

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 30, 2015

Escalante High School, Escalante, UT

Board members present: President Ken Platt, Vice President, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage. Myron Cottam arrived 4:05pm.

Superintendent Ben Dalton was present and Business Administrator Patty Murphy attended over IVC.

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Ken Platt called the meeting to order.

Welcome

President Ken Platt extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cheryl Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve March 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve March 2015 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Home School Affidavit (None at this time)**
- F. Letter of Recognition**

Cheryl Cox 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

Ken Platt attended the Regional USBA meeting for Legislative updates.

Cheryl Cox attended the Regional USBA meeting for Legislative updates. She reported that a collaboration between the District, Boulder Arts Council, and Escalante Arts Festival to invite Ririe Woodbury to come to EHS. They had 275 people in attendance. The community expressed appreciation for the event. She also attended the Boulder Elementary Community Council meeting.

Melaney Draper attended the Regional USBA meeting for Legislative updates. She also attended the Sterling Scholar Banquet. She participated in the SUU Governors Academy meeting and reported a student from EHS will be attending this summer.

Myron Cottam attended the Regional USBA meeting for Legislative updates.

Mike Savage attended the Regional USBA meeting for Legislative updates. He also attended the PHS Community Council meeting. UHSAA will begin their re-alignment meetings which will go into effect in 2017.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. UETN 2015 Legislative Summary

The UETN 2015 Legislative Summary was included on Board Docs. The only revenue that UETN receives is through Legislation which was approved for more funding this year.

2. New USOE Science Teaching Standards

The Utah State Board of Education has released the 6th-8th grade Utah Science and Engineering Education (SEEd) standards for 90-day public review. Utah SEEd standards are available online for the public to view and provide feedback using an online survey tool. Downloads for the SEEd standards, as well as the link to the online review tool, are available on the USOE website at: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/science/Revision.aspx>

3. Grant Application Update

Superintendent Dalton reported that the District has applied for the following grants:

- UPSTART (Reading and math intervention K-3)

- Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Program (Music Program)
- STEM Action Center (iReady, K-3 reading, and ALEKS math intervention 3-12)

- Southern Utah Health Education Center

The purpose of this application grows out of the need in eighteen rural counties of Utah for increasing access to health care educational experiences for disadvantaged students, increasing the quality of the applicant pools for post-secondary health professions programs, and improving access to health care through expanded diversity and distribution of the health care workforce.

4. School Community Council – Legislative Session Report

Two Bills that passed will impact the work of the School Community Councils HB 363 and HB 213. A copy of the summary of each Bill was included on Board Docs.

5. Stakeholder Survey

Garfield School District has been working the University of Utah to develop and provide a stakeholder survey. The surveys were available to the public from April 1 – April 17, 2015.

6. USOE Educator Effectiveness

Superintendent Dalton shared the information from the USOE regarding the Educator Effectiveness. Districts have been very concerned about the percentages for Educator Evaluation components that will be adopted by the Board. After examining the data and discussing the issue they are suggesting the following percentages to the Board discussion:

Professional Demonstration (Observations) - 70%

Student Growth - 20%

Stakeholder Input - 10%

These are suggestions that will be discussed in the May USOE Board meeting.

7. Escalante Recognition Letter

A copy of the letter was included on Board Docs. Escalante Elementary has been recognized each year since 2009. This award is for high achieving Title I schools. The Board and Superintendent Dalton congratulated them and recognized their hard work and efforts to receive the award.

C. Business Administrator Report

No Report at this time.

D. Community Council Plans – Mr. Steele

Mr. Steele presented the Community Council Plans for Escalante Elementary and Escalante High School.

5. Board Action Items

A. Textbook Adoption Committee Recommendation

The GCSD textbook committee has reviewed several reading curriculum programs. The textbook committee is recommending for the School Board to adopt the McGraw Hill Education "Wonders" program and purchase it for \$136,536. This initial purchase will pay the ongoing cost for the next six years.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the curriculum being recommended and approve the purchase of the materials for \$136,536. 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.

B. USBA and Local Policy Update

The ECH Policy has been available for public comment during the past three weeks. Superintendent Dalton recommended "Option A" which states:

The Board of Education hereby adopts for use in the schools of the District the human sexuality instructional materials recommended by the Utah State Office of Education. All human sexuality instruction in the District shall make use of those instructional materials. Utah Code § 53A-13-101(1) (c) (2004)

Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-4C (August 8, 2011)

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the ECH Policy "Option A" and also the other two attached policies being presented at this time; two of which are local policies. Myron Cottam 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. Summer Camps and Clinics Fee

Panguitch High and Bryce Valley High Schools presented their lists of summer camps and clinics. A copy of each camp and clinic proposal was included on Board Docs with the District Policy.

http://www.garfield.k12.ut.us/images/docs/Garfield_Camps_Clinics_Policy.pdf

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the fees and approve them as school sponsored events. 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.

D. SWATC Fee Schedule

Board Member Cheryl Cox represents Garfield School District on the SWATC Board.

Utah College of Applied Technology policy requires the school district representatives serving on a campus Board of Directors to notify their respective Boards of high school fees each year. A copy of the approved FY16 high school fee schedule was included on Board Docs.

Mike Savage made a motion to SWATC high school fee schedule. Myron Cottam 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.

E. Trust Land Plans

A copy Bryce Valley Elementary and Boulder Elementary Trust Land Plans were included on Board Docs. Cheryl Cox reported on the Boulder Elementary Trust Land Plan.

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the Bryce Valley and Boulder Elementary Land Trust she added Escalante high and Escalante Elementary School's plans as well as Principal Steele had previously presented them. 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.

F. Roof RFP

Escalante High and Panguitch High both need roof replacements. These are large projects and a Request for Proposals will be needed as the initial cost estimates are \$200-300,000.

Myron Cottam made a motion to move forward and prepare RFP's for the work to be completed. 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.

G. Level I to Level II Request

Principal Layne LeFevre recommended Lanae Cloud for tenure and to be moved to a Level II teacher.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the recommendation for Mrs. Cloud. 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.

H. Auditorium Sound Systems

Marshall Industries provided a proposal to provide maintenance, repair replacement of some components to gym and auditorium sound systems at Escalante High, Bryce Valley High, and Panguitch High School. The Board previously approved, as part of the mini-grant process, \$45,000 for auditorium work. The bid is for \$53,845 or an overall increase of \$8,845.

Gyms: \$15,041 and Auditoriums \$38,804. The proposal was attached to Board Docs.

Melaney Draper made a motion to approve the bid from Marshall Industries to provide the needed improvements on each high school sound system. 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.

I. 2015-2016 District Calendar

Each calendar proposed was included on Board Docs. Calendar A received 23 votes and Calendar C received 43 votes and Calendar B had no votes. Cheryl Cox commented that she was not sure if Calendar C met the needs of the students. She feels it may be more effective if the Board accepts input and then develops the calendar. The Board discussed several options and heard some comments from the public.

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the calendar with the most votes from the employees which would be Calendar C. Myron Cottam 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.

6. Board Discussion Items

1. Graduation Ceremony for Adult Ed Inmates

Graduation ceremonies for Adult Ed Inmates will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Garfield County Jail.

2. GCSD Graduations

May 20, 2015 EHS 8:00 pm

May 21, 2015 PHS 7:00 pm

May 22, 2015 BVHS 8:00 pm

3. Waterford UPSTART Program

The enrollment has increased from 3 to 30 children using the UPSTART program. Garfield School District has the highest usage of the program and was featured in Education Week magazine.

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2015/04/utah_expand_support_for_online_preschool_program.html?r=436194751&q=UPSTART&preview=1

7. Board Business

A. Set May 2015 School Board Meeting

The date of the May Board meeting will be May 21, 2015 and will begin at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held at Panguitch High School. A Board Work meeting will be held on May 15, 2015 to review the Budget beginning at 4:00PM.

B. Future Board Items

Cheryl Cox asked Superintendent Dalton to add the FY 17 Calendar adoption to be approved in January of next year instead of May.

8. Public Comment

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.

Myron Cottam made a motion to go into an Executive Session for Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. 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.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. , Cheryl Cox, Myron, Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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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