

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, December 19, 2013
Bryce Canyon City, Utah – Ruby’s Inn

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

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.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve November 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve November 2013 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Home School Request**
- E. Letter of Resignation**

There were some questions regarding the financial reports to which Business Administrator Kevin Orton said we would send the Board members information regarding what was spent for \$61,000 and to make sure the BVE boiler was coded to the correct fund. Superintendent also explained why Damon was the only person on the committee to hire “sub” custodians. This was possible since Principals also hire “sub” teachers without a committee. Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

4. Reports

A. Board Reports

Melaney Draper was able to go to PHS and PMS to deliver the Christmas bonus checks and was glad she got to be a part of it. She also recognized the concurrent enrollment program and how beneficial it is to the students in the District. They are receiving college credits for a fraction of the cost.

Ken Platt gave details regarding the USB A Conference that will be held in January. He also attended the Escalante Elementary recognition celebration and said it was a great event. He also received a very appreciative thank you for the Christmas Bonus.

Cheryl Cox attended the Escalante Elementary celebration and recognition for being the number one school in Utah. She was happy to support them.

Mike Savage attended the SEDC Legislative Luncheon. He felt there was good information given.

Myron Cottam reported that the teachers and students were very pleased with the celebration at Escalante Elementary. He also attended the SEDC Legislative luncheon and felt it was very good.

B. SWATC Programs Update – Dana Miller

Dana Miller, from Southwest ATC, expressed gratitude for Board member Cheryl Cox serving on their Board. He presented to the Board regarding their building and programs. He explained the programs being offered to secondary students in the regions, their scholarship program, and their plans to expand the on-line program availability. He mentioned that Garfield County has received more scholarships than any other county serviced by SWATC. He commented that this was a real tribute to Garfield. He also gave information regarding MetalCraft bringing over 1200 jobs into the area over the next 10 years.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Governor's Budget Recommendations

Superintendent Dalton provided a copy of the recommended adjustments to the General Fund and Education Fund. A copy was attached to Board Docs. Snow College will receive extra funding for more classes to be broadcast and allow students to receive their Associates Degree before they graduate. He also stated that Governor Herbert has asked for a 2.5% increase in the WPU which equals \$61 million dollars.

2. USOE Legislative Requests

The State Office of Education is estimating 10,400 new students next year in public education. USOE is asking for \$64 million to cover the costs. The State Board of Education is asking for a 2.5% increase in the WPU.

3. Math III and Math 1010 Update

Superintendent Dalton contacted Senator Urquhart to follow up on the discussion during the SEDC Legislative luncheon regarding these classes. Changes have already been made in the concurrent enrollment catalog allowing parents to sign students out of math III and replace the class with math 1010. A copy of the Concurrent Enrollment Master List was included on Board Docs.

4. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Superintendent Dalton is working with the District School Nurse to purchase AED's for all of the schools in the District. The estimated cost will be about \$11,000. Superintendent also reported that carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in all of the buildings and near the boiler systems.

5. Board Action Items

A. Mileage Reimbursement

The current District rate is \$.20 per mile if you take your own car when a District car was available. The proposed rate would be \$.40 per mile. The current District rate is \$.40 per mile if there is no District car available. The proposed rate would be \$.56 per mile.

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the mileage rate reimbursement change. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. PHS Recognition Letter - Baseball

The Utah High School Activities Association recognized the Panguitch High School Baseball team and Coach Barney as the 2013 1A State Baseball Champions.

PHS Recognition Letter – Girls' Cross Country

The Utah High School Activities Association recognized the Panguitch High School Girls' Cross Country team and their coaches as the 2013 1A State Girls' Cross Country Champions.

B. Capital Project Update

All lighting upgrades have been completed in the gyms throughout the District. The new boiler at BVES had some problems because

a valve was for natural gas and not propane. It has been changed and the boiler seems to be working well.

C. “C: Policies – Proposed February Adoption

A copy of the “C” policies was provided on Board Docs. The proposed policies will be posted on the District website for public input. Kevin Orton stated that he is going through the policies to have them prepared for the adoption in February. With the Legislative changes on procurement, some policies need to be adjusted to match the new laws.

E. GCSD Mini Grant Application

A copy of the Mini Grant Application was provided on Board Docs. The Board also received an email from Technology Director Gerald Talbot showing who had applied for the Mini Grants. The committee to approve the grants will consist of: Superintendent Dalton, Gerald Talbot, Clint Stephens & Cory Stokes (SEDC), Kevin Orton, Damon Brinkerhoff, and Brent Judd.

F. Update on Progress of Procurement Training

An update including all of the faculty and staff that have completed the Procurement training was included on Board Docs. Ken Platt commented that he was concerned at how many Administrators had not completed the training. He stated they are a key piece in this training and would like to see all of them get the training completed. Kevin Orton said that he has just added the new fund raising training also. Melaney Draper suggested each Board member contacting the Administrators to remind them to get the training completed.

G. “FI” Student Fees, Fines, and Charges Policy

A copy of the FI policy Student Fees, Fines, and Charges was included on Board Docs. Superintendent Dalton reminded the Board of the definitions of the policy. If an activity is “school sponsored” the school must collect the fees associated with the activity. Also, if a student has a fee waiver those fees must be paid by the schools. Superintendent Dalton stated that he feels that it would be best if these activities are sponsored by the cities.

H. District Maintenance Truck

The transmission has gone out on the District 2000 Dodge Maintenance truck. The District has had to pay about \$10,000 for repairs to the truck since it was purchased. The Board discussed the pros and cons of diesel or gas powered vehicles. Myron

Cottam suggested looking at a 1-2 year old truck that may be much cheaper. This item will be added to the January agenda.

8. Board Business

A. Set January 2014 School Board Meeting

The Board meeting for January will be held in Panguitch, Utah on January 16, 2014 beginning at 4:00PM. A work meeting will be held on January 14, 2014 at 4:00PM at the District Office and over the polycom system.

9. Future Board Items

Mike Savage mentioned that his UHSAA meeting in May and August will conflict with Board meeting. He suggested making the changes to the schedule prior so that everyone could plan for the adjustment. This item will be added to the February agenda. Myron Cottam also requested a follow up on the evaluations that are due. Superintendent stated that all are current except for the career teachers.

10. Public Comments

There was no public comment at this time.

11. 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, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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