

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton was present as well as District Office staff and District Auditor James Gilbert.

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 November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve November 2014 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Letter of Recognition**

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

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. Board Reports

Cheryl Cox attended the Regional SEDC Legislative Luncheon.

Ken Platt attended the SEDC Legislative Luncheon.

Melaney Draper attended the SEDC Regional Legislative luncheon. She feels that they have an understanding of our District's uniqueness and appreciated the opportunity to visit with them.

Myron Cottam also attended the SEDC Regional meeting and felt it was a very good meeting.

Mike Savage attended the UHSAA Board meeting.

The Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) Board of Trustees met and adopted regions for 2015-17. The placement of member schools can be found at <http://uhsaa.org/realignment/2015-17UHSAARegions.pdf>.

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, December 3, to receive feedback from districts and schools on the placement of member schools into regions. In addition to the hearing, the UHSAA Board of Trustees received numerous emails over the past few weeks regarding the realignment of member schools.

The assignment of member schools into regions was adopted on December 4, by the Board of Trustees, allowing time for schools and regions to organize and schedule for the two-year alignment period. The first contests under the new alignment will take place the fall of 2015. The enrollment data upon which the alignment is based will be less than one year old. A two year, rather than four year, alignment period allows for adjustments more often as enrollments rise and fall at a number of schools. The UHSAA Board of Trustees retains the responsibility for alignment of all member schools.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. USU Concurrent Enrollment

The following letter was sent to the high schools: Thank you for having participated in the Utah State University statewide broadcast Concurrent Enrollment Program for the past many years. As you are probably aware, during the past two years concurrent enrollment in the state of Utah has been influenced by major changes. In particular, two changes have direct impact on USU's concurrent enrollment program:

1. Regents Policy (R) 315 – Geographic Service Regions
 - a. The Board of Regent's recently reinforced the policy that USHE institutions must adhere to serve area designations for concurrent enrollment. Hence USU's statewide broadcast

Concurrent Enrollment Program must abide by the geographic service area designations of the different USHE institutions.

2. SB 38 (2014) - Snow College Concurrent Enrollment Program

a. The Snow College Concurrent Education Program “provides concurrent enrollment courses delivered through interactive video conferencing and advisory support to secondary school students.” Snow College has expressed the ability to use their additional funding to deliver concurrent enrollment via broadcast to high schools (i.e. rural) who are unable to receive concurrent enrollment courses from their designated USHE institution (as approved by Snow and following R315 and R165 Right-of-First Refusal policies).

Due to these changes, we are writing to let you know that USU will no longer be offering interactive video conferencing (broadcast) Concurrent Enrollment courses to your high school. We sincerely thank you for your support you have offered to us in receiving our broadcasts for these many years.

If you have questions or needs concerning receiving interactive video conferencing (broadcast) Concurrent Enrollment courses, as per Regent Policy 315, you should contact your primary USHE service provider first; if your service institution is unable to provide for your needs, we then suggest you contact Snow College to participate in their broadcast program.

2. Regent’s Scholarship 2014 Cohort

A copy of the Regent’s Scholarship report was provided to the District and a copy was included on Board Docs. Three students from PHS applied and only one is still qualified for the scholarship. Outreach opportunities related to the Regents’ Scholarship are available to the schools in your district that are listed on the Utah Scholars Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a USI partner school. We are currently scheduling outreach events such as presentations or transcript mapping for this upcoming March, April, May as well as August, September and October of 2015. The application was also made available on Board Docs.

3. Cache School District Site Visit

SEDC and the Cache School District will be visiting Panguitch Elementary on January 9th, 2015 to see how they have integrated Chromebooks in the classrooms.

Also, UEN and SEDC will be conducting an evaluation of the District's technology program on December 16th. The Board will receive a full report of this evaluation in January or February.

C. Gilbert & Stewart Audit Report

James Gilbert presented the Audit Report for FY14. He gave a detailed report regarding the 2014 fiscal year. He explained the pages of the audit regarding the revenues, expenses, and overall budget of the District. He then explained the financial audit and the reports that they submit for the District. He also reported on the findings in the audit. The audit gave recommendations for improvements in the District. James also gave an update of reports that had not been filed or filed incorrectly that he had completed or was working to complete.

The full detailed report and audio minutes of this report are available at:
<https://gcsd.app.box.com/s/zzyl1h5pgl57s2mg6zox>

5. Board Action Items

A. District Maintenance Truck Quotes

The Budget included funds to purchase a new District Maintenance truck. Three bids were included on Board Docs. Damon Brinkerhoff suggested going with the Classic Motors bid.

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the bid for \$40,562 from Classic Motors. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Approve the Audit Report for FY14

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the FY14 Audit Report. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Mike Savage, and Melaney Draper voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Student Fee Schedule

The District's compliance was questioned by someone stating they were looking for information for research. The District has modified the schedule regarding fees; specifically cheerleading and has added this fee to the District Student Fee Schedule.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the fee for cheerleading of up to \$1000. 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. 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.

2. GCSD Wellness Policy

The GCSD Wellness policy has been drafted by Leniece Fischer to be compliant with the new changes in the food service program. The policy is available for review by the public and will be placed as an action item on the January Board agenda for approval.

3. SAGE Interim

The date for the Math Interim SAGE test for our District is for 1/5/2015 to 1/26/15. The ELA Writing for spring 2015 SAGE Summative window opens: 2/2/15 to 2/20/15. These tests do not count toward the summative assessment, they are available for teachers to set a bench mark for their students and track and monitor progress. Teachers have also developed their own formative tests and are sharing with each other to enhance their classroom learning.

4. School Letter Grades and Graduation Rate Reports

The Superintendent reported on the school letter grades. The report was provided for the Board, but will not be available for the public until December 15th. LyNese Miller reported that the District has been working on this report for three months to ensure that all of the data is accurate.

5. Business Administrator Screening and Interview Discussion

The position for the Business Administrator will close on December 17, 2014. Superintendent Dalton will email all of the applications to the Board with a screening/ranking sheet for each from which they will set up interviews. Interviews will be set for December 23, 2014.

7. Board Business

A. Set January 2015 School Board Meeting

The date of the January Board meeting will be January 15, 2015 and will begin at 4:00PM. The meeting will be held at Escalante High School. A Board Work meeting will be held on January 8, 2015 during the USBA Conference.

B. Future Board Items

The Board will vote on a Board President and Vice President in January. The Board will also review their committee assignments. The new Business Administrator will also be sworn in.

8. Public Comment

Superintendent Dalton thanked the District Office staff for stepping up to ensure that all of the work and reports were completed during the time that the District did not have a Business Administrator.

Marilyn Twitchell also commented how much she appreciates the Board. She has worked with the District for 27 years and has never seen a Board that works so well together and shows their appreciation to the District staff. She also stated she appreciates the Superintendent as he has taken on extra responsibility during this time.

9. Executive Session

No Executive Session at this time.

10. Adjournment

Myron Cottam 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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DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

In compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and service) during this meeting should notify LyNese Miller at 676-8821 at least three days prior to the meeting.