

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Garfield County School District Office, 145 East Center Street, Panguitch, Utah 84759

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

Mike Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve October 2015 Financial Reports

The October 2015 Financial Reports were submitted for the schools.

B. Approve October 22, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes

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

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

BES – Andy Alldredge, Para Educator

BES – Haylee Haning, Para Educator

BES – Troy Julian, Substitute Teacher

BES – Cindy Wilson, Substitute Teacher (pending background check)

BVHS – Bart Palmer, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

EHS – Lawrence Steed, Para Educator Liaison

EHS – Sarah Rose, Stipend Sterling Scholar Advisor

PHS – Lori Cropper, Substitute Teacher

Food Service Stipend – Leniece Fischer

D. Honor GCSD Post-Retirees

Mike Savage made a motion to move the Honor Post-Retirees to the Board Discussion Items. It was seconded by Myron Cottam. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Letters of Resignation

BVHS – Shawn Williams, Assistant Girls Basketball and Golf Coach
Bryce Valley Schools – Adrian Nielson, Substitute Bus Driver

F. Letter of Recognition

None at this time.

G. Home School Affidavit

None at this time.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the consent agenda pending background checks for new hires. It was seconded by Melaney Draper. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

Cheryl Cox attended the Southwest ATC board meeting. She was excited about the new building and new programs including culinary arts and medical. They will also have a Licensed Practical Nursing Program and a possible team RN program. She believes that SWATC is committed to being well-represented in our district.

Myron Cottam visited and evaluated Panguitch Schools.

Mike Savage attended two UHSAA meetings. Realignment information will be sent to Superintendents.

Melaney Draper attended the PHS play Wizard of Oz. She said the play and the new sound system were great.

Ken Platt visited schools.

B. Superintendent's Report

C. EES Title I Descriptive Narrative

Escalante Elementary was asked by the State Office to provide a descriptive narrative on how they achieved Title I Distinguished School recognition. The report has good information on highly effective practices that should be incorporated in daily instructions.

D. Update on GCSD Performance Based Pay Meetings

There have been two meetings on GCSD Performance Based Pay. The Superintendent expressed appreciation to teachers and administrators who have put the time in to understand and prepare for the incorporation next year.

E. Senator Osmond Letter

This letter is to serve as written clarification of legislative intent relative to the Public Employee Human Resource Management Act, created in 2012 through SB 64.

F. SB 222 Task Force Update

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

G. Utah State School Board Update

The State School Board has directed the staff at the Utah State Office of Education to work with district and charter schools to find an appropriate kindergarten readiness assessment for use throughout the state.

The Board has requested that the Utah State Legislature not fund the Electronic High School after the end of the current school year.

H. 2014-2015 Concurrent Enrollment Update

Students in the GCSD earned 736 college credits during the 2014-2015 school year. In 2011 the students in the GCSD earned 33 credits. The district has experienced a 2,130% increase in concurrent enrollment classes, in the past four years.

I. Federal Funds Fail to Help Lowest Performing Schools

Seven billion dollars in federal funds went into the lowest performing schools in the country had very little results. It is not just a money problem.

J. UETN Legislative Request

Utah Education and Telehealth Network is asking for money to increase infrastructure, backbone, and switches to help with connectivity across the state.

K. Digital Curriculum Services

Turn-About Ranch is interested in using the Garfield digital curriculum. They are interested in developing a "step-down" program where students from Turn-About may have the opportunity to attend EHS.

L. USHE High School Feedback Report 2015

This report shows the college performance of the graduating class of 2013-2014 from Garfield County School District who enrolled at a public college or university in Utah the following academic year (2014-2015.)

M. Governor's Office of Economic Development

Two meetings are scheduled for onsite visits in Escalante. The Governor's Office goal is to have 25 families relocated to Escalante.

N. BA Report

Patty Murphy has been working with the State Office of Education to correct carried forward numbers from previous years in order to submit financial reports. Even though the reports are late, the allocation has been received.

5. Board Action Items

A. Computer Purchase

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept a bid for computers for the computer lab at Panguitch High School from Mountain West Computers for \$11,520. The motion was seconded by Melaney Draper. A vote was called for by Ken Platt. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

B. EHS J.V.Girls Basketball Schedule

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve a JV Girls basketball program for EHS. Mike Savage approved the motion. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. Superintendent Evaluation by the GCSB Board of Education

Discussion

The Board appreciates the superintendent and believes he is doing a super job.

B. 1-2016 USBA Conference

The USBA Annual Conference will be held January 7, 8, & 9, 2016 at the Little America Hotel.

C. Review Letter to DCFS

The Garfield County School Board requests the prior DCFS services be restored by hiring the three full-time DCFS positions in our county. A Response has been received from DCFS. DCFS feels they have not had a level one priority in Garfield for the last three years and they could cover us.

D. GCSB Fall Activity Bus Mileage Report

Update of miles traveled for extra-curricular activities in the district.

	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
VOLLEYBALL –	6,051	5,035
BASEBALL -	3,892	6,106
CROSS COUNTRY-	2,937	3,586
TOTAL	12,888	14,727

E. U of U Talk to College Students Program

This student mentor program would provide the district with a great college preparation resource for *free*, motivate students, sharpen career focus and increase college-bound rates. Superintendent will get more information.

F. USOE Approves Abuse Prevention Instructional Materials

A new state law requires district and charter K-6 schools to provide mandatory instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to school personnel, parents and guardians and offer it to students. The Utah State Board of Education approved instructional materials that can be used in that training. Superintendent will check with legal counsel on how this should be implemented.

G. Holiday Bonus

A direct deposit pay statement will be included with the Christmas cards for Christmas bonuses.

7. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

Next month's board meeting will be Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Ruby's Inn.

B. Future Board Items

USBA Power Up needs to be completed by December 1.

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.

Cheryl Cox 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. Myron Cottam 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.

Melaney Draper 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

Myron Cottam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Cox 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.

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