

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, October 30, 2014
Bryce Valley High School

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Kevin Orton were present.

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Ken Platt called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Board President 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 September 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve September 2014 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Affidavit & Certificate for Home School Instruction**

Cheryl Cox asked why Escalante Elementary Financials were not included. Kevin Orton said he completed the report, but failed to add it to the agenda. He stated he would have it on the next month's report. Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the stipulation that each applicant pass their background check. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comment

Kelly Holman asked the Board to support PHS in getting a softball program. He gave details about the program and possible ways for the program to run.

Brianne Birch also commented that she would love to have the program in Panguitch High School. She played softball up to 8th grade and would love the opportunity to play in high school.

Ryan Barnhurst also commented she would enjoy having softball as well. She does not play any other sports, but would love to play softball. She feels it would help several girls get involved that have not been a part of a team and also help them keep their grades up to participate.

4. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mike Savage attended the Music Program presented by Nancy Guymon and the students in the music classes. He also visited Ms. Tebb's class in Panguitch Elementary and was impressed by a project they had finished and displayed in the hall.

Cheryl Cox participated in the Boulder Writing Conference. Students from Escalante and Boulder spent time with writers that presented the conference for a "student" day. The students had a great time.

Ken Platt had no report at this time.

Melaney Draper attended the SUU Ambassadors lunch. They will be coming to Panguitch High School on November 13th. She will follow up with Gary Bennett.

Myron Cottam had no report at this time.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. UCAT Information

The Annual UCAT (Utah College of Applied Technology) Report was included on Board Docs. Information regarding each ATC location throughout the State was provided.

2. SAGE Update Information

In the spring of 2014, students took one or more SAGE assessments measuring their knowledge of the Utah Core Standards. These standards reflect the knowledge and skills that students will need to succeed in careers and college. Along with the content standards (the knowledge and skills to be taught), Utah educators have also established proficiency levels that establish a "proficiency score" for the assessment.

The proficiency levels established for SAGE are more challenging than prior assessments. They provide a more realistic assessment of what your student will need to know to succeed in college or start his or her career. These standards include rigorous expectations for post high school readiness that meet nationally and internationally competitive standards.

A guide was provided on Board Docs to help parents understand their student's score report.

3. Concurrent Enrollment Funding

An update on the Garfield School District Concurrent Enrollment was provided on Board Docs. Enrollment went up from 33 credits in FY11 to 354 credits awarded in FY 13 and \$17,686 in funding distribution.

4. GCSD October 1st Count

The Garfield County School District Historical Data to Present Enrollment numbers were included on Board Docs. Data from 2001 to the current school year was shown by each school's enrollment in the District.

5. SWATC Visit

New SWATC President Wood and Vice President Heaton will be visiting Garfield County School District on November 17, 2014.

6. Response to Reyes Report on Common Core

A letter of response from the Utah State Board of Education to Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes was included on Board Docs. The letter stated, "The Board will continue to actively guard its Constitutional duty to set and maintain strong educational standards for students throughout Utah without intrusion from the federal government or other organizations." The Board thanked the Governor Herbert and Attorney General Reyes for their support and acknowledgement of its role.

7. SEDC Cybercorps Grant

Gerald Talbot, Technology Director, applied for a grant from SEDC to have a Cybercorps in each of the high school locations. Each high school would have one adult and two students in the program. They will perform basic tasks such as installing printers, installing software, and making patch cables. The goal is to train students to be able to perform simple troubleshooting tasks to help teachers in their schools and to improve technical skills of the Cybercorps students. They will have monthly training meetings.

8. STEM Regional Grant Awarded to GCSD

Garfield School District, along with four other districts in the southwest region, has been awarded a \$251,000 grant from STEM on Wheels. It will accommodate 7th and 8th grade students during a five week rotation. The provider will be PITSCO providing 288 Licenses that will translate into 2- 12 module station labs with all software, curriculum, equipment, and data monitoring system that will be portable and fit into two enclosed trailers provided by vendor.

C. Business Administrator's Report

1. Account Budget Analysis for Pool Fill-In

This item was discussed during the Board Work Meeting and will be an action item.

2. Certified Teacher Contracts

All FY15 Certified teacher contracts have been signed by teachers and returned. Kevin Orton submitted them to the Board President to be signed.

5. Board Action Items

A. Administrator/Educator Evaluation Committee

The District is required to develop an educator evaluation program. The committee must consist of classroom teachers, parents, and administrators.

Parents were recommended from Community Councils in the District. They include: Melanie Muir from Bryce Valley, Heidi Noyes from Escalante, Kathy Wolfley from Panguitch High, and Alberto Vasquez from Panguitch Elementary.

Recommended administrators for the committee are: Nick Reynolds, Rod Quarnberg, Bert Steele, and Jeff Brinkerhoff. The teachers recommended: Russell Torgersen, Lanae Cloud, Tasha Barnes, and Marilyn Marshall.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the recommendations for the administrator/educator evaluation committee. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. UCA

The Utah Consolidated Application Budget Summary was included on Board Docs. The report is a compilation of narratives and assurances of how the federal and state funding is spent. Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the Utah Consolidated Application. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

C. BVHS, BVES and PES SEP/SEOP Request

A copy of the requests from Bryce Valley High, Bryce Valley Elementary, and Panguitch Elementary for early out days to perform SEP/SEOP's with parents and students was included on Board Docs.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept each request from Bryce Valley High, Bryce Valley Elementary and any others that may come in before the next Board Meeting and Panguitch Elementary for early out days. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

D. PHS Swimming Pool Fill In and Remodel Bids

Three bids for filling in and remodeling the pool at Panguitch High were included on Board Docs. They included: Bryce Valley Builders at \$91,720.00, P.C.I. at 178,233.12, and GEOFOAM at \$98,093.00.

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the bid from Bryce Valley Builders. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Cross Country Coaching Stipend

The Board approved to pay boys and girls coaches for cross country this year, but from here forward only one coach and one assistant will be paid for both boys and girls teams together.

Mike Savage made a motion to pay the coaches this year. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

F. PHS Softball Request

Cheryl Cox made a comment that she liked the idea of having softball in the District and paying for the transportation. She would prefer the District did not pay for the coaches while the sport was

an independent sport. She would also like the other schools that do not get a softball team to be given the same amount of money for transportation to benefit their students also.

Mike Savage asked if a coach had to be an employee to be paid by the District as a coach and Superintendent replied they do to receive a stipend.

Ken Platt stated that he was worried that this would be a program for those that are already involved, but after hearing from the students that came and presented to the Board, he felt that it would be a beneficial program for others. He and the other Board members were also pleased to find out that there is a feeder program in the younger grades for the softball program.

Melaney Draper made a motion to have a principal's discretionary fund to increase student opportunities and will report back to the Board at the end of the year of how the money was spent. There will also be \$1,000 for start-up costs and safety equipment. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

1. Capital Projects Update

Damon Brinkerhoff reported that all of the gym floors in the District are completed and the new bleachers are installed. Escalante Well is back in production and fixed. Carpeting jobs throughout the District are almost finished. The sound systems went out for bid, but Damon is not getting calls back for needed information. Superintendent felt that some of the other projects had more priority. Damon will work to get the sound system bids.

The Board and Superintendent complimented Damon on his hard work and all that he has accomplished this year in updating schools and facilities.

2. SEDC Online Library Textbooks

Lisa Breinholt is the District representative for the Online Library. More books will be added to the library and they hope to be able to add books for elementary grades in the future.

Mr. Steele is using his school textbook money to purchase Chrome Books and then they will use the online textbooks.

3. Rich School District Drug Testing Policy

A copy of the Policy was included on Board Docs. The Administrators will meet with their coaches and come back to the Board with more information.

4. USBA January Conference Information

The Conference will be held January 8-10, 2015 at Little America in Salt Lake City. Reservations will be made through the District Office.

7. Board Business

A. Set November 2014 School Board Meeting

The date of the November Board meeting will be November 20, 2014 and will begin at 5:00PM. The meeting will be held at Panguitch High School. A Board work meeting will be held November 18, 2014 beginning at 4:00PM. The work meeting will be conducted electronically.

B. Future Board Items

Master Board will be discussed in the next Board Work Meeting.
Ethics

8. Public Comment

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 pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

C. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Melaney Draper made a motion to move into a closed Executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Mike Savage made a motion to come out of the closed Executive session and return to the regular Board meeting. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam all voted Aye. 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, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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