

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

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Panguitch High School

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

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Kevin Orton were present, as well as LyNese Miller from the District Office.

Kay Englestead made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the character of individuals and purchase price of property. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Brian Bremner made a motion to come out of the closed meeting. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**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**

Brian Bremner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Agenda Changes**

There were no agenda changes.

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

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

Cheryl Cox asked about the amount paid for the phone bill. She asked if a large part of that was between schools. Superintendent Dalton explained that there are about 70 lines that are listed on the bill. She suggested using email and instant messaging as often as possible. Cheryl also asked about the negative and zero balances on some accounts. Kevin Orton stated that he had just finished putting those budgets in the new system and that they would show up on the next month report. Cheryl also asked that anyone that is involved in hiring to please make sure they use community members on their committees. Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the paras that were listed. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. A vote was called for. A voted was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Curtis Barney, Transportation Director, recognized Lowell V. Henrie for his years of service in the District. Lowell worked 15 years in Garfield County School District as a bus driver before retiring. He received a plaque and gift card.

#### **5. Superintendent's Report**

##### **A. HB 513 Report**

Superintendent Dalton received the application and assurances documents from the Utah State Office of Education for the District to select a vendor for HB 513. The District will begin the process for application of these funds. The funds are specifically targeted for K-2.

##### **B. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)**

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110, NCLB) became law on January 8, 2002, with President George W. Bush's signature of H.R. 1. The Act substantially revises the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) in a manner designed to provide all of America's school children with the opportunity and means to achieve academic success. The State of Utah's plan to replace AYP and UPASS were included in the Board Docs attachments. Utah did not give up anything in the negotiation process with the US Department of Ed and retains complete control of its standards, assessment, accountability and educator evaluation policies, and plans. It also allows Utah to move forward with Utah priorities and lessen federal constraints.

##### **C. Solar for School Revised MOU 8/31/2012**

Superintendent Dalton presented the revised MOU between the Office of Energy Development and Bryce Valley High School and Garfield School District.

##### **D. USOE Audit in January**

Superintendent Dalton informed the Board that the State Office of Education will visit the District for two-three days sometime in January of 2013. The purpose of this visit is to review the internal control processes, policies, and segregation of duties and offer suggestions and ideas to better implement controls with the staff.

**E. PHS HVAC Update**

In the FY 12 budget the School Board approved \$449,735 for the PHS Heating and cooling project. The estimated total cost for the project is \$403,082. The project is approximately 98% completed.

**F. Summer Ag Assurances**

Brent Judd, CTE Director, gave Superintendent Dalton the assurance. He stated, "Attached is the Final Report for the Summer Agriculture Program for (Ralph Perkins PHS). This email is my ASSURANCE that I have reviewed the attached forms and assure that all information reported is appropriate and correct."

**G. Garfield SD Adult Education Audit**

Superintendent Dalton gave the Board a copy of the audit for the Adult Education program. No findings or problems were found in the Adult Education program. Superintendent complimented Curtis Barney for all of his efforts in the Adult Education program.

**H. Gallup Poll on Education**

Superintendent Dalton provided a link for the Board to review the Gallup poll on education.

**I. Food Service Report**

Superintendent Dalton informed the Board that fewer students are eating school lunch this year. Last year for the month of September the District averaged 624 lunches in the District. This year we have an average of 575 lunches served. In summary, we are serving about 50 fewer students per day. Some of the Board commented that they feel it is due to the fact that the food that is required to serve is inferior to that which was served over the past years. The Superintendent is concerned because fewer students are eating, but we still have the same amount of food service workers.

**6. Discussion and Action Items**

**A. Panguitch City Pool Appraisal**

Morley & McConkie LC completed the appraisal for the Panguitch City Pool. Panguitch City contracted with them for the appraisal. The valuation from the appraisal showed a replacement cost of \$150,000. The opinion of value stated: Given the physical insurable obsolescence associated with the pool, it is our opinion the highest and best use of the property is to import fill dirt, level the pool for an alternative use. Our final opinion of the value for the subject property is \$150,000. Cheryl Cox made a motion to direct Superintendent

Dalton to take the amount that was discussed in the closed meeting to Panguitch City and make an offer. Brian Bremner seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt and Cheryl Cox voted Aye. Brian Bremner and Kay Englestead voted Nay. The motion failed 2-2.

**B. Panguitch City Letter-Building Rental**

Panguitch City requested \$600 per month rent for the room in the old high school that Panguitch High School has been using for wrestling. They also stated that they will meter the water for the track, swimming pool/gym, and Panguitch Elementary lawn. Brian Bremner asked if the only reason the wrestling program did not move back to the gym was because of moving the mats. Superintendent stated that there is also a safety issue due to the fact of safe space and emergency exits on the balcony of the gym. Kay Englestead stated that is why the program was moved in the first place was because of the safety issues. Cheryl Cox made a motion to direct the Superintendent and coaches to explore the possibility of other options for the wrestling program. If not, they will come back to the Board to discuss paying the \$600 for the rental. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Kay Englestead all voted Aye. Brian Bremner voted Nay. The motion passed 3-1.

**C. Utah ACT Information with GCSD ACT**

*SALT LAKE CITY – Thanks in part to a pilot program aimed at increasing post-secondary education that provided funding for most Utah students to take the ACT, an additional 7,674 students took the test in 2012 raising the percentage of high school seniors taking the college entrance exam from 73 percent to 97 percent or 32,835 students, according to data released today by ACT.*

Our District average is a little lower than the State average.

Superintendent Dalton suggested making a goal of where we would like to be in future for ACT testing. Superintendent pointed out that although several more students are taking the test our average has not dropped significantly.

**D. Garfield School District CRT Information**

Superintendent Dalton provided a school by school summary of the CRT scores. He explained how the summary shows that classes can be tracked “as a class” to see their progress over several years. It will help determine where changes need to be made concerning areas showing low test scores. Teacher will be able to see where their strengths and weaknesses are and how they can improve.

**E. Policies**

Superintendent Dalton shared the updates from Patti Harrington concerning the policies she has been working on for the District. A copy was given to the Board on Board Docs. The Black text is from the USBA policy handbook, updated through the 2011 legislative session. Red text is the language Patti added for clarity or which is different from the GCSD handbook, but aligned to state law. The blue text is from the GCSD handbook and represents language that is unique to Garfield School District. Please note the BEE 2 and BEE 1 is different policies relating to electronic board meetings. Ken Platt suggested putting the policies out for the public to view and comment on and then be able to approve all of them at the same time. Brian Bremner made a motion to put the policies out to the District website and allow electronic meetings. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**F. School Sponsorship for State Competitions**

In the FY 13 budget the School Board approved \$15,000 from the 10-23 Non K12 programs Funds under the 3300-800 "Other Objects" code. Superintendent Dalton was given the direction from the School Board to allocate these funds and develop a policy to distribute the money. The policy was attached to Board Docs for the Board to review. Cheryl Cox asked that each time the Board gives this donation that those who receive the funds report back to the Board after their competition. Brian Bremner made a motion to approve the School Sponsorship for State Competitions policy. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

**G. GCSD Community Use of School Facilities**

The District is still in need of a building rental policy. The GCSD community use policy has been approved as a 1st reading. The Board tabled the policy 11 times in the past year. Without a District policy there are individual negotiations in each building. An attachment was given to the Board in Board Docs and also a suggestion from a patron in Bryce Valley. Cheryl Cox suggested eliminating #8 and adding that groups would still negotiate on a case by case basis. She had other suggestions that she gave to the Superintendent in a written format for changes to the policy. Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the policy with the recommended changes as a second reading. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **H. New Building Information**

In the last board meeting Superintendent Dalton was directed to provide the construction years for each building in the District. He also asked Damon to provide a rough estimate to replace a 35,000 sq. ft. elementary school. The following is an email from Van Boerum and Frank on the estimate.

Damon,

We estimate that a new school would need to be about 35,000 square feet with a cost of about \$190/square foot. That equates to be about \$6,650,000.

I hope that helps with the board's decision. Let me know what else I can help with.

Thanks.

Ladd M. Birch, P.E.  
Principal, Mechanical Engineer  
VAN BOERUM & FRANK ASSOCIATES, INC.  
1070 West 1600 South #104  
St. George, UT 84770

The age and square footage of each building was also provided to the Board. Brian Bremner made a motion to authorize the District staff to put together a bid package to bid alternates for the roof top mounts and the geo-thermal unit for the Bryce Valley Elementary school. Kay Englestead seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **I. Home School Request**

Brian Bremner made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the home school requests from Boulder and Tropic. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **J.EHS Bus Request to SLC**

Escalante High School is requesting for the District to pay for a bus to travel to the Utah Museum of Natural History. CTE will pay for one bus and they would like the District to pay for an additional bus so they can take the entire student body. Kay made a motion to make it possible for all of the students to go and provide the second bus. Brian Bremner seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt,

Cheryl Cox, Kay Englestead, and Brian Bremner all voted Aye. The motion passed 4-0.

As a note Cheryl Cox announced that EHS students and faculty will be going to Boulder to complete a service project.

**7. Personnel**

No personnel business at this time.

**8. Board Business**

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

The Board set the next Board meeting for October 25, 2012 in Escalante as according to the schedule. The meeting will begin at 5:00PM.

**9. Public Comments**

Ty Markam who is running for the Utah House District #73 came to visit with the Board. She stated that there are common interests and issues that face each area, but the most common among them are education and jobs. She would like to make sure that the rural counties voices are heard on the State level. She will be in Panguitch for the entire weekend and would appreciate any questions from the Board or residents of the District. She was previously a teacher and understands the importance of educating our youth so that we may have an educated workforce.

**10. Adjournment**

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

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DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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