

APRIL 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on April 9, 2013 at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M. Present were Marty Morgan, Erin Jensen, Derrin Jensen, Joyce Sudweeks and Rickey Dalton. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Kennedy Sylvester, Kendall Torgerson, Chrissa Edwards, Shauna Bagley, Terrie Coburn, Whitney Westwood, Whitney Allen, Kaycia Barben, Jan Bagley, Autumn James, Taylor Dixon and Landon Barben.

A Board of Education Work Meeting was held at 3:00 P.M.

Superintendent Erickson updated the board on the recent Title I Audit. The auditors from the state office of education were very complimentary of our Title I program. Jeff Barben updated the board on the purchasing policy of the state of Utah, which Piute School District will have to follow beginning May 1, 2013.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Marty Morgan.

President Elva Nielson welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Public Hearing:

A. Citizen Dialog

President Jensen gave time to Shauna Bagley. Shauna referred the board members to a handout listing the students who had qualified for the national FBLA. Piute High School had 14 students who qualified, more than any other high school in the Utah. She detailed the cost of participating. After the fundraisers that the FBLA club is planning and donations from other entities, they will still be short of funds. Shauna requested a donation of \$2,000 from the board and the option to clean the district vehicles for \$1,300. Board members thanked Shauna and congratulated the students for their achievements.

President Jensen gave time to Terrie Coburn. Terrie requested that the board approve Autumn James as the Assistant Cheerleading Coach to replace Amanda Wood who will not be returning next year. Terrie shared with the board the success that they have had raising funds this year. They raised \$8,000 selling cookie dough. Kennedy Sylvester stated that he had not received a letter of resignation from Amanda Wood. Terrie will remind Amanda to submit the letter.

III. Discussion Items:

A. Electronic Use Policy Third Reading 3076

President Jensen asked if any of the board members had any concerns with the Electronic Use Policy. Superintendent Erickson referred board members to the changes in the policy that electronic devices can be used for enhancing learning.

B. Medical Treatment Protocol/Policy 2nd Reading

President Jensen introduced the new policy to the board members. Superintendent Erickson explained that this will be the policy going into the next school year to allow district staff to be able to administer medications and describes the circumstances in which medications may be given.

C. Bullying Policy 2nd Reading

President Jensen referred board members to the Bullying Policy. Superintendent Erickson explained that the Bullying Policy meshes with the Safe Schools Policy in dealing with discipline and protocol.

D. Review and Discuss Teachers/Classified Salaries Proposal

Superintendent Erickson presented a proposal for a salary increase for classified employees. He referred board members to handouts showing comparisons between Piute and other rural district classified salary. Superintendent Erickson asked board members to look at the schedules and bring proposals to the next board meeting

E. District Budget Discussion

Jeff Barben presented the budget estimates from the legislature for FY2013-14. The legislature approved a 2% increase in the WPU and additional funding for NESS. The bad news is that retirement rates have increased over 10 % (\$42,800) and the projected increase for health insurance coverage is 18.5% (\$97,500). We don't yet know if we will receive secure rural schools money, which is almost \$150,000. We also lost money in at risk funding and transportation. Currently the district is looking at a \$175,000 projected deficit for FY2013-14, but several funding questions will be clarified in the next few weeks. Board members will review updated information in the board meeting scheduled for April 26th.

F. District Calendar Proposal

President Jensen gave time to Gloria Fox to present options for the school calendar for 2013-14. Gloria presented 4 different calendar options for the board members to review. Kennedy Sylvester asked if the calendars met the requirement for 990 hours of instruction time for the elementary schools. Superintendent Erickson asked Gloria to check with USOE to clarify that that calendars would allow the elementary schools to meet the standard.

G. Title IIA \$ Administration

H. Staffing

Superintendent Erickson explained that he would like to discuss staffing with administrative council and bring recommendations back to the board. Board members agreed.

I. Trust lands

Superintendent Erickson presented with the trust land proposals from Oscarson Elementary, Circleville Elementary and Piute High School. He reviewed each proposal with the board.

Board members commended the schools on their plans. Seek noted that the Trustlands coordinator at the state was very impressed with the Trustlands plans for our schools.

Superintendent Erickson would like to explore using some of the Trustlands funds for purchasing iPad Minis for the senior class at Piute High School. Marty Morgan asked Kennedy Sylvester how the teachers like the iPads. Kennedy explained that teachers have mixed feelings. One major problem is that not all of the students have iPads, which makes it difficult for teachers to completely switch over. Superintendent Erickson referred board members to a handout on Community Councils and explained the changes. The state would like to see board members meet with community councils at least once a year.

J. Teacher Contract Format and Language

Superintendent Erickson suggested that due to the nature of the discussion, it should be moved to executive session. Board members agreed.

K. District Vision –Review

Superintendent Erickson asked board members if they had any input on the district vision. Superintendent Erickson has asked Kendall Torgerson to kick off the PLC Team. Kendall has taken on the challenge and Superintendent Erickson feels that the PLC Team is moving forward. Kendall stated that he is excited to see the initial interest in improving student outcomes through PLC Teams. The plan is to have the PLC fully functional by next year. Superintendent Erickson reviewed the rest of the district vision with the board members. Board members expressed their approval.

L. Title I Policy Update

Superintendent Erickson explained to the board the changes in the Title I policy and the criteria for Title I schools. Both of our elementary schools are Title I schools. The policy has been updated on the district website.

V. Executive Session:

6:09 P.M. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

9:20 P.M. Motion was made by Marty Morgan to return from executive session. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of the March 2013 Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the March 2012 Board Meeting, and to approve vouchers #838-907. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Electronic Use Policy

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to adopt the Electronic Use Policy as written. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. FBLA

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to accept the proposal to donate \$2,000 for the FBLA club to help pay expenses for their national competition. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. TrustLand Plans

Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to accept the TrustLand Plans for Oscarson Elementary, Circleville Elementary and Piute High School. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Purchasing Policy

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to adopt the State of Utah Procurement Policy beginning May 1, 2013. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. School Calendar

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to adopt the 2013-14 School Calendar as amended. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. School Board Meeting Times for Next Year

B. NSBA Conference

C. Update on Legislative Outcomes and LEA Accountability

D. District PLC Team - Update

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adjourn the April meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned 10:02 P.M.