

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Escalante High School
800 E Hwy 12 Escalante, UT 84726
May 18, 2017

Board members present: President Cheryl Cox, Ken Platt, and Myron Cottam. Superintendent Tracy Davis and Business Administrator Patty Murphy were also present.

Board members Michael Savage and Frank Houston were excused.

The audience included Escalante Mayor Melanie Torgerson, Boulder Elementary School principal Elizabeth Julian, Escalante Elementary School and Escalante High School principal Chip Sharpe, Escalante High School teacher Ryan Fisher, parent Jessica Fisher, parent Heidi Chavez, para Camille Shakespear, SpEd teacher Sharla Poast, Escalante High School secretary DerLynne Brooks, and parent Lori Porter.

BOARD MEETING

1. Open Meeting

Cheryl Cox opened the meeting at 4:10 PM.

2. Welcome

A. Welcome

Cheryl Cox extended a welcome to all who were present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Myron Cottam led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve Financial Reports

The April 2017 Financial Reports were reviewed.

B. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes

The April 2017 School Board Minutes were e-mailed for approval.

C. Approve Hiring Recommendations

Panguitch High School Assistant Baseball Coach - Brooks Leach
Boulder Substitute Teacher - Andy Allredge
District Speech/Language Pathologist - Heather Weiler
Escalante High School Math Teacher - Simone Griffin

D. Letters of Resignation

Transportation - Dave Traudt
Instruction, Beverly Taylor Sorenson - Teresa Osborne
Bryce Valley High School Food Service - Rochelle Platt
Bryce Valley High School Food Service - Nathaniel Cloud
Panguitch Elementary School Teacher - Tasha Barnes
Panguitch Elementary School Para - Kim Campbell
Escalante Elementary School Para - Jessica Bartlett

E. Letters of Recognition

There were no letters of recognition.

F. Home School Affidavits

There were no Home School Affidavits.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda pending successful background checks. Ken Platt seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

4. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Melanie Torgersen, mayor of Escalante, reported on her meeting with Superintendent Davis. Ryan Fisher asked about licensing. Elizabeth Julian suggested professional development for teachers and paras, and she expressed appreciation for support she has received from the superintendent. Camille Shakespeare would like paras to attend the same training as teachers. Heidi Chavez, as a parent, appreciates excellent education. Sharla Poast is concerned about Escalante schools remaining open.

5. Reports

A. School Board Report

Myron Cottam attended a SWATC meeting. He appreciated Mayor Torgersen's comments on being positive.

Ken Platt attended an arts exhibition at Bryce Valley Elementary.

Cheryl Cox reported that the rural schools conference is July 11-14. She appreciated Ririe-Woodbury Arts collaboration with the Escalante Arts Festival and the district support. Boulder Elementary open house was well done. She likes the STEAM program because it improves opportunities for students.

B. Ryan Fisher to Participate in Driven to Teach

Ryan Fisher made a presentation on Driven to Teach. It is a history program for teachers sponsored by Larry H. Miller group.

C. Business Administrator Reports

Business Administrator Patty Murphy presented her reports.

D. FY17 Revised and FY18 Preliminary Budget

Patty Murphy presented the May version of the FY17 Revised budget and the preliminary FY18 budget.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. New Elementary Schools Discussion

Superintendent Davis recommended that the district concentrate on building Bryce Valley Elementary School and place Panguitch Elementary School on hold until SRS issues and Local Tax Rebates are complete.

B. Sick Days Retirement Payout

Superintendent Davis described a request from the GEA to consider a 120 maximum sick day payout rather than the current 60-day payout.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Davis presented the current enrollment numbers by school and by grade. Total enrollment is down.

D. SEDC Legislative Steak Fry at Cedar Canyon

Attendance at the SEDC Legislative Steak Fry was discussed.

7. Board Action Items

A. FY18 School Meal Prices

Patty Murphy described the recommended increases to the FY18 school meal prices.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the FY18 Child Nutrition Program prices. Ken Platt seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

B. FY18 Salary Schedules

The FY18 Salary Schedules were presented.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the 2% COLA, with the \$500 longevity stipend shown separately for Professional Classified. Ken Platt seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

C. Student Travel

Escalante High School is planning a trip to Lagoon for all grades.

Ken Platt made a motion to accept the Lagoon trip with all caveats. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

D. Fall Sports Schedules

The fall sports schedules were reviewed.

Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the Fall Sports Schedules. Ken Platt seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Board Business

A. Set Next Month's Meeting

The next Board Work Meeting will be held on June 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office in Panguitch. The Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office.

B. Future Board Items

Future board items were discussed.

C. USBA Leadership Academy

The USBA Leadership Academy begins on September 14.

D. Graduation Assignments

Graduation assignments were discussed.

9. Public Comments

A. Public Comment

Heidi Chavez asked about differentiating pay for aides who are teaching. Chip Sharpe reported that teachers are putting in long days and are burning themselves out. Ryan Fisher believes Beth Christensen is phenomenal. Parent, Lori Porter, added her desire

for more teachers vs. paras. Elizabeth Julian discussed infusing art into science, etc.

10. Executive Session

Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining.

Myron Cottam made a motion to go into Executive Session. Ken Platt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

Ken Platt made a motion to return from Executive Session. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

11. Adjournment

Ken Platt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, and Myron Cottam voted Aye. The motion passed 3-0.

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