

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, October 25, 2012
Escalante High School

Board members present: Board President Ken Platt, Vice President Gregg Christensen, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner.

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

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

Welcome

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Gregg Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

3. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve September 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve September 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

No comments at this time.

5. School Board Reports

Kay Englestead attended a Five County meeting regarding funding for local towns. He also attended a "Meet the Candidates" meeting at Panguitch High School. He stated that the community asked several questions and felt it went very well. He shared the questions and some of the discussion from the meeting.

Cheryl Cox reported that the students from Escalante High School helped with a Boulder clean-up. She also went to Boulder Elementary with a visiting illustrated journal artist and to Escalante High school visiting poet.

Gregg Christensen will attend the November 15, 2102 UHSAA meeting regarding realignment of region boundaries.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Boulder Town Thank You Letter

Superintendent Dalton received a thank you from the Town of Boulder for the help from the Escalante High students and it was included in the Board packet.

B. Queststar Natural Gas Bill Savings at Panguitch High

Superintendent explained and showed the savings on natural gas bill at Panguitch High since the pool is not being heated. The savings are approximately, \$7,257 over a one year period.

C. Teacher and Leadership Standards

Superintendent Dalton explained that the District has been selected by the State to participate in the pilot program for evaluation of the tool that will be used to evaluate teachers. Superintendent, along with administrators and teachers from the District have attended the training. Superintendent indicated that it is an optional tool this year but is recommended for new teachers since it will be the evaluation tool for next year. Results from the tool are too evaluate the tool and will not be placed in files or used negatively for teachers this year.

D. Adult Education Graduation update

Superintendent Dalton informed the Board that there were six students that graduated from the Adult Ed program during the 2011-2012 school year and will now be counted as graduates and not as drop outs.

E. Grant from the US Department of Education

The Garfield School District received a three year grant for \$19,849 each year from the US Department of Education. The District will plan to use the funds in Title 1 to improve the achievement of disadvantaged students.

F. Grant for Math Teachers

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

G. Summary of Education Interim Committee

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. Utah Consolidated Application

Superintendent Dalton reminded the Board that they will review the application in the November meeting.

I. USBA Conference in January

Superintendent Dalton gave the Board the information for the 2013 Annual Utah School Boards Conference to be held in Salt Lake City. The dates are January 10-12, 2013. Room reservations have been made and can be changed as needed.

J. October 1 Count

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.

7. Discussion and Action Items

A. Home School Affidavit

The District received affidavits for home school instruction. Brian Bremner made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the two affidavits. Gregg Christensen 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.

B. Panguitch City Letter-Building Rental

Superintendent was directed by the School Board to visit with Mr. Quarnberg and Frank to see if an alternative location was available to hold wrestling practice. We could use both mezzanines in the gym but Frank suggested paying the rental fee to Panguitch City as a first choice due to safety issues. Coach Houston will talk to the City concerning the amount to be paid for rental.

C. Policies

Ken Platt stated that several policies have been on the District website for over 30 days. Superintendent Dalton emailed all District employees asking for comments or suggestions on the policies. He has not received any suggestions from anyone relating to the policies. Ken stated that he feels these policies are not controversial and asked if there was any input from the Board. Kay Englestead asked about BBAA Student Members. Ken said that the rules are included in the policy. The suggestion was made to explore the option of a nonvoting student member on the board. The suggestion was made to have a student from each area so that they would not need to travel. Cheryl Cox stated that this would also meet a goal from the What Counts meeting. Superintendent Dalton reminded the Board that the USBA Policy stated the Board may appoint "a" nonvoting student as follows:

BBAA

Board Members:

Student Members

Appointment of student member of board upon student petition—

Upon receipt of a qualifying student petition, the Board of Education may appoint a nonvoting student member to the Board in addition to the regular members authorized by law.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(1), (3)(a) (1995)

Requirements for petition—

To qualify, the petition shall have the signatures of:

- 1) At least 500 students regularly enrolled in high school in the District; or
- 2) **At least 10% of the number of students regularly enrolled in high school in the District, whichever is less.**

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(2) (1995)

Term of office—

A student member's term is for one year, beginning on July 1 and ending the following June 30.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(3)(b) (1995)

Student member qualifications—

To be qualified, a student board member shall be enrolled in a high school in the District and may be under 18 years of age.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(4) (1995)

Student member participation—

A student member has the right to participate in all open board meetings.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(5) (1995)

Entitlement to expense allowances—

A student board member is entitled to expense allowances granted other board members under Section 53A-3-202.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(6)(a) (1995)

Immunity for acts of board—

A student member is not liable for any acts of the governing board.

Utah Code Ann. § 20A-14-206(6)(b) (1995)

Brian Bremner made a motion to approve the second reading of the policies and give the public another 30 days to read over them. If they provide no comments, the policies will be approved. 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.

D. Garfield School District Building Rental Policy

This is the 3rd reading of the GCSO building rental agreement. A copy was provided to the Board, the first attachment was a working copy previously discussed in School Board meeting. The second copy contained suggestions from Patrick Tanner and the third copy was a black and white version of the final policy. The fourth copy contained Board member Bremner's recommendations. The Board had an extensive discussion about public and recreational use. Language in items #3, #9, and #10 will be changed according to Brian's suggestions. Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept this policy as the third and final reading with the proposed changes. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. Brian Bremner commented that he would hope that administrators will be liberal with the \$200 fee and how they collect it. Cheryl Cox said she would like to see feedback on the policy over the next several months to see how the policy works. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. Gregg Christensen voted Nay. The motion passed 4-1.

E. Recognition

Brian Bremner stated that he had a comment, suggestion, and motion. He commented that there are many great people doing great work that work for the District. He congratulated Julie Allen on her honor as runner-up for Teacher of the Year. There are lots of wonderful teachers throughout the District. His suggestion was to let the community councils nominate someone from their school and have the administrators choose who will be sent to the State. Then, the District

will locally recognize each one that was nominated. His motion was, any current board member who publically recognizes, or allows public recognition of a board member whose term ends in less than 100 days, automatically forfeits insurance benefits for the remainder of their term. Gregg Christensen seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Brian Bremner and Gregg Christensen voted aye. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Kay Englestead voted nay. The motion failed 3-2. Kay Englestead made a new motion that there is no public recognition of those Board members whose term will end in December. Ken Platt stated that in the past the Board has had a small party for those who will be leaving the Board. Brian and Gregg both agreed that they would not attend if there is any type of party. Brian Bremner 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.

F. Approval for EHS 150 mile contest

Brian Bremner made a motion to approve the trips. Contest for EHS girls' basketball to Blanding/Monument Valley (236 miles one way) December 14th and 15th. Contest for EHS girls' basketball to Tabiona/Pinnacle (264 miles one way) and the EHS boys' basketball to Tabiona and Pinnacle on the same days. The Board suggested that they ride the same bus and stay in different locations. Gregg Christensen 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.

G. PHS Out of State Travel Request

Gregg Christensen made a motion to approve the out of state travel for PHS girls' basketball to Mesquite December 13-14, 2012. Kay Englestead 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.

Brian Bremner suggested having a form when the schedules are approved to do it all at one time. Ken Platt suggested having each one come to the Board separately.

H. Negotiations

A copy of the ranking of teachers' pay across the state and the District salary schedule were included in the Board packet. Garfield is ranked fourth in the State for the maximum amount paid. A copy of the current negotiation document was also given to the Board.

Kay Englestead made a motion to accept the negotiation agreement with item #7 which includes the additional step provision that adds

\$500 to selected steps. Brian Bremner seconded the motion. Kay Englestead voted Aye. Ken Platt, Brian Bremner, Cheryl Cox, and Gregg Christensen voted Nay. The motion failed 4-1. Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the agreement without item #7. Gregg Christensen seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Gregg Christensen, and Cheryl Cox all voted Aye. Kay Englestead and Brian Bremner all voted Nay. The motion passed 3-2.

8. Personnel

No personnel business at this time.

9. Board Business

A. Set November 2012 School Board Meeting time, date, and location

The Board meeting for November 15, 2012 will be in Tropic as according to the schedule. The meeting will begin at 5:00PM. Brian Bremner made a motion that the Board meet with Panguitch City in a formal Board meeting October 30, 2012, at the Heritage Center in Tropic, UT, beginning at 6:00PM. Gregg Christensen 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.

10. Public Comments

Cheryl LeFevre said several students are concerned about their grades being earned in the concurrent enrollment classes. She made a suggestion to give quality points so that the more demanding classes get weighted differently. The board recommended that the counselors explore options such as an honors track for selecting valedictorians, etc. or a weighed GPA for honors courses and present options to the board in the future. Gregg Hughes suggested that it be phased in so no students are hurt by a new policy.

11. Executive Session

Brian Bremner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the purchase price of a piece of property, potential or reasonably imminent litigation, and character of one individual. 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.

Gregg Christensen made a motion to come out of the executive session. Brian Bremner 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.

12. Adjournment

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

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