

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 21, 2016

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.

Escalante High School's new principal, Chip Sharpe, and Escalante High School faculty member, Ryan Fisher, were present.

BOARD MEETING

1. Open Meeting

Welcome

Ken Platt opened the meeting at 4:00 pm and extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Myron Cottam led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve December 2015 Financial Reports

The December 2015 Financial Reports were reviewed.

B. Approve December 2015 School Board Meeting Minutes

The December school board minutes were e-mailed for approval. The January school board work minutes were also available.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

PES – Garrett Wolfley, Para Professional

PMS – Roxie Roundy, Food Service Sub

BVES – Ellen Robinson, Visual Arts Instructor Para Professional

BVHS – Gwen Brinkerhoff, Substitute Teacher

D. Letters of Resignation

None at this time.

E. Letter of Recognition

None at this time.

F. Home School Affidavit

None at this time.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda pending background checks and hiring documentation. 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.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

Ken Platt went to the AOG 5-County Steering Committee Meeting.

Cheryl Cox attended the Southwest ATC board meeting. She toured the new building. They will have great programs and opportunities for students. Cheryl also attended the USBA meeting.

Melaney Draper liked the networking from the USBA conference.

Mike Savage attended the UHSSA realignment committee. They voted to add another classification for a total of six to most sports.

Myron Cottam enjoyed the USBA convention. It was a good training.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ben Dalton thanked the board for attending the USBA conference.

C. GCSD Stakeholder Survey

GCSD Partnered with SEDC. The survey is available on the webpage. The data will be used to improve schools.

D. State School Board Legislative Request

The State School Board Legislative Request is public. There is a 3.5% increase in the WPU. See the attached file for additional information.

E. State School Board Resolution No. 2015-3

State School Board Resolution release relating to Federal Lands, National Monuments and School Trust Lands. It is beneficial to read.

F. Inter-Rater Reliability Training Update

Superintendent Ben Dalton attended training sponsored by the State Office for all administrators regarding evaluation standards. It was extensive but all admin who attended passed.

G. Extended Day Kindergarten Update

Superintendent Ben Dalton met with the Kindergarten teachers. There is one-time money for extended day kindergarten. This will help with the transition into 1st grade.

H. Garfield Economic Development Committee

Superintendent Ben Dalton serves on the committee. There will be 10 new jobs in Panguitch with Department of Workforce Services.

I. USBA Board Evaluation Tool

Mike attended the training at the USBA conference. Superintendent hags Contacted Richard Stowell for login process.

J. BA Report

The Certificated Letter of Intent has been sent out and 15 have been returned.

K. FY 17 Certificated Letter of Intent

Same item as above.

L. October 1, 2016 Enrollment Projections

Reviewed October 1, 2016 enrollment projections slides. Patty Murphy is using this data to preparing the budget for next year.

M. Current Debt Capacity

The information was provided by Zions Bank. There is no outstanding debt except for the Escalante well. Financially speaking, the district is in a good place.

5. Board Action Items

A. Round 2 of the Mini-Grants

The board approved round one of the mini-grants. The committee prioritized the requests. Similar things that aligned have been ordered. These items are direct classroom instructional requests.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the 2nd round of mini grants and allow some flexibility for the district to work through it. 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.

B. Teacher contracts

The teacher contracts have been sent out and returned.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the teacher contracts. 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.

6. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

Next month's school board meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm for building visits. Faculty meeting will start at 3:00 pm. The board meeting will begin at 4:00 pm. The meetings will be held in Tropic.

The work meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

B. February Board Meeting, Presentation from Architect Firm VCBO

February board meeting presentation from architect firm VCBO was discussed in the work meeting. Nothing further to report on.

C. February Board Retreat Discussion and Planning

Discussed possible school board retreat on March 17, 2016 at the district office in Panguitch starting at 10:00 am.

D. GCSD Performance Based Pay Policy Review

Senate bill 64 will begin in August 2016. See GCDS educator evaluation "draft" attachment.

E. Future Board items

Reviewed future board items for January. Mike Savage questioned when the filing dates are for school board election. This info will be gathered.

Discussed books to read. Superintendent will e-mail the list from USBA. The administrators will be studying *How to Work with Difficult Parents and Students*.

7. Public Comments

No public comment at this time.

8. 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. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining. 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.

Myron Cottam made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Mike Savage 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.

9. Adjournment

Cheryl Cox 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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