

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, November 15, 2012
Bryce Valley High School

Board members present: Board President Ken Platt, Vice President Gregg Christensen, Cheryl Cox, and Brian Bremner. Kay Englestead was not present.

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Kevin Orton were present, as well as several public/community members.

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Ken Platt called the meeting to order. There were several people from the public present at the 5:00PM start time.

Welcome

Board President Ken Platt extended a welcome to all who were present. He also reviewed some of the Board Goals.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

3. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve October 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve October 2012 Financial Reports**
- C. Item Specific Budget Changes – No changes.**
- D. Approve Hiring Recommendations**

Ken Platt stated that he and Brian Bremner had previously asked about a payment for prisoners. It was explained that they had removed carpet from Panguitch High School and the charge was for two meals that they received. Eugene King explained the new para hire at Escalante High School that will be paid out of Trust Land monies.

Gregg Christensen made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Gregg Christensen, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment

Jana Williams teaches a BV Cheer program for 3-18 year olds in Tropic. She stated her programs are shutting down because of the building rental. She would like the Board to reconsider the Building Rental Policy.

Jessica Stewart teaches dance and gymnastics would like the Board to rescind the motion for the Building Rental program.

Parent Tracy stated their family benefitted from taking karate. This is not the way for the District to make money.

Dan Cloud runs a karate club out of Bryce Valley Elementary. There are costs above the liability insurance that he has to pay to keep his club status.

Alfred Foster, custodian of Bryce Valley Elementary, commented that he has very few problems with these groups.

Erin Trainer is a parent in Escalante and stated the programs offered by these groups are invaluable.

Tari Cottam runs a dance class in Escalante. Her husband, Ryan Cottam, is a custodian at Escalante High so she keeps the facilities clean.

Mindy Grimshaw is a parent in the Bryce Valley area. She donates her time to help with the programs.

Chance Stewart is Jessica Stewart's husband. He asked the question, "What is best for the kids?"

Kayla Russo helps Jana Williams teach the cheer club. She commented that the program is very fun.

Dakota Stevens commented that she helps with BV cheer program and it helps her self-esteem and achieving goals.

Glenn Allen is from Piute County. He commented that he wanted to address the MOU between Garfield and Piute School Districts. His children attend Circleville Elementary and he wants bus service from Piute. Piute tells him it is Garfield's responsibility and Superintendent Dalton offered him service if his children would

attend Antimony Elementary. He commented that he appreciates the help he has received from Superintendent Dalton.

5. Item 6E Building Rental was moved up at this time to address concerns

Superintendent Dalton commented that because fees were very inconsistent throughout the District a Building Use Policy was needed. Cheryl Cox stated that this policy had been worked on for the past eleven months.

Tyson Brinkerhoff stated that he is the girls' basketball coach at Bryce Valley and coaches Bantam basketball. He does not want to see the programs, such as dance and cheer end.

Brian Bremner made a motion to modify the Building Rental Policy to say until June 30, 2013 for existing activities that have used the buildings in the past that are sponsored by community members, that the rental rate is \$25 per month.

Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. She then commented that she would like to have the policy on the agenda in the future to be able to make sure the number of days used have not increased and to make sure it is a reasonable amount. Brian Bremner wanted to make sure that it was understood that only the existing programs would continue at this rate.

Superintendent Dalton commented that \$2 for an unlimited amount of time in the buildings was a rate that would not be found anywhere. His recommendation to the Board was that they run the policy and at least give it a chance to see how it works. He also provided information that showed the amounts that were being made by different groups. He also provided information regarding insurance policies that was provided by these groups.

A vote was called for. Gregg Christensen, Cheryl Cox, Brian Bremner, and Ken Platt voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Board Reports

Cheryl Cox had a board meeting with SWATC. She would like to see how the District could benefit more from their services.

Ken Platt attended the Five County Steering Committee meeting. Both SUU and Dixie are scrambling to make cuts due to the drop in enrollment from more kids going on LDS missions.

Gregg Christensen attended the UHSAA meeting. He reported that the realignments did not greatly affect the 1A schools.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Escalante Elementary Recognized

Superintendent Dalton congratulated Escalante Elementary.

This year the USOE will be recognizing two categories of Reward Schools: High Performing and High Progress Title 1

Schools. Escalante Elementary was selected by the USOE as a High Performing Title 1 School.

B. Concurrent Enrollment Report FY 12 vs. FY 11

Superintendent showed in FY11 the number of Concurrent Enrollment credits for the Garfield School District was 33, in FY12 the number increased to 233 Concurrent Enrollment Credits in the District. This means the students in the GCSD were awarded 200 more college credits in FY12 than they were in FY11. If you multiply the 200 credits by an approximation of \$600 per credit this is a savings of \$120,000 to our students and parents.

C. Transportation Funding Changes from USOE

Superintendent Dalton explained that the transportation funding for the District has been cut and we will lose approximately \$26,737.

D. School Lunch Information

Superintendent Dalton provided a letter that will go home to parents regarding changes in the Food Service program.

E. New Board Member Training

The Utah School Boards Association will conduct a workshop for newly elected school board members and Superintendents on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Provo Marriott Hotel. This workshop will help new board members start off their school board experience in an informed and positive way.

Southwest Education Center will hold its annual Legislative meeting/luncheon on December 12, 2012 in St. George, UT. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss critical educational issues in Utah and school districts with local and key legislators before the 2013 session.

F. Policy Section D

Garfield County School District has worked with SEDC to secure a \$7,000 grant for Secondary Math teacher training.

G. Teacher Evaluation Pilot Update

Superintendent Dalton gave the Board a copy of the Summary of Education Interim. He highlighted several issues in the summary that would be of interest to the Board. A copy was included in the Board packet.

H. SWATC Contract

Superintendent Dalton reminded the Board that they would review the application in the November meeting. A copy of the contract was provided for the Board.

I. Sequestration Related to Federal Funding

Superintendent Dalton gave the Board an update on the Sequestration of Federal funds as this has become a prevalent topic in the State Superintendent meetings.

J. State Enrollment Report

The District student enrollment is up 21 students for this year. That equals about \$59,000 for the District. That is a significant increase for a District our size. A copy of the October 1 report was included in the Board packet.

K. Community Council Training

The USOE held Community Council training at Bryce Valley High School on November 13, 2012. All community council members were invited and the District provided transportation.

7. Discussion and Action Items

A. Garfield/Piute School District MOU (Changed in order from agenda)

Over the past few months, the GCSD has received questions from patrons in Piute, particularly the town of Angle asking if a Memorandum of Understanding exists between Garfield and Piute related to students who attend Antimony Elementary and Piute High School. The GCSD was not able to produce a MOU with the PCSD.

As an update, the Piute School Board did not pass this MOU in their November School Board meeting. This item was tabled for the next Board meeting.

A copy of the agreement was provided for the Board members.

B. Activity Fees

The Board stated that they appreciated the information that was provided from the high schools. Cheryl Cox commented that one of the goals of the School Board was to have better oversight of school funds.

C. Policy Approval

These policies all pertained to Board administration and operation. Superintendent was directed by the School Board to have these policies on the District website for a month to see if there were any

comments from the public. The Board previously approved these policies if there were no comments received. No comments were submitted, so the policies have been approved.

D. UCAS Report

Superintendent Dalton stated the Utah Comprehensive Accountability System (UCAS) reports would be released to the public after November 30, 2012.

E. Employee Christmas Bonus

A one-time salary adjustment stipend was placed in the FY 13 budget totaling \$24,000, in order to distribute the money to the employees as a salary adjustment for the holiday season. Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the salary adjustment for the Christmas bonus. \$200 would be distributed to full-time employees and \$100 to part-time.

Ken Platt seconded the motion. A question on the motion by Brian Bremner: he wondered why the District would give a bonus near a religious holiday. He stated the bonus was not based on performance and being a public entity, he wondered how the Board could justify it. Superintendent Dalton stated that it was a good faith effort from the Board to show their appreciation to the employees. If the Board would not like it to be a "Christmas" bonus to call it a salary adjustment and give it when they would like.

Cheryl Cox stated to amend her motion to state a salary adjustment stipend and Ken Platt seconded the motion.

A vote was called for. Ken Platt and Cheryl Cox voted Aye. Brian Bremner voted Nay. Gregg Christensen abstained. The motion tied 2-1-1. Ken Platt stated that the motion passed due to previous discussion. The Board will find out if this is a pass or fail.

Superintendent Dalton stated that if this motion did not pass the employees would not get the bonus. Cheryl Cox stated they would revisit the motion.

F. Utah Consolidated Application

Business Administrator, Kevin Orton discussed the Utah Consolidated Application. Copies of the summary, accelerated student program, adult education, IDEA funding, state funds, excess cost computation, Early Childhood programs, and the FY 13 UCA Excess cost information. Chris Kupfer, the District Special Education Director assisted in explaining details of funding. He commented that the UCA is a way to track all of the federal funding that comes into the District through various funds.

Brian Bremner asked Mr. Kupfer to tell the Board two good things that the District is doing in Special Education and one that they may need to improve on. Mr. Kupfer stated that the number one thing is that we are providing services within the schools because of these programs. He said the other thing was that as a staff they all have a vision as to where the District is going with the Special Education Program. They are utilizing the services that are available to the District. He stated that the things that they may improve would be to improve some of the technology that is available to the students.

Brian Bremner made a motion to accept the UCA report as presented. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A voted was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Gregg Christensen, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

G. District Sound System

Brian Bremner commented that he attended a play at Panguitch High School and found out that the District did not have any equipment. All of the equipment being used was the property of a citizen in Panguitch. Brian suggested taking \$8,000-\$12,000 from the Capital Fund the purchase of equipment for use throughout the District. Cheryl Cox commented that it would be very beneficial for Board meetings as well. The Board asked Superintendent to meet with Rick Swanger to get information about a sound system. Mike Savage commented that the equipment would take some training to be able to use and this make create an opportunity for some students to learn a new skill. Superintendent Dalton said it is important to remember that this would be a system that would need to benefit all of the schools not just any one in particular.

H. Superintendent's Contract

Superintendent Dalton brought to the Board's attention that his contract would be up for renewal in June and that the contract stated that the Board would need to let him know by January if they intended to renew the contract or not.

Brian made a motion to let the Superintendent Dalton know at this time that the Board intended to renew his contract. Gregg Christensen seconded the motion. A voted was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Gregg Christensen, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

I. Panguitch City Pool Update

Superintendent Dalton reported that Panguitch City met on Tuesday (11-13-12) and they accepted the District's offer of \$181,000 for the pool, restrooms, easement and two years use of the wrestling room.

They accepted the motion that was made by Gregg Christensen at their City Council meeting. Panguitch City will have their attorney change the easement, etc.

J. Future Agenda Items

The Board had no future agenda items and made a decision to cancel the December Board meeting. Cheryl Cox suggested changing the calendar so that the meetings were not always in the same place at the same time every year.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to cancel the December Board meeting in Panguitch. Gregg Christensen seconded the motion. He stated that if there were something to come up that needed the Board's attention that they would meet. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Gregg Christensen, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Personnel

No personnel business at this time.

9. Board Business

A. Set January 2013 School Board Meeting time, date, and location

The Board meeting for December was canceled. The January meeting will be held in Escalante, Utah on January 17, 2013.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

11. Adjournment

Brian Bremner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Gregg Christensen, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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