

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 22, 2015

Escalante High School, 800 East Highway 12, Escalante, Utah 84726

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.

Visitors were also 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.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve September 2015 Financial Reports

The September 2015 Financial Reports were revised. The correct revenue report is on board docs.

B. Approve September 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes

The September school board minutes were e-mailed for approval.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

PHS – Kelly Holman, Head Softball Coach

PES – Marissa Millett, Para Educator – SpEd/Intervention

PES – Samuel Vasquez, Para Educator

PES – Laura Cox, Substitute Teacher

D. Letters of Resignation

PES – Cassidy Fehr, Para Educator

PES – Nanci Dennis, Para Educator

EHS – Monica Taylor, Para Educator

EHS – Monica Taylor, Volleyball Coach

E. Letter of Recognition

When the board visited Escalante Elementary School today, they complimented them for high achieving Title 1 award. They have received this for seven years.

F. Home School Affidavit

Home school affidavits were under the executive content.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. 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.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

Ken Platt mentioned that USBA is coming up with a new school board self-evaluation. Ken is up for re-election in January to serve on the USBA board. He would like to be nominated again. He represents five districts.

Cheryl Cox attended Escalante's college and career day. She commented it was fun to see the kids engaged with future options. She also attended Boulder community council. The website should be updated.

Melaney Draper went to the regional legislative meetings in Cedar. She enjoyed meeting with other boards and discussing their challenges.

Mike Savage reported that the realignment committee is considering 6 classifications (1A-6A) for sports. Panguitch would stay at 1A based on enrollment numbers. Six classifications gives schools a better chance to compete.

Myron Cottam didn't have anything to report at this time.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent thanked the board for scheduling their time to meet with the Escalante schools faculty. He also thanked the faculty for accommodating them.

C. Teacher shortages

Discussed teacher shortages across the state. Some schools are operating with substitutes teachers due to teacher shortage. A few teachers are unable to pass the praxis assessment. In Garfield County, one in three teachers are within retirement in five years. Students are needed who want to come back to rural Utah. Retirement and insurance has significantly been reduced. Legislatures could increase teacher salaries.

D. USOE 90 Day Curriculum Review Update

Curriculum reviews for Physical Education (90 days), Science (30 days), and Fine Arts (90 day) are open for public comment.

E. USOE “Opt-out” Forms

Parents can choose to "opt-out" their children from SAGE testing. The civics test is required for seniors this year. Passage of the civics exam is required for graduation. The parents are free to opt-out but there are consequences on the other side such as matching funds from the state that are tied to DIBELS.

F. Performance Based Pay

A committee is being put together to work on performance based pay. It will be 2 meetings a month with a policy to the board by March 2016. It has to be implemented by August 2016.

G. BA Report

The annual program report was due to the state office on October 1st. It was not submitted. Patty is working with the auditor to reconcile the reports balances. In order to get accurate beginning balance, the auditor had to go back to FY 2011 to get some numbers.

5. Board Action Items

A. Winter Sports Schedules

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the winter sports schedules. 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.

Out of state travel was approved last spring for PHS. They arranged rental cars with insurance. BHVS will need to make this arrangement to go to Page. The sophomore tournament costs will be passed onto the school because it's optional, not required for region or state.

B. 150 Mile Contest Approval

BVHS Wrestling – Page, Arizona (varsity)

PHS Girls Basketball - Mesquite, Nevada (varsity)
EHS Wrestling - Salt Lake, St. George and Enterprise (varsity)
EHS Boys Basketball - Water Canyon (JV)

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the 150 mile contest approval. 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.

C. UCA Approval

Utah Consolidated Plan (UCA) must be presented in a public meeting and approved with the plans.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the UCA approval. 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.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. Student Handbook

The principals' recommendation was to have a district handbook. Scheduled June 6th to meet and work on it. Received handbooks from other districts to review. It was suggested that there be elementary and secondary handbooks.

B. Superintendent Evaluation by the GCSD Board of Education Discussion

The evaluation will be the same day as school board meeting on November 11th.

C. 1-2016 USBA Conference

The conference is in January. Everyone is planning to go. Superintendent will make reservations.

D. GCSD Incident Reports

There were concerns regarding safety from the surveys. Incident reports were classified by schools. It's an attempt to understand what's happening in the building. It was submitted to the state office.

E. Boulder Elementary Food Service Discussion

BES lunch program has been a challenge. They want school lunch back in the school. The parent community came up with a proposal. They suggested non-processed food, meal prep from scratch and using non-

disposable dish wear. It was determined it was an administrative issue for Ben and Patty to review.

F. Review letter to DCFS

Discussed the concern that DCFS didn't hire three positions in the county and their inability to provide resources to the community. Southwest Behavioral Health talked about their concerns and how it's viewed from their organization. A rough draft was available for review that recited the code. It was CC'd to the county commissioners and the governor.

7. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

Next month's board meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Panguitch.

Myron Cottam made a motion to move the meeting to November 11th. It was seconded by Cheryl Cox. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

The work meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th at 5:00 pm. Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the work meeting. Cheryl Cox 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.

B. Future Board Items

Discussion regarding Chris Kupfer to present on Special Ed.

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. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining.

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. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining.

Cheryl Cox 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. Melaney Draper 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

Melaney Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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