

JANUARY 2013 BOARD MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute Board of Education was held on January 15, 2013 at the District Office in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Present were Martin Morgan, Erin Jensen, Rickey Dalton, Derrin Jensen, and Joyce Sudweeks. Also present were Superintendent Shane Erickson and Business Administrator Jeff Barben. Guests at the meeting were Glen Allen, Angie Allen, Scott Allen, Lynn Morgan, Shane Millett, Kendall Torgerson, Dan Springer, Bill Sudweeks, Lon Dalton, Phil Singleton, Gloria Fox, Stacy Gass, Don Yates, Janetta Dalton, Holly Nowers, Shauna Bagley, Kennedy Sylvester, McKay Morgan, Craig Sudweeks, Tina Sudweeks, Charlotte Gleave and Sandra Gear.

The Piute County School District Board of Education held a work meeting at 3:00 p.m. Phil Singleton presented a proposal for Tier 1 and Tier 2 technology support. At 3:30 p.m. A board training was held. At 3:55 pm board officer elections were held.

Vice President Rickey Dalton called for nominations for Board President. Erin Jensen nominated Derrin Jensen. Joyce Sudweeks seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Vice President Dalton asked for a vote to elect Derrin Jensen to Board President by acclamation. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Derrin Jensen nominated Erin Jensen for Board Vice President. Joyce Sudweeks seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Vice President Dalton asked for a vote to elect Erin Jensen to Board Vice President by acclamation. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Marty Morgan.

President Derrin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Citizen Dialog: none

III. Discussion Items:

A. Sports Schedules/Student Fees Fines/Fines Policy

President Jensen gave time to McKay Morgan. McKay requested that sports and activities not be scheduled on Tuesday nights to allow for family, church and other activities. Sports and activities are already scheduled Wednesday through Saturday. Superintendent Erickson expressed to the board that he had spoken with McKay about the issues. He explained that the district needs to recognize that separation of church and state need to be taken into consideration. The state sets the sports schedules, then the region, then our local district. We could request that the state and region not schedule games Tuesday night because we have set it aside as a Youth Night. Principal Sylvester explained that sports schedules have been an issue for as long as he has been teaching. The people serving on the region board do not want to schedule activities on Tuesday nights, but they inevitably run into scheduling conflicts. Principal Sylvester has also instructed coaches to not schedule games on Tuesday nights, but when region games are scheduled on Tuesday nights we don't have much choice. McKay Morgan asked the board members how each of them felt about the issue. President Jensen stated that he was supportive of not scheduling games on Tuesday, but he didn't feel like it was any worse than it has been. Joyce Sudweeks expressed that it seems that more games are being scheduled on Tuesdays than in the past. Marty Morgan agreed that it seemed to be getting progressively worse. Shauna Bagley stated that games with 2A teams typically have to be scheduled on Tuesday or Thursday

and it is important for teams to face competitive teams if we are going to be competitive in our region. McKay Morgan expressed that he would like to see the Piute School District take the lead in making Tuesday nights free from sports and activities. Kennedy Sylvester stated that he would continue to try, but currently we are under contract with the region to participate in region games. If we don't play it would be a breach of contract and we would be fined for not playing and have to forfeit the game. President Jensen thanked McKay for bringing the issue to the school board and asked Lon Dalton if he would like to comment on the school fines. Lon asked about the fines being levied at the Piute High School and if the district had a policy regarding student fines. Superintendent Erickson stated the state has a policy and the district has a policy on student fees as well. Superintendent Erickson will review the current policy with the board to see if they would like to make any changes. Superintendent Erickson explained each fine in detail and where the money goes that comes from student fines. Lon Dalton expressed that it would be good to send an official notification to parents regarding the policy on student fines. Superintendent Erickson stated that he has requested that Principal Sylvester put together a booklet of rules that are sent to parents ever year.

B. Special Education Program Report and Progress

President Jensen gave time to Special Education Director Kendall Torgerson. Kendall reported to the board on the progress of the Special Education program within the district. He referred board members to a handout describing the parameters of the Special Education program and explained the different categories. Special Education is controlled by the federal government and the state is audited by the federal government to insure the proper use of funds. Director Torgerson gave the board the results of the last audit of our district and the Piute School District Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. President Jensen asked Director Torgerson if he foresaw any cuts in funding to the special education program. Kendall stated that he did not foresee any cuts because special education funding has been mandated through the courts and has always been. President Jensen asked if we had received the power wheelchair. Kendall stated that we had not yet received it, but it has been ordered and he is working with the company to get the wheelchair. President Jensen thanked Director Torgerson for his report.

C. Shauna Bagley - Recognition of CTE Teacher of the Year.

President Jensen gave time to CTE Director Don Yates. Don invited Shauna Bagley to come forward. She has been chosen among thousands of teachers in the state of Utah as CTE Teacher of the Year. Superintendent Erickson congratulated Shauna and expressed that our kids have more opportunities because Shauna is willing to give up prep time to offer our kids more classes and opportunities. President Jensen congratulated Shauna for her award and the type of teacher that she is. Lon Dalton and Principal Dalton expressed appreciation for Shauna's dedication as a teacher at the high school.

D. Key Use Policy

President Jensen gave time to Phil Singleton. Phil stated that we have had a discrepancy between the policy and practice in regard to use of key fobs. The board has reviewed the policy before and need to pass the new policy. Phil also discussed the password policy that we will be working on for next year. The new standard for passwords is 12 characters. We have some parents with one character passwords. President Jensen asked Phil to demonstrate how the key fobs work. Phil explained how key fobs work to get into the high school. In the past keys were

handed around and students were entering without supervision. Key fobs give us control and are allowing groups in the community to apply for key fobs, to get access to the building. Holly Nowers asked if the district is liable if people get injured while using fobs. Superintendent Erickson stated that there is no real increase in liability because there is an expectation of personal responsibility like attending a ball game. Phil stated that there are different levels of access for different groups. Superintendent Erickson explained that with recent school shooting there is pressure to review safe school protocols and update the policies.

Principal Sylvester asked to address the fees and fines issue. There are certain policies that need to be left to administration without having every decision become board policy. Superintendent Erickson explained that because the fines involve money all money concerns need to have board involvement. Principal Sylvester stated that fees are different than fines because students have an option to pay fine or do work hours for restitution. He would be glad to take away the option of a fine but it would create a hardship for parents and students to not have the option of paying a fine. Other schools are fining students as much as \$25. If this is going to be a big issue in the community then we may need to go back to strictly requiring students to do work hours. Sometimes I feel like we go out of our way to help kids and families and we get challenged for it. We are trying to prepare students for living in society. The students have been informed and need to take responsibility. Lon Dalton stated that he had parents ask him about the policy and simply came to get information. Superintendent Erickson any money issues need to be approved by the board and parents need to be informed. Stacy Gass asked for clarification on whether students can visit with parents while they are sitting in the fan section. Principal Sylvester stated that students can visit parents but if they sit down for a period of time then we levy fines.

G. Migrant Education

President Jensen gave time to Sandra Gear to review the Migrant Education program. Sandra explained that Migrant Education has nothing to do with where a person is from but where they transfer to and from. Sandra gave handouts to board members. She explained that migrant program will bring about \$30,000 this year into the district. Funds are used for salaries, supplies and training, as well as assistance to migrant students. President Jensen asked if migrant funding is based on per student formula. Sandra Gear stated that it is based on formulas from the federal and state government. There are currently 22 students in the district that qualify for migrant funding. Migrant student eligibility is 3 years when they are in pursuit of agricultural work. Superintendent Erickson expressed appreciation for Sandra. She has also been filling in for Kristy Delange who has been ill. Migrant money has been approved for Ipads for the migrant program. Principal Janetta Dalton expressed per appreciation for Sandra taking the class responsibility from Kristy Delange.

H. Craig & Tina Sudweeks/Transportation (New Bus) Bus Drivers

Craig Sudweeks stated that the Board needs to purchase a new full size bus. We can possibly utilize another small used bus, but we need a new larger bus this year. Craig asked if we need to get three bids. Jeff Barben stated his understanding that if they have a state contract we don't need 3 bids. He will check to verify that we can get a bus without going through a formal bid process. Tina Sudweeks stated that Wade Westwood has worked for the district as a substitute bus driver for six years without a raise. He would like to request a step increase. Superintendent Erickson recommended that the board look at salaries of all employees annually. Jeff Barben explained that currently contracted employees are on steps/lanes but substitutes are not.

I. Glen Allen - Transportation

President Jensen gave time to Glen Allen. Glen requested that the board vote on the memorandum of understanding with Garfield School District so that he would know what to do going forward. He requested that the Board vote now. He stated that he would take care of transportation on Fridays and whenever there is an issue with Wade Westwood not being able to transport his children to Circleville. Superintendent Erickson stated that his understanding is that the board would allow Glen's children to get on the bus in Kingston at an established bus stop. Superintendent Erickson restated with the board that it is his understanding that Angle is a designated attendance area for Garfield County. Glen stated that he can prove it is not and that his grandfather drove the bus and transported kids from Angle. Superintendent Erickson stated he has looked closely at the law and Angle is a recognized attendance area for Garfield. Glen stated that Garfield School District would like to have an memorandum of understanding that Angle be an open choice attendance area. Superintendent Erickson stated that board members would review the MOU and the legality in executive session.

J. School Board Meeting Times and Schedule

Superintendent Erickson discussed with the board to look at having a work session before each board meeting and determining the best schedule for all Board Members. Board members discussed different options for when to hold board meeting.

K. Review District Schools UCAS Report

Superintendent Erickson explained that the USOE is trying to determine an assessment tool that provides better information about student learning. They are trying to bring adaptive testing to the forefront that would be more accurate at testing students. Superintendent Erickson introduced the topic of Professional Learning Communities. Teams to drive school achievement and student improvement. The district could have PLC teams to address many different aspects of student learning. Data from assessment is used by PLC teams to improve student outcomes. If we organize PLC teams, they will need to be trained. Superintendent Erickson reviewed data with board members and discussed how data can be used by PLC teams. Superintendent Erickson asked the board for approval to move forward with approaching administrators about PLC teams. Board members agreed.

L. Other

Marty Morgan explained to Glen Allen that as a new board member, he wants to make sure he understands all of the issues with the transportation issue with his kids. He asked Glen Allen if he would entertain anything other than the offer he had made. Glen answered that he was open to whatever offer was made. Glen stated that Superintendent Erickson had told him his children could not get on a Piute bus. Superintendent Erickson stated that he did not recollect telling Glen that his children could not ride a Piute bus. Glen stated that after he put his children on Scott's bus the Superintendent called him and told him not to put his children on a Piute bus again. Superintendent Erickson restated that he did not remember telling Glen that his kids could not ride any bus in the way that Glen had stated it and later clarified in writing that Glen's children were allowed on buses for school activities. Superintendent Erickson asked Janetta Dalton if she had sent a written response clarifying that Glen Allen children could ride school buses from the school to school activities. Janetta responded that she had. Glen Allen stated that he had received the letter. Superintendent Erickson asked Janetta who had directed her to write the

letter. Glen stated that he was aware that Superintendent Erickson had directed Janetta Dalton to write the letter to clarify the issue.

IV. Executive Session

6:55 p.m. Motion was made by Marty Morgan to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted aye. Motion carried.

8:20 p.m. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to return from executive session. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of December Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the December Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #525-589. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Memorandum of Understanding between Piute and Garfield School Districts

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to reaffirm the existing Memorandum of Understanding between Piute and Garfield School districts as read by Erin Jensen. Seconded by Erin Jensen. Rickey Dalton voted aye. Erin Jensen voted aye. Marty Morgan voted aye. Joyce Sudweeks Abstained. Motion carried.

C. Key Use Policy

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to adopt the Key Use Policy as written. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Student Fines

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve school fee policy 4067 with the addendum that principal discretion applies to student fines that apply to student discipline. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. All voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Activity Sweepers

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to approve the hiring of Scott Karbach and Ruth Privitt as High School Activity Sweepers. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Bus Purchase

Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to approve the purchase of a new bus. Seconded by Marty Morgan. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Lines of Communication/Board Members Roles/Administrators Roles

Motion was made by Joyce Sudweeks to adjourn the January 2013 meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:11 p.m.