

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, January 16, 2014
Panguitch High School

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

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

Kevin Orton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve December 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve December 2013 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented pending the background check approval for the EHS substitute. Melaney Draper 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.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

4. Reports

- A. Board Reports**

Melaney Draper attended the USBA Conference. She enjoyed the “School Board Finance 101”, the Washington County School District presentation, and the “Technology in the Classroom” session.

Ken Platt attended the USBA Conference. He enjoyed the conference and the presentation given by Patrick Tanner on procurement. He thanked the other Board members for nominating him for the USBA Board of Directors. He was appointed and enjoys the position.

Cheryl Cox attended the USBA Conference. She stated that the “What Counts” session really made her think about how we can get the communities more involved with our District. She also attended the SWATC meeting on Tuesday and reported that they will be offering four hybrid courses that students will be able to take over distance. This would allow students that receive a scholarship from SWATC to begin their courses before they graduate.

Mike Savage attended the USBA Conference. He liked the presentations about Core and the “Technology in the Classroom” presentations. He also stated that he felt it was very valuable for the Board to meet with other Boards to be to come together on ideas that help the School District.

Myron Cottam attended the USBA Conference. He liked the Washington County School District presentation and the “Technology in the Classroom” presentation. He also enjoyed meeting as a Board to discuss what they were learning.

Superintendent Dalton attended the USBA Conference. He thanked the Board for their dedication to the District and their attendance at the Conference. He also complimented the Board on receiving the Master Board Award.

Kevin Orton attended the USBA Conference. He felt the procurement training session was very informative. He enjoyed the time spent with the Board.

B. Superintendent’s Report

1. K12 Usage in GCSD

Updated January 3, 2014

Escalante High School

Credit Recovery: 4

Electives: 2

Regular Class: 3

Home School (all credit recovery) 4

Bryce Valley High School

Credit Recovery: 1

Electives: 3
Regular Class: 1
Students in Physics-Fred Beesley as Instructor: 11

Panguitch High School

Credit Recovery: 3
Electives: 2
Regular Class: 1
Students in Math 2-Eric Palmer as Instructor: 20
Students in Chemistry-David Dawson Instructor: 22
Students in Physics- David Dawson Instructor: 11

2. Federal Budget Update

Congress released the details of its funding proposal for the rest of FY14. This is the funding year that started October 1 and represents funding that will be in school funding in FY15. A copy of the Federal Budget Update from the USOE was included on Board Docs.

3. Upcoming 2014 Legislation

Superintendent Dalton shared upcoming Education Bills for the 2014 Legislative Session. A copy of the Education Bills was included on Board Docs.

4. AED Information

Superintendent Dalton shared quotes that School Nurse Jan Frandsen had obtained in regards to the District purchasing AED's. (Automated External Defibrillator) The Board would like to have an AED in each building. This item will be on the February Board Agenda for possible Board approval.

5. Select Health

Superintendent Dalton shared a letter from Select Health. He attached the letter for the Board members for their reference on Board Docs.

6. UPSTART

Waterford Institute provides the curriculum for UPSTART. They have received a grant from the Federal government for 11.3 million dollars to help districts throughout the State of Utah to hire individuals to help implement the program. Garfield School District will receive \$25,000. They would like to have someone in place by the end of the school year.

5. Board Action Items

A. GCSD Mini Grant Application

Superintendent Dalton explained how the committee reviewed each application and how each application was ranked. A copy of

each application was also included on Board Docs. Superintendent Dalton suggested that the Board look at the applications ranked 2 or 3 and the Capital Projects in their next Board Work Meeting. All applications ranked 1 corresponded directly with students in the classroom.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve all of the Mini-Grants with the priority ranking of 1. The Board will review the Capital projects and applications with ranking of 2 or 3 at the Board Retreat Work Meeting and add the review to the regular Board Meeting in February. Superintendent Dalton will equalize the applications and find the best financial options for purchase. All applicants that are approved will have the expectation that they will commit to professional development and continuing education to better use the technology being purchased to have it be transformational rather than additive. 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.

6. Board Discussion Items

A. Capital Project Update

The problems with the boiler at Bryce Valley Elementary have been resolved and it is now working properly. Myron Cottam asked for future Capital Projects to be added for the next meeting for the tax levy that will be in place.

B. “C” Policies – Proposed February Adoption

These policies are on track to be approved in the February Board meeting. There has been no public comment.

C. Zion’s Bank GO Bond Payment Plan

These bonds were sold “non-callable.” Which means the District must wait until 2015 to make the final payment. Because the bonds were so short to begin with (3 years), selling them as non-callable bonds allowed the District to get a lower interest rate and save more in interest expense. The pricing book Zion Bank put together for that transaction was included on Board Docs.

D. Update on Progress of Procurement Training

Business Administrator Kevin Orton reviewed the completion and progress of the procurement trainings at each school. A copy of those who have completed the training was included on Board Docs.

E. School Bus Issues in Cold Weather

Melaney Draper brought up the option of purchasing a building for the buses. During the extreme cold weather, several of the buses would not start and kids were late getting to school. Cheryl Cox also mentioned the importance of the communication between the schools and the parents. Myron Cottam said with diesel engines they must have high quality fuel, an additive, and plug them in. He feels that this will take care of 99.9% of the problems with starting the buses. He feels that purchasing a building is another issue. The Board would like to look at all of the expenses related to the buses and get information about the County building that is available for purchase. This will be a discussion at the Board Retreat Work Meeting.

8. Board Business

A. Set February 2014 School Board Meeting

The Board meeting for February will be held in Escalante, Utah on February 20, 2014 beginning at 4:00PM.

A Board Retreat Work meeting will be held on February 4, 2014 at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon City, Utah beginning at 9:00AM.

9. Future Board Items

Superintendent Dalton provided copies of the Board Handbook for the Board to review and make changes. Cheryl Cox edited it to make sure the District was listed correctly and take out any unnecessary items.

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

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