

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 9, 2016

Bryce Valley High School, 721 West Bryce Way, Tropic, UT 84776

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.

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

Ken Platt led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Budget Hearing

Mike Savage made a motion to go into the budget hearing. 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.

Patty Murphy presented the FY17 Budget Presentation and FY16 Revised and FY17 Budgets. Enrollment has declined. Health insurance increased 6%. Food service was discussed.

Melaney Draper made a motion to come out of the budget hearing. Cheryl Cox 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. Open Regular Session

4. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve May 2016 Financial Reports

The May 2016 Financial Reports were reviewed. Cheryl asked to have more training on the budget at the retreat.

B. Approve May 2016 School Board Meeting Minutes

The May 2016 school board minutes were e-mailed for approval.

The May 2016 school board work meeting minutes were sent as well.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

Megan Cottam—Part-time Kindergarten teacher Bryce Valley Elementary
Russell Torgersen – Principal at Panguitch Middle/Panguitch High School

Myron Cottam recused himself from the vote on Megan Cottam.

D. Letters of Resignation

Amy Fagergren – Para professional (PE) from Bryce Valley Elementary.
Kathryn Pollock – Para professional Bryce Valley Elementary School.
Rod Quarnberg – Principal at Panguitch Middle/Panguitch High School.
Sannette Cottam – Para professional at Escalante Elementary School.

E. Letter of Recognition

Utah High School Activities Association recognized the Panguitch High School girls track team as the 2016 1A State Girls' track champions.

F. Home School Affidavit

None at this time.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda excluding the hiring recommendations. 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.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the hiring recommendations. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. Megan Cottam passed 4-0 with one recusal. Russ Torgersen passed 4-0 with one recusal.

5. Public Comment

A name was corrected on a diploma.

6. Reports

A. School Board Report

Melaney Draper had breakfast with Senator Orrin Hatch when he was in Panguitch. They discussed declining enrollment and other issues.

Mike Savage went to the Legislative Steak Fry last night. He discussed core standards and Sage assessments with the legislators.

Ken Platt asked who would be attending the ESSA training.

Myron Cottam attended the legislative meeting last night.

Cheryl Cox attended the legislative meeting. She feels these meetings are a good opportunity to make connections with the legislators.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ben Dalton attended the Legislative Steak fry. It was a strong showing with a majority of board members present.

C. STEM Grants Update

Superintendent Dalton completed the ALEX application for grades 3-11 for math. The teachers have enjoyed Alex. The cost for funding would be \$25,000-\$30,000 without grants. The deadline for submitting grants is June 10th. Follow-up is needed on the Waterford piece. The school district should be receiving the awards and trainings should be available for teachers.

D. BTS Grant Update

Superintendent Ben Dalton also applied for the Beverly Taylor Sorensen grant. We applied for \$6,000 for Antimony and Boulder and a .25 Time Employee for Escalante Elementary.

E. Business Administrator's Report

County monthly deposits in May and State deposits in July 2015 were transferred to the Public Treasurers' Investment Fund (PTIF).

Interest earned:

FY14 \$36,000

FY15 \$41,000

FY16 \$87,000

Funds were spent down in the local bank account as-needed for payroll and accounts payable.

The PTIF Average Annual Rate is currently .008997 while the local bank rate is .00164.

F. Teacher Retention Data for Utah

Superintendent Dalton reviewed 5-year new teacher retention and teacher shortage data prepared by the Utah State Office of Education.

Superintendent Ben Dalton thanked the school board for the opportunity to work for Garfield County School District for the last five years. He has

made some personal friends and appreciates the faculty, staff, parents and students.

7. Board Action Items

A. Consideration of Adoption of 2015-2016 Final Budget

Mike Savage made a motion to approve the FY2016 revised final budget as indicated. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Mike Savage made a motion that the Commitment for Community Recreation be removed and that Fund 23 be discontinued. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Certified Tax Rate. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget as presented. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Brent Cottam Grant of Easement

A former School Board approved, signed, and notarized a sewer line easement. It was never recorded through the county recorder. Now the property has a new owner. The easement will need to be rewritten.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to grant an easement to Brent Cottam for a sewer line across the school property. Mike Savage seconded the motion. Myron Cottam recused himself. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Yes. The motion passed 4-0 with one recusal.

D. Summer Ag Contract

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the Summer Ag contract for Ralph Perkins for the current year and future contracts will be worked out between the CTE director and the superintendent. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox,

Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Approve New Superintendent

Business Administrator, Patty Murphy, thanked Superintendent Dalton and welcomed the new Superintendent, Tracy Davis.

Myron Cottam made a motion to hire Tracy Davis as the new Superintendent of Garfield School District. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

School Board Retreat July 7th at Ruby's Inn at 9:30 a.m. School board meeting at 4:00 p.m. Invite retired Panguitch Employees to School Board Meeting to receive plaques.

School Board Work meeting August 23rd.

School Board Meeting August 25th in Escalante.

B. Escalante City Lease Agreement

Superintendent Dalton will e-mail a lease agreement for Escalante City to the board members for consideration. The easement will enable access to the baseball fields for city recreation. The easement will be added to the work agenda for July. Panguitch and Tropic baseball fields are city owned. Escalante baseball fields are owned by the school district.

C. Future Board Items

Stakeholder Survey.

Review Sage Assessments.

School Finances.

Staffing Ratio Reviews.

D. Student Handbook 2016-2017

The Superintendent met with the principals to review the student handbook. The handbook needs to be approved before school starts.

9. Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

10. 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.

Myron Cottam made a motion to go into an Executive Session for Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, possible purchase of property. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper Myron Cottam, 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 Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Adjournment

Mike Savage made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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