

OCTOBER 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Piute County School District Board of Education was held on October 8, 2013 at the Piute County Commission Chambers in Junction, Utah. President Derrin Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:12 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 Heather Fautin, Stacie Gass, Terecea Westwood, Don Yates, Tina Sudweeks, Gloria Fox and Dan Springer.

A work meeting of the Piute County Board of Education was held at 3:00 p.m. Board members received training on leadership styles from Superintendent Erickson.

I. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks were by Jeff Barben.
President Derrin Jensen welcomed everyone to Board Meeting.

II. Public Hearing: none

III. Discussion Items:

A. Feedback on District Triage/First Aid Training

President Jensen asked Terecea Westwood if she had anything for the meeting. She brought feedback from Circleville Elementary on the triage training. Heather Fautin stated that they needed better exits in their classrooms. Terecea expressed a need for backpack first aid kit, locks for the inside of the doors and blankets for both schools. Superintendent Erickson stated that the district is working on installing better exits in Oscarson Elementary classrooms. Superintendent Erickson asked them if was worth their time, both said that the training had helped them to be better prepared for an emergency.

B. Transportation Policy - Bus Stops/Walking Distance to Bus Stops

President Jensen asked Tina if she had any input into the policy. She wanted to make sure that we are following correct policy. Superintendent Erickson presented a model policy from the state for bus stops. Joyce Sudweeks informed Tina that the Kingston students have been given permission by Kingston town to go into the post office and wait until the bus arrives. Tina stated that students must be outside when the bus arrives. Minimum distance for a bus stop is three tenths of a mile from another stop. Students can walk up to a mile to a bus stop by state rule.

C. Piute High School Accreditation

Superintendent Erickson explained that Piute High School is going through accreditation. Kennedy has done a good job developing teams over each standard of accreditation. The process seems to be going very well. Shelia Jensen is compiling evidence that we meet the accreditation standards. Superintendent Erickson reviewed the accreditation standards with the board.

D. Update and Modify Driver Ed Policy 5012

Superintendent Erickson explained that the Drivers Ed policy is outdated. Students need to have 6 hours behind the wheel and 6 hours observing. The policy is ready to update and ratify.

E. NSBA Conference

Superintendent Erickson explained that the NSBA Conference will be in New Orleans this year. He attended his first NSBA Conference in San Diego last year and felt it was important to have a board member in attendance. The conference will be from April 4-7, 2014.

F. Update Concurrent Enrollment High School Credit Policy 4079

Superintendent Erickson explained that by state mandate, we have to have a concurrent enrollment policy. We also need to update the graduation requirements. Superintendent Erickson reviewed the new graduation requirements for students. Concurrent enrollment classes count toward graduation if they are approved by the school. Work based learning can also count as credit toward graduation.

G. Dress Code Policy 4019 Update and Modification

Superintendent Erickson directed board members to the dress code policy. A well trimmed mustache and goatee are acceptable within the dress code. The principal will continue to utilize administrative discretion regarding gray areas in the dress code.

H. Update and Modify Sub Pay Policy

Jeff Barben reviewed the substitute pay policy with the board and requested their approval on several positions that were not reviewed in the last meeting.

I. Progress On FFA Program

One of the concerns with the new FFA program is student interest. There are 24 students enrolled and more that are interested in the program. Students are already competing in events and placing in the top three. We need to determine the number of activities that will be necessary for the club to succeed. Don Yates stated that the program is moving forward with excitement. Dan has ordered the welders and is planning to build the welding booths as student projects.

Dan Springer came into the meeting and shared successes of the FFA club. The students are competing and doing well in the program. We received a third place award in Agronomy.

J. Progress on Beverly Taylor Sorenson Art Program

Superintendent Erickson explained that the Beverley Taylor Sorenson grant is in full swing. He asked Heather Fautin for input about what is going on in Oscarson Elementary. Heather stated that Matt Belliston is integrating art into the curriculum with the teachers. Dennis Budge is doing some watercolor painting with the students and “all about me” activities. One of the students has autism and music is having a positive effect. Superintendent Erickson expressed his appreciation for Heather Fautin and congratulated her on her teaching skills.

K. Collaboration and Discussion on PLCs - Helping Mitigate Learning Gaps

Stacie Gass entered the meeting and Superintendent Erickson brought up a conversation that he had had with her regarding how to determine how well students are prepared to enter the next grade. The role of the district PLC Team is to review student data and determine how to improve student achievement. Stacie expressed her concern with working together with the high school teachers to ensure the curriculum matches well. Superintendent Erickson agreed that it would be helpful to have the teachers collaborate on a consistent basis

V. Executive Session:

6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Erin Jensen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

8:45 p.m. Motion was made by Marty Morgan to return from executive session. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

V. Action Items:

A. Approval of October Board Minutes and Vouchers

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to approve the minutes of the October 2013 Board Meeting, and to also approve vouchers #1487-1628. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Policy Updates

Motion was made by Erin Jensen to adopt the updated Dress Code, Drivers Ed, Graduation/Concurrent Enrollment and Substitute Pay policies. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All Voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. UCA Plan

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the UCA Plan as presented. Seconded by Erin Jensen. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Transfer of Public Lands Resolution

Motion was made by Rickey Dalton to approve the Transfer of Public Lands Resolution to the State of Utah. Seconded by Joyce Sudweeks. Rickey Dalton, Joyce Sudweeks, Marty Morgan and Derrin Jensen voted aye. Erin Jensen voted Nay. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items:

A. Next year Projections for preschool are 18 for Circleville and 12 for Oscarson.

B. Superintendent Erickson stated that he felt we handled the bat problem well. We worked in conjunction with the health department, division of wildlife resources and state risk management to mitigate the bats in the building. We had several adults and students who had direct exposure to the bats who needed to get rabies shots. The division of wildlife resources declared the building clean and safe for students.

C. Superintendent Erickson reviewed the Vacation Leave Policy 3047 with the board. The policy states that employees need to fill out a leave form prior to taking their vacation leave days.

D. Parent night will be November 6, 2013 at Piute High School. Suicide prevention, bullying prevention, internet safety and mental health will be topics presented. Parent teacher conference will be held on the same day as will the school play.

Motion was made by Marty Morgan to adjourn the October 2013 meeting of the Piute School District Board of Education. Seconded by Rickey Dalton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned 8:58 p.m.