

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Thursday, March 20, 2014  
Bryce Valley High School

Board members present: Board President Ken Platt, Vice President, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam. Melaney Draper arrived at 3:30pm.

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.

**Board Goals**

The Board has been working on goal number four; "Support academic excellence for all students."

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Approve February 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve February 2014 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Home School Affidavit**

Cheryl Cox mentioned that EES did not have any detail on the P & L report. Kevin Orton stated it was because they only had activity in their lunch account. Ken Platt asked that the report at least show the beginning and ending balance each month. Kevin stated he would provide that in the future reports.

Mike Savage made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the stipulation that all applicants pass their background check. Cheryl Cox

seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment as this time.

#### **5. Reports**

##### **A. Board Reports**

Mike Savage had no report.

Cheryl Cox attended the SouthWest ATC meeting. It was a celebration for their new health science building. Senator Vickers and Senator Westwood were present. She hopes it will create more opportunities for students in our District.

Ken Platt attended the Five County AOG meeting. They had a presentation on the Tour of Utah which will come back to Highway 12 again this year.

Melaney Draper had no report at this time.

Myron Cottam had no report at this time.

##### **B. Superintendent's Report**

###### **1. Boulder Elementary Science**

Boulder Elementary has had great success in their science curriculum thanks to volunteer, Steve Cox. Superintendent Dalton provided a copy of an article in the Boulder Community Alliance which stated, "Steve, who has an impressive teaching career under his belt, volunteered to organize, develop, and teach science at Boulder Elementary. He began by compiling lesson plans into organized binders and stocking the science area with materials. At Steve's request, Boulder Community Alliance was able to help fund the project. All of his lessons focus on interactive, hands-on activities that cater to a broad range of ages and interests. As a more long term solution, Steve's curriculum is designed to be easily passed on to the next science teacher." A copy was also provided on Board Docs.

###### **2. Legislative Update 2014**

The summary of the 2014 Legislative Session with USBA/USSA/UASBO Positions and Outcomes in Legislation were attached to Board Docs.

**3. edPULSE Survey**

The District will be working with edPULSE formally known as ISQ to ask for student, parent, and employee input. This survey will fulfill the requirement by the District for parent and student input to be in compliance with the new evaluation system. The surveys will be available on the District web page.

**4. SAGE Brochures**

USOE has prepared three brochures to assist you in providing information on the new SAGE assessment system. The blue brochure is for policymakers, the red brochure is for educators, the gold brochure is for families. The brochures are attached and are also available on line at:

<http://schools.utah.gov/assessment/Adaptive-Assessment-System.aspx>

**5. BTS Program**

The Beverly Taylor Sorenson money must be applied for through SUU and can be used to offer classes in the elementary schools for music, visual arts, theater, and dance. In the past, 1 FTE was equivalent to \$54,000. Teachers can teach at two schools, they must have a valid teaching license. The application process will take place in the next few weeks.

**C. Brent Judd CTE Pathways**

Mr. Judd provided CTE Pathways that are available throughout Garfield School District. A copy of was attached to Board Docs. He also provided a list sorted by high school and the teachers that offer the classes within a pathway. A copy of the list was attached to Board Docs also. He asked the Board to consider having pathways as a requirement for graduation.

**D. Board Action Items**

**1. Comp Guidance**

Gary Bennett and Scott Henrie presented information regarding the District Comprehensive Guidance Model which is being used in all of the high schools. The program benefits the students by addressing their intellectual, emotional, social, and psychological needs. The programs also includes sequential activities which are structured to meet the needs of all students by helping them acquire knowledge of self, others, career, educational, and technical options. This will help the students make decisions regarding their life/career direction. The Counselors requested a letter of support from the Board. A copy of the letter was included on Board Docs.

Superintendent Dalton thanked Mr. Henrie and Mr. Bennett for their commitment to the students and helping them take the next step to their careers.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to sign the letter of support for the Comp Guidance program in the District. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0. Myron Cottam was out of the room for this vote.

**2. Mini Grant Approval**

Previously, Mini Grants were awarded for classroom technology and supplies. The Board approved the Capital Projects with a ranking of 1. Superintendent Dalton suggested that the Board approve a sound system for each school. This would allow the District to own the equipment. Escalante Heritage Foundation had offered matching money for a sound system. This money would be turned back to the Foundation because the District would pay for the entire system.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the projects with a ranking of 1. The Escalante and Panguitch High School sound systems will be removed from the mini-grants and each high school will have \$15,000 to spend on a sound system in their school.

Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. Cheryl Cox Abstained. The motion passed 4-0-1

**3. Notice of Non-Renewal**

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the Notice of Non-Renewals. 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.

**4. BVHS Track Schedule**

The schedule was previously approved. No action on this item.

**5. Preparedness Fair**

The Preparedness Fair committee, once again, asked for the District to co-sponsor the event. The District will provide Panguitch High School for the event as well as carry the liability insurance. The Fair will be held September 6, 2014.

Melaney Draper made a motion to be a co-sponsor of the Preparedness Fair. 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. GCSD Board Resolution on PLC's**

A copy of the Board Resolution for Professional Learning Communities was included on Board Docs. Cheryl LeFevre commented she was concerned that teachers would only be able to attend the District Core Academy without the financial backing from the District to attend Core Academy's outside of the District. Superintendent Dalton reminded the Board that the District was concentrating on a math PLC and was not discouraging teachers from other Core Academy's. Myron Cottam stated the Board should concentrate on the actual Resolution and let the Superintendent and the Administrators work with the teachers to decide which Core Academy and how many they could attend. Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the GCSD Board Resolution on PLC's. 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.

**7. District Surplus Items**

Several items were listed to be approved to add to the District Surplus site.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the items listed as surplus to be added to the District Auction website. 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.

**8. District Golf Schedule**

A copy of the District Golf Schedule was included on Board Docs. Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. 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.

**9. RFP's**

A copy of each of the RFP's was included on Board Docs. The projects listed were as follows: Bleachers at Escalante and Panguitch High Schools, gym floors to be refinished at each high school in the District, track resurfacing at Bryce Valley and Escalante High Schools, and filling in the pool at Panguitch High School.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the RFP's and move forward with the projects. 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. Board Discussion Items**

**1. Update on progress of Procurement Training**

Kevin Orton reported that the District is moving forward and he is staying in touch with the administrators.

**2. Certified Salary Scale Increase**

The proposal to the Certified Salary scale is to increase step 1 lane 1 currently at \$31,732 and step 2 lane 1 currently \$32,540 to the same rate as step 3 lane 1 which is \$33,347. So, a beginning teacher starting at step 1 lane 1 would make \$33,347 and remain on that pay scale during their first, second and third year of employment.

By increasing the beginning salary, the District is more likely to attract better candidates to fill vacant positions. The increase also helps the GCSD align with other surrounding districts starting salaries.

**3. FGC, CEB, CJDF, DHA, DBB, BEF, DADA, Employment Conditions and Duties – Proposed April Adoption**

These policies are up for adoption in April. Some of the policies have already been adopted, but there was a need to make corrections to some of them. Copies of each of these policies were also on Board Docs.

**4. GCSD School Sponsored and Non-School Sponsored Activities**

A copy of the Garfield School District "Guidelines for Camps, Clinics, and Non-District Sponsored Activities" policy was included on Board Docs. Risk Management and the District Legal Counsel have approved the policy. The policy will be on the next Board Agenda for approval after public review and comment.

**8. Board Business**

**A. Set April 2014 School Board Meeting**

The Board meeting for the April meeting will be held in Panguitch, Utah on April 24, 2014, beginning at 4:00PM. A work meeting will be held on April 22, 2014 and begin at 4:00PM.

**B. Future Board Items**

School fees will be submitted for the April Board meeting. The District calendar will also be out for vote. Three calendars have been developed and all employees will have the opportunity to vote on their top choice. If someone wants to develop and submit another calendar they may do so if they have 50 signatures to back the submission.

**9. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**10. Executive Session**

No Executive session 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, Mike Savage, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0. Melaney Draper was not present for this vote as she had left for a family emergency.

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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.