

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 19, 2016

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

Board members present: President Ken Platt, Vice President Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam. Melaney Draper was unavailable.

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Patty Murphy were present. As was Chip Sharpe, Steven Cox, Peg (last name unknown), and Mr. Ryan Fisher's Utah Studies class.

BOARD MEETING

1. Open Meeting

Welcome

Ken Platt opened the meeting at 2:00 pm and extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

One of the students (Garrett) led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve April 2016 Financial Reports

The April 2016 Financial Reports were reviewed. Discussed a donation made to Panguitch High School several years ago. Board members had questions, which Patty clarified and resolved.

B. Approve April 2016 School Board Meeting Minutes

The April 2016 school board minutes were e-mailed for approval.
The April 2016 school board work meeting minutes were sent as well.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

Brent Bonner – PES Special Education
Andrea Brinkerhoff – BVES Full-time teacher
Braxton Dalton – Cybercorps Technology Intern
Teresa Osborne – BTS Art Teacher for PES, BVES, PHS & BVHS
Kim Quarnberg – Full-time on-line intervention teacher
Rod Quarnberg – Garfield/Kane School District Part-Time CTE Director
Miranda Sarles – Cybercorps Technology Intern
Heather Weiler – Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

D. Letters of Resignation

Ben Dalton – Superintendent of Schools
Wendi Hill – BVES/BHES Kitchen Manager

E. Letter of Recognition

None.

F. Home School Affidavit

One home school affidavit submitted.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda pending background checks. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Public Comment

Application deadline for the Special Education teacher at Boulder/Escalante Elementary School/Escalante High School were discussed.

4. Reports

A. School Board Report

Mike Savage, Myron Cottam and Patty Murphy met with the finance committee.

Ken Platt attended the USBA meeting on May 13th. They are looking for conference presenters and key note speakers.

Cheryl Cox visited Boulder Elementary today. The students were working on the Beverly Taylor Sorenson art projects.

Myron Cottam didn't have anything to share.

Melaney Draper was not available.

B. VCBO Feasibility Study Report

David Cox from VCBO presented the facilities analysis for Bryce Valley Elementary, Escalante Elementary and Panguitch Elementary Schools.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ben Dalton thanked David Cox for his time.

D. Governor Herbert's Letter to the Utah State Board of Education

Governor Herbert requested the removal of SAGE testing from the 9-12th grades, removal of common core, and replacing the teaching standards with Utah standards.

E. Governor Herbert SAGE and Utah Core Standards

Governor Herbert presented the USSB with a formal request to repeal SAGE testing in the secondary schools and replace it with the ACT test and develop new curriculum standards.

F. Letter from State Superintendent Dickson Review

Discussed Sydnee Dickson's letter regarding accommodations for transgender student use of restrooms and locker rooms in public schools.

G. New OCR Dear Colleague Letter

The Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students was attached for review.

H. Safe UT App Update

The Safe UT app was effectively rolled out. You can access it from the district webpage. There's a link for parents and 24-hour crisis hotlines for students.

I. Updated GCSD District Office Responsibilities

The district office duties were updated for the transition of the new superintendent.

5. Board Action Items

A. FY16 Boulder State Land Trust Revision

Boulder Elementary School requested approval for amendment of current land trust plan.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Boulder State Land Trust revision plan. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

B. PHS Wrestling Camps and Clinics and BVHS BB and GB Camp

Students are traveling in district vehicles not private vehicles. The schools pay the cost of the fuel.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the PHS Wrestling Camps and Clinics and BVHS BB and GB Camp. Mike Savage seconded the motion.

A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

C. PHS Revised Baseball Schedule with 150 mile contest

Diamond Ranch dropped out of the original schedule. PHS would like to add a game with Pinnacle.

Mike Savage made a motion to approve the PHS revised baseball schedule with the 150 mile contest form. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

D. Bryce Valley City Baseball Complex Upgrades

Bryce Valley City is requesting funds for the baseball complex.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Bryce Valley City baseball complex upgrades. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Board Business

A. FY16 Revised and FY17 Budgets

Patty Murphy presented the FY16 revised and FY17 budgets. The budget is 95% complete. Discussed meal price changes for FY17 and a 2% increase in salaries.

B. Set Next Month's Meeting

School board meeting is set for June 9, 2016 at 4:00 pm in Tropic. They will approve FY17 budget, make revisions to FY16 budget, and have an action item for the superintendent.

C. Future Board Items

Board Members will meet on June 3, 2016 at 10:00 am to review the superintendent applications.

Superintendent interviews will be on June 8, 2016 at 9:00 am at the district office. Afterwards, they will travel to Cedar City for the Legislative Steak Fry.

7. Public Comments

No public comments 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.

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, pending litigation and the purchase of property. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

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, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

Myron Cottam asked about an easement through the school that might have been recorded in 2002. Suggested checking with the county to see if it was recorded.

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, Mike Savage and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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