

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

September 24, 2015

Antimony Elementary School, 140 North Highway 22, Antimony, Utah 84712

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**

Cheryl Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Approve August 2015 Financial Reports**

It was recommended that other schools use the same format as Bryce Valley High School to submit financial reports.

**B. Approve August 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes**

The school board minutes were e-mailed for approval.

**C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**

Superintendent Ben Dalton e-mailed the Para Summary spreadsheet to the board members. Openings in Bryce Valley and Boulder were reviewed.

Discussed the food service menu planner/nutri kids position and menu flexibility between schools.

BVHS - Erica Shakespear, Para Educator

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PES - Cassidy Fehr, SpEd Para Educator

EHS - Lisa Nez, Food Service Manager

EHS - Mary Behunin, Food Service Worker  
BVES - Summer Mathews, Para Educator  
BVES - Geni Senary, Para Computer Lab  
AES - Sara Oyler, Substitute Teacher  
PHS - Scott Henrie, Substitute Teacher  
PES - Kathleen Cooper, Substitute Teacher  
EES - Tempe Jenkins, Para Educator,  
EES - Sannette Cottam, Para Educator,  
EES - Shannon Spence, Pre-school Para Educator  
PHS- Karie Millett- Ed Net SpEd Para Educator  
BES - Judith Geil, Substitute Teacher  
PMS - Arlene Davenport, Food Service Manager  
PMS - Cathy Woolsey, Menu Planner/Nutri-kids  
PES - Vonnice Parkin, Pre-school Teacher  
BES - Kristina Karlsson, Substitute Teacher  
BVHS - Brian Clark, Food Service Worker

**D. Letters of Resignation**

There were no letters of resignation.

**E. Home School Affidavit**

Two home school affidavits were attached on the agenda.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0, with the exception of Myron recusing himself from the new hire of Sannette Cottam.

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**4. Reports**

**A. School Board Report**

Mike Savage attended a UHSA meeting one week which was mostly administrative. In the next UHSA meeting classifications of sports was discussed. The intent is to split up the current 1A division. It wouldn't take place until August of 2017 if approved. Mike attended a leadership training where Bob Sonju spoke. He also attended a presentation by Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox.

Melaney Draper went to a meeting at SUU where shortage of teachers was discussed as well as performance based pay.

Ken Platt went to a school board president leadership meeting. At the state convention, they want districts to submit art work from the students. Richard Stowell is the contact person. Joellen Shaffer from the state office gave a presentation on SAGE. The fall regional meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Cedar City.

Discussed getting legislatures into the schools with upcoming events. Senator Okerland expressed an interest from the emergency declaration.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

Time was not spent on items covered in work meeting.

**C. ACT in Utah**

Over 40,000 Utah students took the ACT exam in 2015. The public school students equaled 97% of that total. Utah is in the top percentages of the overall students who took the ACT. However, it's not likely that 97% will go to college.

**D. Most states funding schools less than before the recession**

Deseret news article link that shows the actual study was included on the agenda.

**E. GCSD Student Enrollment 2010-2015**

Patty Murphy has been working on student enrollment. There is an overall decrease of 13 students. There is a downward trend from previous years.

**F. USSA Superintendent Meeting Report**

Superintendent attended the meeting held Sept 14th. Richard Kindell with Prosperity 20/20 and Education First was present. This group supports early intervention (pre-kindergarten) and full day kindergarten. There is somewhat of a division between the governor's office and a few legislatures. The governor wants to put the increase money into the WPU for flexibility. They don't want to add additional line items in the budget that could create bureaucracy with audits. Some want a specific line item for devices (the 1 to 1 initiative). Small schools asked that the current line items be funded.

The legislature placed \$100 million in the "rainy day fund." There was a discussion about how much is really needed. The gas tax was discussed as well.

USOE is shifting from a consultant service entity into an audit checks/balances to ensure state and federal regulations. The legal department used to provide counseling to districts. Now the expertise is gone. USOE has a new role or view. They have oversight and management over districts. Rural districts will feel the impact of this.

A professional development bill was filed. Districts are in favor of this. There is a need and the legislatures recognized that improvement of instruction in classrooms.

**G. K-3 Reading Achievement Program Update**

There are different views on preschool and kindergarten. Bills filed include optional full day for all kindergarten, or optional kindergarten for at risk students. Preschool funding possibilities were discussed in the work meeting.

**H. USOE Public Comment on Elementary Mathematics Standards**

Elementary Mathematical Standards were approved by the Utah State Board of Education on September 18th for a ninety-day public review period. People need to comment if they are concerned about math standards.

Reviewed the Top 25 schools. Superintendent is thrilled with how well Garfield schools have done. He complimented the principals, teachers, parents, and students. The article is on the web page and in the newspaper.

**I. Garfield Online Update**

An update from Kim Quarnberg, on Sept 21st Garfield Online High School had 54 students enrolled, not including credit recovery or regular district high school students who are taught by GCSD teachers.

**J. USOE Public Review of Elementary Math Standards**

Duplicate item see letter "H."

**K. GCSD 2014-2015 SAGE Date Report**

Superintendent Ben Dalton will put the SAGE scores in an article in the newspaper.

**L. Study says Utah spends less now to educate children.**

See the attached links on board docs for articles on "Utah spends less on education."

**M. GCSD Degree Information.**

See the attached table on Board Docs. The information compared Garfield to other districts of surrounding areas. The table included the number of people with or without degrees. This info was provided by Garfield County.

**N. SHARP Survey Data**

The SHARP survey data is in the executive content to read through. The info will be passed onto state health entities. The local health department and sheriff's office will be allowed to have access to the data. Cheryl Cox expressed concern regarding a 10th grade class. Principals and counselors will review the data as well to see if issues need to be addressed.

**O. FY15 Adult Ed Audit**

Information in the Admin Content regarding the Adult Education audit. The auditors found everything they needed. The Adult Ed program is successful at the jail. The district can do a better job of promoting that this program isn't just for inmates.

**P. FY15 Membership Audit**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Q. BA Report**

LyNese Miller did great job in completing the state student membership report. The audit report was perfect. Annette Orton started this summer. Patty and she have been working on open enrollment for new employees and current employees. Alio has a new employee service portal which will be capable of more things in the future (W-4 exemptions, leave, etc.).

**5. Board Action Items**

**A. GCSD Draft Preschool Policy**

There was no response either positive or negative regarding the preschool policy. Melanie Draper made a motion to approve the preschool policy. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

**B. GCSD Mini Grants**

There was a screening process for the mini grants. Applications were ranked with a "1" being the most important. Superintendent asked for flexibility on the motion if items are found that are similar to purchase for other schools. For example, there are old smart boards that need to be replaced. He will bring the info back in the next board meeting. It is approximately \$100,000. Myron Cottam made a motion to accept

the priority 1's and give the superintendent flexibility working with priority 2's. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

**6. Board Discussion Items**

**A. USBA 2015 Fall Regional Meeting Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

This item was already discussed earlier in this meeting. See the school board report.

**B. Student Handbook**

There was a discussion about doing a student handbook instead of a district handbook. Schools would work with the community council. A request was sent out to other districts asking about school constitution or district handbook, etc. This will be available in the next board meeting.

**7. Board Business**

**A. Set Next Month's Meeting**

Next month's Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Escalante. The work meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm as well.

**B. Future Board Items**

Patty Murphy requested that the audit report be moved from December to November.

**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.**

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

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

**10. Adjournment**

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

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