

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, November 20, 2014
Panguitch High School

Board members present: Board President Ken Platt, Vice President, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam. Mike Savage arrived at 5:30p.m.

Superintendent Ben Dalton was also 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

Melaney Draper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

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

Cheryl Cox asked why EES did not have a financial report again this month. They had no transactions to report.

Myron Cottam 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, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Public Comment

No public report at this time.

4. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mike Savage reported when he arrived at the meeting that he had just returned from the UHSAA meeting. They have made some realignment lines to the regions. Parowan will now be 1A.

Cheryl Cox attended the legislative meeting and felt it was a really useful meeting and very well presented. She also attended the SWATC meeting. They are currently looking for a board member from our area at this time.

Ken Platt had no report at this time, but mentioned he appreciated receiving the map of the capitol and where they would attend meetings during the legislative session.

Melaney Draper did some work with the SUU Ambassadors for some scholarship opportunities. She also attended the Bodies Exhibit with Tammi Bennett's class. Bryce Valley attended as well. She also attended the regional legislative meeting.

Myron Cottam had no report at this time.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. SAGE Data School Improvement Plans

Reports from each school were presented to the Board. A copy of each report was included on Board Docs. Superintendent Dalton gave a brief summary of how the SAGE assessment works and how the grades will be given to schools.

2. USBA School Finance 101 Information

This was a presentation given to State Legislators as a primer on the funding for public education in the Minimum School Program. A copy of the presentation was included on Board Docs.

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.

During the previous Board meeting, administrators, teachers, and parents were approved.

The Board will approve the USOE administrators and teacher evaluation tool as recommended by the joint evaluation committee.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the USOE administrator and educator tool as recommended by the joint evaluation committee. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Panguitch Middle School Trust Land Plan

Panguitch Middle School made an amendment to their Trust Land Plan. The change will help provide for the needs of the music program in the school. The Plan was included on Board Docs. Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the revised Trust Land Plan from Panguitch Middle School. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Panguitch High School Trust Land Plan

Panguitch High School made an amendment to their Trust Land Plan. The change will allow them to hire a para to help in the library, provide an opportunity for the students to take speech and debate in their weekly school schedule, and also provide for the needs of the music program.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the revised Panguitch High School Trust Land Plan. 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 4-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

1. Capital Projects Update

The pool is almost completely filled in with the slurry. The project will be completed after the Thanksgiving break.

Superintendent Dalton also reported that the new ovens are installed at Panguitch Middle School. These ovens were paid from with a grant that was written by Leniece Fischer.

Two plasma cutters were also received and will be installed at Bryce Valley and Escalante High Schools.

Ms. Caine's broadcasting class is almost completely set up and ready for transmission to South Central.

Mr. Fisher's Escalante High class is using the 3D scanner and enjoying the options available with this piece of equipment.

2. District Maintenance Truck Quotes

Damon Brinkerhoff will provide three bids for a new District Maintenance truck in the December meeting. Superintendent mentioned that this item has been planned for in the equipment budget.

3. FY15 District Compensation Survey

Beaver School District compiled a Compensation Survey again this year with 32 school districts participating in their annual teacher compensation survey. This survey has been in the works now for many years, and the number of districts which participate has grown substantially. A copy of the survey was included on Board Docs. Garfield School District is ranked 4th highest with overall compensation to certified staff.

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 December 2014 School Board Meeting

The date of the December Board meeting will be December 11, 2014 and will begin at 4:00PM. The meeting will be held at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon City. Myron Cottam made a motion to change the December and January meetings so that the December meeting will be held at Bryce Canyon City and the January meeting will be held in Escalante. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Future Board Items

The auditor will be attending the December meeting to give the annual audit report.

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.

Mike Savage 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.

Myron Cottam made a motion to come out of the closed Executive session and return to the regular Board meeting. Melaney Draper 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. 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.

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