget and accept the certified tax rate. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**C. Teacher Computer Bids**

Three bids were submitted for the teacher computers. Mike Savage made a motion to accept the ITsavvy bid. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**D. Camps and Clinics**

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Escalante High School volleyball camp with fees as a school sponsored activity. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**E. Gym Floor Finish Bids**

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve Hillyard Supply for the gym floor finish. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**8. Board Discussion Items**

1. **Update on graduation requirements for English**  
The State Office proposed changes regarding Language Arts requirements for graduation. It may include Debate (Forensics). For concurrent enrollment they are now allowing juniors to enroll in English 1010 or 2010, if the colleges will let them in.
2. **Spring Sports Mileage Update**  
Transportation numbers were provided regarding mileage. The softball team came in under budget than what the Board had approved. The golf team used cars due to low numbers. Track miles were listed as well. Discussed combining schools onto one bus. Suggested incentives for schools that shared transportation costs instead of taking two buses.
3. **USOE Trust Lands Audit Report**  
It was recommended to spend funds available during the current year. The audit will be reviewed with administrators at the next meeting.
4. **GCSD Draft Preschool Policy**  
Preliminary discussion regarding the draft preschool policy. The logistics are being formulated. There is not a State policy to adopt. Discussed scholarship ideas or options. Transportation may be an issue for the Boulder area.
5. **County Commissioner Community Meetings**  
The District presentation from June 8<sup>th</sup> on demographics to the County Commission in Panguitch is available on the District website.
6. **GCSD Survey Information**  
Survey information was posted in public content. Info will be given to individual schools and administrators. This will be addressed in admin meeting to determine how they will utilize the data provided.
7. **RFP for Auditor**  
Business Administrator Patty Murphy will get the info to 12 different auditor firms across the state. It is due back on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Board Business**

- A. **Set July 2015 School Board Meeting**

July Board meeting will Thursday, July 16, 2015 and will begin at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Ruby's Inn. Discussion will include a review of Board goals.

**B. Future Board Items**

Cheryl Cox suggested educational strategic planning, such as "Where do we want to go? What do we want to do? "

**10. Public Comment**

There were concerns about food services in Boulder.

**11. Executive Session**

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

Melaney Draper made a motion to go into an Executive Session for Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

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

**10. Adjournment**

Mike Savage made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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