

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

Thursday, August 14, 2014  
Escalante High School

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Kevin Orton were present. Three public members were also present, Principal Bert Steele, Teacher Ryan Fischer and wife.

**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**

Myron Cottam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Approve July 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve July 2014 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**
- E. Affidavit & Certificate for Home School Instruction**

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the stipulation that each applicant pass their background check. 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.

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**4. Reports**

- A. Board Reports**

Mike Savage had no report at this time.

Cheryl Cox reported that the SWATC President was selected. His name is Brennon Wood. He has been on the SWATC Board.

Ken Platt had no report at this time.

Melaney Draper had no report at this time.

Myron Cottam had no report at this time.

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

### **1. Staffing Update**

Escalante High School interviewed for a science teacher today. Elizabeth Julian will be the head teacher at Boulder Elementary.

### **2. GCSD Ebooks**

This information was provided by SEDC:

#### **Advantage Accounts**

Advantage Accounts are individual libraries housed under the Consortium Library (SEDC). These can be a school or district, every Advantage account is required to make a one-time purchase of \$500 in content. The books are purchased and the account managed by the school/district, not SEDC. Patrons that log into Overdrive (the library platform) would see books in the Advantage Account, as well as books in the SEDC library seamlessly. Users outside the school/district would have access to only the SEDC books, if you set up a BVHS library, PHS would not have access to it, but a Garfield District account could house all the schools.

The alternative is having districts contribute (above the yearly \$300 base +.25 per student) to the SEDC library, for books that may fall outside of the Grant guidelines (Young Adult Fiction). The books would be reviewed by our Committee monthly and purchased by SEDC. Those books would be available to all students in the Region.

This is something we would want to look at very closely and have the board discuss and approve before implementing. It's probably best to have every district pay the same type of equitable rate over the long term.

#### **Textbooks**

Currently, Pearson Textbooks are available in Overdrive, they are metered for 12 months, have a 60 day checkout period and you can

only purchase 15 books (\$13-24 each). I know that sounds odd, and I have had several discussions on this, and think it will change. And they are also in the DMRC PDF, which essentially means unusable on Chrome books.

**Purchasing Options**

eBooks come in several formats, the main ones are .pdf, epub and kindle, when we purchase a title, we get all the formats the publishers have made available, and it varies.

The books can be purchased for 12 months, 26 checkouts, or one to one (purchase a title for life)

**Stats**

We have about 1300 titles in the library available for checkout.

We have 4,683 checkouts to date.

We have purchased over \$25,000 in eBooks

**3. ESEA Flexibility Waiver Information**

Superintendent Dalton shared a letter from Dr. Patti Harrington, Executive Director of the Utah School Superintendents Association. The State School Board unanimously approved the ESEA Waiver for one year. A copy of the letter was included on Board Docs.

**4. EHS Ednet Equipment Installed**

EHS received a grant with USU for a STEM grant. The grant provided a very current, top of the line equipment to the school.

**C. Business Administrator's Report**

**1. FY15 Trustlands Funding Increase**

The State School Land Trust Program increased the amounts given to schools by 5%. A chart, which was included on Board Docs, indicated the total the District would receive and the additional funds that each school will receive.

**2. FY15 School Budgets**

A copy of each school budget was attached to Board Docs.

**5. Board Action Items**

**A. Policy CEB – District Emergency Response Plan**

A copy of the Garfield School District policy was included on Board Docs. This policy makes the necessary change to inform students that may be on released time to be notified if the

school is on a lock down. The public may review the policy which will be posted on the District web site.

Mike Savage made a motion to accept Policy CEB. 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.

**B. 2013 USBA Model Policy Update**

Several updates have been made to the District policies due to the changes from the Legislative session. A copy of all of the changes, additions, and deletions was included on Board Docs.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the updates with the changes made by Superintendent Dalton. 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.

**C. GCSD Cross Country Schedule**

A letter from the PHS Cross Country Coach, Danny Yardley was included on Board Docs. The letter was a request to make a change to the approved cross country schedule.

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the changes to the cross country schedule. 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.

**D. GCSD Local Policies**

The Board considered the Concurrent Enrollment Policy. The Statement of Agreement and Grade Recovery documents will be administrative procedures. An updated copy of the Student Handbook and Signature page were also included on Board Docs. Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the GCSD Local Policies. 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.

**E. GCSD Job Descriptions**

Copies of job descriptions for classified and certified positions in the District were included on Board Docs. The Board shall assign positions of employment to meet the specific needs of the District. Utah Code Ann. § 53A-3-402 (2013)

The Board would like to make sure that the wording, “and other duties assigned by the principal or supervisor” is added to the contracts.

Mike Savage made a motion to accept the job descriptions with the additional language discussed being added also. 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.

**F. Fuel Education Online Curriculum Purchase**

Superintendent Dalton asked the Board to table this item until the next Board meeting.

Myron Cottam made a motion to table this item until the next Board Meeting. 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.

**G. Student Acceptable Use Policy**

GCSD provides a wide array of technology resources for student use. This agreement, along with any student handbooks in each school, outlines appropriate use and prohibited activities when using technology resources. Every student is expected to follow all guidelines, as well as those given orally by the faculty and staff and to demonstrate good citizenship and ethical behavior at all times.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the Student AUP for the District. 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.

**H. Approve Bus Driver Contracts**

A copy of the District Bus Driver Contract was included on Board Docs. The language was changed to “The driver will conduct a pre-trip and post-trip each time the school bus is used”.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the District Bus Driver Contract with the change of adding “inspection”. 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.

**I. Approve Certified Contracts**

A copy of the District Certified Contract was included on Board Docs.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Certified Contract with the changes from the Attorney, Patrick Tanner. 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.

**6. Board Discussion Items**

**1. Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Dalton reported on the progress throughout the District at each of the schools.

The EHS well pump was pulled and the problem was found. The repairs will now be made to make the water available to the school.

**7. Board Business**

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

The date of the September Board meeting will be September 25, 2014 and will begin at 4:00PM. The meeting will be held at Antimony Elementary School. A Board work meeting will be held September 23, 2014 beginning at 4:00PM. The work meeting will be conducted electronically.

**B. Future Board Items**

No items at this time.

**8. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**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.**

**C. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.**

Cheryl Cox made a motion to move into a closed Executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Myron Cottam made a motion to come out of the closed Executive session and return to the regular Board meeting. Melaney Draper Seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Mike Savage, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Melaney Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

#### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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