

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday December 17, 2015

The Grand, Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City, UT 84764

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

Ken Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve November 2015 Financial Reports

The November 2015 Financial Reports were submitted for the schools.

B. Approve November 11, 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes

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

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

PHS - Mason Orton, Para Educator

PHS- Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach Jenni Fischer & Kolbi Frandsen

BVES - Collette Mathews, Para Educator

PES - Shannon Fawson, Para Educator Substitute

District - Nick Mathew, Temporary Maintenance

EHS - Kobbi Scott, SPED Para

BVHS - Kristine Nez, Substitute

BVHS - Steven Hill, Sub Bus Driver

BVHS - Wendi Hill, Food Service Manager

EES-EHS Principal-Teacher Edwin "Chip" Sharpe

BES- Food Service Garin Apperson

BES- Substitute Sara Zorzakis

D. Letters of Resignation

EHS – Bert Steele, Principal

E. Letter of Recognition

PHS Cross Country State Champions

PHS Volleyball State Champions

F. Home School Affidavit

Home School Affidavit from Boulder

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the consent agenda pending background checks for new hires. The motion 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 with the exception that Ken Platt abstained on Collette Mathews.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

Mike Savage had nothing to report.

Cheryl Cox reported on the Escalante Economic Development site visit which focused on downtown development, Heritage Center, and Science School. They looked at using Escalante High School Labs temporarily for the Science Center.

Melaney Draper attended regional meetings with legislators. Teacher shortages were discussed.

Myron Cottam also attended the regional meetings with the legislators. He believes it is important to promote positive things happening in education and encourage people to become educators.

Ken Platt attended the USBA meeting. Superintendents are concerned about the \$2000 participation fee.

B. Escalante Site Visit Update

Cheryl Cox reported on this under **School Board Report**.

C. UHSAA Board of Trustee's Letter

Positions on the UHSAA Board of Trustees will become available June 30, 2016. Mike Savage currently serves on the board for 1A Region 20.

D. Superintendent's Report

Melaney Draper made a motion to move the Audit Report to the next agenda item. 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

E. BTS Grant at Antimony and Boulder

The Beverly Taylor Sorenson grant is starting to be implemented in Antimony. Mrs. Allen chose \$1,500 for all teaching time, supplies/materials, meals, lodging and travel expenses.

F. Proposed Changes in the 2016 General Session on Educational Testing Amendments

A proposed change in legislation will allow SAGE scores to count on student grades.

G. GCSD Mini Grant Update

The total of Round 1 of the mini grants is \$50,000. Ordering, receiving, and installation of items purchased with the grant are in progress.

H. USOE Approves New 6th-8th Science Standards

The Utah State Board of Education voted 11-4 to update Utah's grades 6-8 Science Standards. The new standards will go into effect in the 2018-2019 school year following teacher training and test item development.

I. Administrator Evaluation Update

The Superintendent has completed formal evaluations on all of the administrators in the district. Provisional employees who are currently working on the professional salary schedule have also received evaluations. He has also visited all of the schools in the district at least once since his last evaluation.

J. ASPIRE Update 2015

In January of 2015, the privatization board ruled the USOE was unfairly competing against private enterprise by providing ASPIRE at no charge to the districts and charter schools. To remedy the situation, the USOE is proposing a fee for districts and charters to use ASPIRE. The cost to the GCSD is estimated at \$4,157. If larger districts like Nebo chose not to participate, the fees for other districts will increase.

K. Report on the SEDC Legislative Luncheon

Most districts believe the 2 percent increase on the WPU basically covers the cost of inflation increase for utilities and insurance.

L. GCSD Stakeholder Survey

The GCSD Stakeholder Survey will be available to the public January 20th- February 10th, 2016. To decrease the cost, we are working with the SEDC region to administer the survey in the other five districts on the same days.

M. ESEA Federal Update

Superintendent is excited about the dismissal of No Child Left Behind and ESEA which will become ESSA. Curriculum will be tied to state standards. There will be more flexibility on how the funding is spent.

N. Governor's Educational Budget 2016 Proposal

The Governor's Educational Budget proposal for 2016 has recently been released. He has asked for a 4.75% increase in Basic School Program.

Positive things are happening in our schools. We have wonderful teachers who work hard and students who are happy to be there. We have wonderful communities who support education. The Superintendent appreciates the teachers for all that they do. Collaboration in the district is better than ever.

O. BA Report

Patty appreciates the work of the auditors. They have invested many expert hours in helping us correct numbers. We are making progress and the future looks good.

P. FY15 Financial Audit

Ray Bartholomew and Kyle Green from Squire and Company reported on the June 30, 2015 financial statements. The budget is in compliance.

5. Board Action Items

A. FY15 Audit Report

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the FY15 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Mike Savage. 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. Career Status Tasha Barnes PES

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Career Status of Tasha Barnes. Mike Savage seconded the motion. 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.

C. EHS J.V. GB Schedule

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the EHS J.V. Girls Basketball Schedule. Escalante High School will pay the cost of transportation to the Sophomore Tournament. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. 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.

E. PHS Girls Softball Schedule

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the PHS Girls Softball Schedule excluding the Fredonia game until it can be played in Utah. Mike Savage seconded the motion. 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.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. 2016 USBA Conference

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

B. Legislative Steak Fry

The Legislative Steak Fry will be June 8th at 5:00 pm on Cedar Mountain.

C. Discuss the USBA Meeting

Discussed in item A.

7. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

Next month's board meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Escalante. Work meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Future Board Items

No discussion.

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.
- B. 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. 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

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 Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

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