

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 16, 2015

Ruby's Inn - Bryce Canyon City, Utah

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Patty Murphy were present.

No visitors were present.

BOARD MEETING

1. Open Meeting

Welcome

Ken Platt extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

A flag was not available; therefore the Pledge of Allegiance was omitted.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve June 2015 Financial Reports

Mike was concerned that some of the reports were missing from the schools. Ken commented that legally they were required.

B. Approve June 11, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes

A change was made to the minutes regarding the work meeting and Board meeting.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

1. Shayne Chynoweth – BVHS Assistant cheer coach
2. Jodi Henrie – PES teacher, 1-year contract
3. Kami Savage – PES kindergarten teacher, part time

D. Letters of Resignation

1. Dawn VanHouten – Hatch Bus Route

E. Letter of Recognition - None

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Myron Cottam 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. School Board Report

Melaney went to the County Commissioner meeting in Panguitch.

Mike didn't have anything to report.

Ken went to the County Commissioner meeting at Bryce Valley.

Cheryl attended the Escalante County Commissioner meeting and is keeping up with Facebook.

Myron did not have a report.

B. Superintendent's Report

C. SB 222 Task Force Update

Superintendent represented the UETN committee. They interviewed three consultants and will recommend one to the legislative committee. They found that none of the companies can meet the specifications of the RFP. As a committee they have not decided who to recommend. Senator Howard Stevenson sits on the committee as well as Board presidents. There are a lot of stakeholders on the committee to make sure it's done correctly.

D. New Teacher Computer

New teacher computers were ordered and delivered. Jason Eyre, Technology Director, is imaging the computers. They will have the latest software for the smart boards. There is a teacher site license for Adobe premiere to access PDF documents and edit them.

E. Microsoft Office Update

The Microsoft purchase was approved at the District level. This allows all employees to have 2013 Microsoft Office on PC & Macs. It allows

students to access Microsoft Suite on 5 compatible devices at no additional cost. The total cost was \$5,000. A code will allow them to download it. It should be available to the Board.

F. GCSD Core Academy Update

Superintendent received completed scope and sequences from Core Academy. The resources will be pulled together and put on the website. The teachers appreciate the time they are allowed to collaborate. Each teacher had their own individual logins to set up virtual planning books.

G. New LA Reading Wonders Program Update

The District was awarded the licenses for Waterford Upstart. The student and teachers resources were delivered. Three and four-year-olds can access the Upstart program. Kindergarten through 3rd grade can access math, language arts, and science through an on-line platform. It's 15 minutes a day for 5 days a week. It works for homeschool as well. It's game oriented and students like it.

H. GCSD Opening Institute Aug 25

The Opening Institute is at Bryce Valley High School on August 25th at 8:00 am. The keynote speaker is Bob Sonju. The District will have breakout training session with Reading Wonders, technology, Aspire, Alio Employee Portal, etc. The buses will run from Escalante and Panguitch to meet in Tropic.

5. Board Action Items

A. Auditor Proposal

It was discussed in the work meeting that the evaluation committee recommended that the contract be awarded to Squire and Company. Cheryl made a motion to approve audit proposal evaluations committee selection of Squire and Company for audit services for FY2015-2019. Melaney seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike, and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Bus Purchase

The bus bid from Bryson for \$133,206 on a State contract. This is a travel bus for Panguitch. Myron made a motion to approve the purchase of a new bus. Cheryl seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Myron, Mike, and Melaney voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

C. RFP Roof replacement for PHS & EHS

Mike made a motion to table the roof replacements. Myron seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

D. RFP Surveying Company

Mike made a motion to table the RFP Surveying Company. Myron seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

E. GEA Negotiations

Cheryl made a motion to accept the GEA Negotiations to include the educator summer preparation days with a PLC component with other teachers. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Certified Salary Pay Scale 2015-2016

FY2016 Certified Base Salary plus the Educator Salary Adjustment (\$4,200) Schedule and the FY2016 Certified Base Salary Schedule which includes the \$62 negotiation from years past. It was distributed to the employees and the association with no concerns.

Cheryl Cox motion to approve the FY16 Salary Schedule as presented. Myron seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

G. Summer Ag Contract

Ralph Perkins contract was presented by Brent Judd for Panguitch and Bryce Valley. Cheryl made a motion to approve the Summer Ag contract for Ralph Perkins as presented by Brent Judd. Mike seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike, and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. GCSD Draft Preschool Policy

There will be preschools across the District with the option for fee waivers for those who qualify. The school will define the need for volunteers. This needs to be advertised so it can start in September.

B. County Commissioner Community Meetings Information

Superintendent drafted a letter informing the commissioners that we're looking forward to being invited to the 30 day roundtable discussion and we'll invite them to our meeting (August 4th).

C. GCSD Survey Information

In work meeting, Kristen Swenson sent through the survey with the Board. It was determined that there are areas to work on. They will be tied into the goals. The Board will gather stakeholder input.

D. Student Fee Schedule 2015-2016

Some fees will be removed from the schedule. The proposed fees were discussed and attached. It is also on the website. It will be taken to administrators.

E. Capital Project Update

The RFP's are out for the roofing and surveying project. The District may request the Board to come together to award the RFP's in a non-regularly scheduled Board meeting if needed. Damon has been working with the inmate work program to finish the gym floors. Damon trained the inmates to run the sanders and lay the finish.

F. College Credit to High School Credit Conversion

Superintendent will present in the August board meeting a guideline for parents and students on how concurrent enrollment will count on a high school transcript. The same grade will be transferred to the transcript in the area identified. It will also list areas of opportunities that students may not have known about. This will be an action item for the next board meeting. It will also be presented to administration.

G. GCSD Employee Leave Policy

The employee leave policy that was adopted from 2013 will have red text for additions or changes that are part of the negotiations. It will be on the website for 30 days then up for approval.

H. 2015 USBA Model Policy Update

The USBA has made changes in over 70 policies to be compliant with legislation. Once the Board approves these, the website will be updated with the current policies. This will be an action item in the August. A red line is additional wording to be considered.

7. Board Business

A. Set August 2015 School Board Meeting

August Board meeting will Thursday, Aug 20th, 2015 and will begin at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the District office. Discussion will include a review of Board goals.

B. Future Board Items

The Board meeting schedule will be an action item to the next meeting.

8. Public Comments

No public comment at this time.

9. Executive Session

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

Myron made a motion to go into an Executive Session for Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Cheryl seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Myron, Melaney, and Mike voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Mike made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Melaney seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken, Cheryl, Melaney, Mike, and Myron voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Adjournment

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

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